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Present:

N. Brandstrom	Chairperson	Dog Lake Sub District
T. Nevakshonoff	Vice Chairperson	Swan Creek Sub District
B. Sigfusson	Director	Shoal Lake Sub District
L. Finney	Director	Dog Lake Sub District
G. Brown	Director	Lake Francis Sub District
J. Bittner	Director	Lake ST. Martin Sub District
L. Miller	Manager / Financial Admin	WIWD
D. Timmerman (telephone)	Watershed planner	ARD
K. Benson	GIS Technician	WIWD

REGRETS:

I. Zotter	Admin Assistant	WIWD
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WRITTEN BY: K. Benson

ITEM		ACTION BY
1.0	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>N. Brandstrom called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Introduction of attendees</p>	
2.0	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p><u>161-21: L. Finney – T. Nevakshonoff</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the agenda as presented</p>	CARRIED
3.0	<p>DELEGATION</p> <p>L. Miller presented a request for support brought forward by Joseph Maud. J. Maud has asked the WIWD to write a letter supporting his funding request for the project titled "Population Distribution of Bigmouth Buffalo in Waterhen Lake, Waterhen River Lake Manitoba". L. Miller spoke to Fisheries Biologist Mark Lowdon. M. Lowdon agreed that the project should be supported. The Board Members discussed the project and decided that a letter of support should be written.</p>	
4.0	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p><u>162-21: B. Sigfusson – J. Bittner</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adopted the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting 22-21, November 18, 2021 as presented</p>	CARRIED
5.0	<p>FINANCIAL REPORT</p>	
5.1	<p>Bank Activity</p> <p>L. Miller presented the financial report: Visa Noventis Credit Card Details from October 30, 2021 to November 28, 2021; CIBC Visa Credit Card Details from October 22, 2021 to November 21, 2021; Noventis Credit Union Statement of Accounts from November 1 to November 30, 2021;</p>	

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	<p>Account Reconciliation Summary Report from November 1 to November 30, 2021 Bank Account Transactions Report from November 18, 2021 to December 14, 2021; Comparative Income Statement – YTD from April 1, 2020 to December 14, 2021. 2021-2022 Interim Financial Report April 1- October 31, 2021</p> <p><u>163-21: L. Finney- J.Bittner</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the expenses of \$ 123,691.95 (cheques # 594, 596-603, 604 VOID, 605-614, 615 VOID, 616-626);</p> <p>Visa Noventis Credit Card Details from October 30, 2021 to November 28, 2021; CIBC Visa Credit Card Details from October 22, 2021 to November 21, 2021; Noventis Credit Union Statement of Accounts from November 1 to November 30, 2021; Account Reconciliation Summary Report from November 1 to November 30, 2021 Bank Account Transactions Report from November 18, 2021 to December 14, 2021; Comparative Income Statement – YTD from April 1, 2020 to December 14, 2021. 2021-2022 Interim Financial Report April 1- October 31, 2021</p>	CARRIED
6.0	<p>SUB DISTRICT RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p>No updates at this time</p>	
7.0	<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>	
7.1	<p>Southwest Interlake Integrated Watershed Management plan (IWMP)</p> <p>No updates at this time.</p>	
7.2	<p>Northwest Interlake IWMP</p> <p>No updates at this time.</p>	
7.3	<p>Siglunes Project</p> <p>A meeting with stakeholders will be scheduled in 2022.</p>	
7.4	<p>Policy</p> <p>Tabled</p>	
7.5	<p>Conservation Trust 2021</p> <p>L. Miller presented the update. All funds for the Conservation Trust have been allocated. Projects are currently being paid out. All projects in the Conservation Trust will be transferred to GROW for the final years of funding.</p>	
7.6	<p>GRowing Outcomes in Watershed (GROW)</p> <p>L. Miller presented the update. The GROW report is due by March 31, 2022. The WIWD has received many inquiries about the Cover Crop/ Polycropping program, we are expecting a large increase in applications for the 2022-2023 term.</p>	

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	<p>L. Miller attended a MAW meeting where all watershed districts discussed purchasing a \$ 10,000 system that can calculate the seeding rates and seed types needed based on the region and purpose of the crop. This system would be free for the first 5 years of use, and any costs can be funded through GROW.</p> <p>Both MAW and the other watershed districts expressed interest in the Cover crop/Polycropping program created by the WIWD.</p> <p>A riparian incentive payment needs to be created by the GROW committee to calculate what incentive payments should be paid at. There is currently one application for riparian enhancement.</p>	
7.7	<p>Ag Action Program / EFP</p> <p>The Riparian Area Restoration and Enhancement Projects approved by the Ag Action Program for \$ 81,550.00 is in progress. The first project located at Burnt Lake is completed. The second project located at Hatchery Drain has to complete the wiring, then the project will be complete.</p>	
7.8	<p>MAW Convention</p> <p>Question: Should Board Members be paid an hourly wage of \$15.00/hr to attend the MAW Convention.</p> <p>L. Miller stated that the Board Members were not paid before due to lack of funding. Rooms, meals, travel and convention tickets are all covered by the WIWD, all members are given the opportunity to go.</p> <p>D. Timmerman stated that it would depend on funds available, if there is money to give that is fine, but if there is not the board may want to give their own time.</p> <p>The Board concluded that they should each individually discuss with their RM to decide who should pay for the remuneration. The decision will be made at a later date.</p>	
7.9	<p>Tree Program</p> <p>Emails have been sent out to inform applicants if they are approved or not. Those that have not already sent the money they owe have been asked to do so.</p>	
7.10	<p>WIWD Annual General Meeting (AGM)</p> <p>A letter was addressed to the executive board. After a review of the letter it was decided that the AGM should have had a teleconference or online option for those that could not attend due to the Manitoba Public Health Orders. If requested, a virtual election could be held again to ensure all members can place a vote.</p>	
7.11	<p>Oak Hammock Marsh</p> <p>Schools within the WIWD have booked their presentations with Oak Hammock Marsh. The schools signed up currently are Ecole Communautaire Aurele-Lemoine, Eriksdale, Gypsumville, and Alf Cuthbert.</p>	
7.12	<p>Relay Education</p> <p>No updates at this time.</p>	
7.13	<p>Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund (FWEF) - Letter of Interest (LOI)</p> <p>The invitation to submit full applications for the Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund (FWEF) Letters of Interest (LOI) for the Spring 2022 intake was sent</p>	

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	<p>The WIWD submitted LOI for the following Projects: 1). Beardy Creek Drain Fisheries Assessment. Requested amount - \$17500 2). Steep Rock Quarry Fish and Habitat Assessment and Enhancement Recommendations. Requested amount - \$ 17443 3). Nina Lake Walleye Enhancement Project. Requested amount - \$ 38000</p> <p>The Nina Lake Walleye Enhancement Project was not invited to submit a full application. Both the Beardy Creek Drain Fisheries Assessment and the Steep Rock Quarry Fish and Habitat Assessment and Enhancement Recommendations was invited to submit a full proposal.</p>	
7.14	<p>VPN – Virtual Private Network</p> <p>G. Morden setup a cloud service to host the Network shared at the office, and to be able to access this Network from any other device. It would cost \$7.00 a month per account to access the account from a different location. J. Bittner explained that the internet service Starlink may not be necessary at the office if MTS can fix the issue. J. Bittner is willing to contact MTS on behalf of the WIWD.</p>	
8.0	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	
8.1	<p>GROW Committee Member</p> <p>The GROW committee would like to add another member to their group. It is preferred that the member is a producer, with experience in cropland and livestock. Two producers were suggested. The board would accept either applicant. A final decision will be made once both members have decided if they would like to be considered for the position.</p>	
8.2	<p>Share Soil Test Cost</p> <p>A producer has made a suggestion to the WIWD. It was suggested that if a farmer participating in the Cover Crop/Polycropping program would like to have more than one field tested that they should share a portion of the cost. The board discussed the costs of the soil samples, and how much additional work time would be spent taking soil samples. L. Miller suggested that the producer pays for both the soil samples and the shipping and the WIWD would cover the cost of employee hours. The board did not make a final decision.</p>	
9.0	<p>REPORTS</p>	
9.1	<p>Chairperson Brief verbal update on the MAW Convention.</p>	
9.2	<p>MAW Rep Report</p> <p>The MAW convention sold lots of tickets, but there was not as many displays. The next MAW meeting will be held December 20, 2021. During the December 20th meeting they will discuss if MAW will pay for their remuneration time during MAW meetings.</p>	

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9.3	<p>Manager Report</p> <p>Brief verbal update</p>	
9.4	<p>Watershed Planner Report</p> <p>D. Timmerman presented the “Watershed Districts and Programs Provincial Update-December 2021” the document is available on file at the WIWD office.</p> <p>D. Timmerman suggested that the board view the National Resources Conservation Service website to view Soil Health Indicators.</p> <p>D. Timmerman also suggested creating a program brochure to send to producers so they can learn about upcoming programs.</p>	
10.0	<p>IN CAMERA DISCUSSION</p> <p>N/A</p>	
11.0	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Engagement on the provincial water strategy four virtual sessions January 13th, 19th, 25th, and 27th. Emailed to all members December 16, 2021 ➤ Invitation to Lake Winnipeg Basin Program Symposium 2022 ➤ Lake Manitoba Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels Project Newsletter – November 2021 Issue 12 	
12.0	<p>NEXT MEETING:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">January 20, 2022 9:00 A.M. WIWD Office</p>	
13.0	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>164-21: B. Sigfusson – G. Brown</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn at 11:42 a.m.</p>	CARRIED
	<p>These minutes are the writer's best interpretation of discussions held during the meeting. Please inform the writer of any noteworthy omissions or errors</p>	
	<hr/> <p>Neil Brandstrom, Chairperson WIWD</p>	

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	Linda Miller, Manager/Financial Administrator	
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