

MINUTES OF MEETING NO.16-21

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Present:

N. Brandstrom	Chairperson	Dog Lake Sub District
B. Fleury	Vice Chairperson	Lake Francis Sub District
L. Finney	Vice Director	Dog Lake Sub District
J. Bittner	Vice Director	Lake ST. Martin Sub District
K. Fjeldsted	Director	Swan Creek Sub District
P. Watson	Watershed planner	ARD
L. Miller	Manager / Financial Admin	WIWD
I. Zotter	Financial Adm. Assistant	WIWD

REGRETS:

B. Sigfusson	Director	Shoal Lake Sub District
P. Dunlop	Provincial Appointee	ARD

WRITTEN BY: I. Zotter

ITEM		ACTION BY
1.0	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>N. Brandstrom called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.</p>	
2.0	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>119-21: B. Fleury- L. Finney BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the agenda with additions: 7.2 Invasive Swine 7.3 Dry Dugouts</p>	CARRIED
3.0	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>120-21: L. Finney - B. Fleury BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adopted the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting 15-21, April 15, 2021 as presented</p>	CARRIED
4.0	<p>FINANCIAL REPORT</p>	
	<p>L. Miller presented update on the financial activities. The Board reviewed 2020-2021 Final Report.</p> <p>121-21: K. Fjeldsted – L. Finney BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved 2020-2021 Final Report</p>	CARRIED
5.0	<p>SUB DISTRICT RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p>No recommendations were brought forward</p>	
6.0	<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>	
6.1	<p>Integrated Watershed Management plan (IWMP)</p> <p>Advertisement placed in The Tribune, The Express Weekly and Bull Sale Calendar.</p>	

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6.2	<p>Northwest Interlake IWMP</p> <p>Tabled</p>	
6.3	<p>Siglunes Project / Burnt Lake</p> <p>The legal matter of the WIWD taking ownership, administration and maintenance from Ducks Unlimited (DU) over the Dike on Siglunes Creek postponed until spring.</p> <p>Work on the Burnt Lake Fisher Ladder will begin after June 15, 2021.</p>	
6.4	<p>Policy</p> <p>The Board revised Section 2.2 Board Appointments and Elections.</p> <p>122-21: B. Fleury – L. Finney BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved revision of the WIWD Policy and Procedures Manual: Section 2.2. Board Appointments and Elections</p>	CARRIED
6.5	<p>Conservation Trust Fund / Cover Crops</p> <p>Final Report submitted.</p>	
6.6	<p>GRowing Outcomes in Watershed (GROW)</p> <p>Interim Report submitted.</p> <p>Intake of new applications is continuing.</p>	
6.7	<p>Winter Watering System Applications</p> <p>Two (2) Winter Off Site Watering System projects are in progress. One applicant is waiting when drillers can proceed with work. One applicant completed the project, the system is missing some components. Letter was sent to the applicant informing that all components must be in place before WIWD can issue the payment. Response has not been received.</p>	
6.8	<p>Tree Program 2020/2021</p> <p>Sabados Greenhouse began the distribution of approximately 2900 trees.</p>	
6.9	<p>Irrigation Plow</p> <p>Manager sent an inquiry to the Insurance Provider if the WIWD's Liability Policy must be updated due to rental services of irrigation plow, provided by the WIWD. Response has not been received at this time.</p>	
6.10	<p>Eco Canada / Casual Employee</p> <p>123-21: L. Finney – K. Fieldsted BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved to establish a wage at \$16.00 per hour for casual employee position as of April 1, 2021 (retroactively) with a flexible number of hours per week, depending on the WIWD needs.</p>	CARRIED

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6.11	<p>GROW Trust</p> <p>GROW proposal for 2021-2023 submitted on February 19, 2021. Requested amount is over \$ 400,000.00 Confirmation has not been received yet.</p>	
6.12	<p>Ag Action Program / Environmental Farm Plan (EFP)</p> <p>The Riparian Area Restoration and Enhancement Projects approved by the Ag Action Program for \$ 81,550.00 are in the progress. Staff ordered supplies, one well has been drilled, permission from Crown Lands has been received.</p>	
6.13	<p>2021-2022 Budget</p> <p>The number of requests for Water Samples exceeded previously approved \$ 15000. New Program is very popular among district's residents.</p> <p>124-21: B. Fleury – L. Finney BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved to increase Budget for Water Testing Days Program up to \$ 25000</p>	CARRIED
6.14	<p>Green Team and Canada Summer Job</p> <p>The WIWD submitted applications for the wage subsidy programs to Green Team and Canada Summer Job funding. Confirmations have been received.</p>	
6.15	<p>Conservation Trust 2021</p> <p>The WIWD received twelve (12) applications for Cover Crops/Polycrops Program. Proposed projects have been evaluated based on points system, which is reflecting environmental benefits of proposed projects. The awarded amount for each project was calculated based on the number of points. Applicant has been notified.</p>	
6.16	<p>Job Description</p> <p>Tabled</p>	
6.17	<p>Grow Communications</p> <p>124-21: B. Fleury – L. Finney BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved to contribute 1% of the received GROW 2021-2023 funds towards communication purposes.</p>	CARRIED
7.0	<p>NEW BUSINESSES</p>	
7.1	<p>Board Member Appointee</p> <p>The Board revised the WIWD Policy and procedures manual, Section 2.2.</p>	

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7.2	<p>Invasive Swine</p> <p>P. Watson presented to the Board information pertaining to invasive swine issues in Manitoba. Watershed Districts can assist to eliminate all invasive swine populations in the province through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education: help spread the word about public education messaging; • Monitoring: encourage landowners to report all observations and signs of invasive swine presence; • Connecting: help to link landowners and other interest groups with educational tools and invasive swine removal efforts; • Action: assist with on-the ground removal efforts 	
7.3	<p>Dry dugouts</p> <p>The Board discussed the drought issue, many producers expressed concerns that the dugouts will become completely dry this year and livestock have no access to water. Producers are seeking financial help. The GROW program is supporting activities such as Riparian Area Enhancement and Upland restoration and enhancement, where the installation of alternative watering system and fencing are eligible practices. Producer may apply for the Alternative Watering System and/or for the Riparian Fencing.</p>	
8.0	REPORTS	
8.1	<p>Chairperson Brief verbal update</p>	
8.2	<p>MAW Rep Report N/A</p>	
8.3	<p>Manager Report Brief verbal update</p>	
8.4	<p>Watershed Planner Report Provincial Update is on file at the office.</p>	
9.0	<p>IN CAMERA DISCUSSION N/A</p>	
10.0	CORRESPONDENCE	
11.0	<p>NEXT MEETING:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">June 17, 2021 9:00 A.M. To be determined</p>	
12.0	<p>ADJOURNMENT 125-21: K. Fjeldsted – J. Bittner BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn at 10:55 a.m.</p>	CARRIED

