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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
J. Bittner	Director	Lake ST. Martin Sub District
L. Miller	Manager / Financial Admin	WIWD
D. Timmerman (via Conference call)	Watershed planner	MECP
J. Cruise	Provincial Appointee	MECP
G. Brown	Director	Lake Francis Sub District
K. Benson	GIS Technician	WIWD

REGRETS:

L. Finney	Director	Dog Lake Sub District
I.. Zotter	Admin. assistant	WIWD

WRITTEN BY: K. Benson

ITEM		ACTION BY
1.0	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>N. Brandstrom called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m.</p>	
2.0	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p><u>197-22: T. Nevakshonoff – G. Brown</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the agenda</p>	CARRIED
3.0	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p><u>198-22: J. Bittner – B. Sigfusson</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adopted the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting 26-22, March 17, 2022 as presented</p>	CARRIED
4.0	<p>FINANCIAL REPORT</p>	
4.1	<p>Bank Activity</p> <p>L. Miller presented the financial report:</p> <p>Noventis Credit Union Statement of Accounts from March 1 to March 31, 2022; Visa Noventis Credit Card Details from February 26, 2022 to March 29, 2022; CIBC Visa Credit Card Details from February 22, 2022 to March 21, 2022; Account Reconciliation Summary Report from March 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022 Bank Account Transactions Report from March 17, 2022 to March 31, 2022; April 1, 2022 to April 20, 2022 Comparative Income Statement – YTD from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. Statement of Expenditures from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022</p> <p><u>199-22: J. Bittner – G. Brown</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the expenses of March 17 2022 to March 31, 2022 \$ 45, 538.57 April 1 2022 to April 20, 2022 \$ 23,620.06,(cheques # 703-710, 715-730. 711-714(out of order); Noventis Credit Union Statement of Accounts from March 1 to March 31, 2022;</p>	CARRIED

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	<p>Visa Noventis Credit Card Details from February 26, 2022 to March 29, 2022; CIBC Visa Credit Card Details from February 22, 2022 to March 21, 2022; Account Reconciliation Summary Report from March 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022 Bank Account Transactions Report from March 17, 2022 to March 31, 2022; April 1, 2022 to April 20, 2022 Comparative Income Statement – YTD from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. Statement of Expenditures from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022</p>	
5.0	<p>SUB DISTRICT RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p>No additions.</p>	
6.0	<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>	
6.1	<p>Southwest Interlake Integrated Watershed Management plan (IWMP)</p> <p>The SWIWMP will be presented on May 6th at the WIWD workshop at the Lundar Legion.</p>	
6.2	<p>Northwest Interlake IWMP</p> <p>Letters to appoint representatives to the Project Management Team (PMT) were sent RMs and First Nation Communities. The WIWD has received three responses.</p>	
6.3	<p>Policy</p> <p>The board reviewed the policy regarding the date of re-appointing GLC members.</p>	
6.4	<p>Conservation Trust 2021</p> <p>Staff are completing the last components of the Final Report which is due on April 30, 2022.</p>	
6.5	<p>GRowing Outcomes in Watersheds (GROW)</p> <p>Staff are completing the last components of the Final Report and Interim Report which is due on April 30, 2022.</p>	
6.6	<p>Ag Action Program / EFP</p> <p>The WIWD was not approved for the applications “Riparian Area Enhancement on Burnt Lake and Wagon Creek Drains” and “Working with landowners to improve soil health in West Interlake Watershed”.</p> <p>L. Miller contacted Ag Action to receive feedback on why the applications were not approved. Ag Action has not responded.</p>	
6.7	<p>Tree Program</p> <p>Tree orders will be arriving in the next few weeks and will be distributed through Sabados Greenhouse. A Tree Time representative will be visiting the WIWD on Thursday April 28th, 2022.</p>	

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6.8	<p>WIWD Annual General Meeting (AGM)</p> <p>No updates at this time.</p>	
6.9	<p>Relay Education</p> <p>Funds have been received up to January 21, 2022.</p>	
6.10	<p>Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund (FWEF) - Letter of Interest (LOI)</p> <p>No updates at this time. Mercer Creek was suggested as an important area to consider in the future.</p>	
6.11	<p>Hometown Green Team, Canada Summer Jobs, Metis Grant</p> <p>No updates on the Hometown Green Team, Canada Summer Jobs, and the Metis Grant applications.</p>	
6.12	<p>Website</p> <p>The board reviewed a “Pro and Con” list for websites, document on file at the WIWD Office. WIWD staff will look into it.</p>	
6.13	<p>Current Magazine/Promotional Posts/Items</p> <p>The WIWD wrote an article for The Current Magazine. It will come out in September or October. Promotional items ordered by the WIWD have been shipped.</p>	
6.14	<p>Water Testing</p> <p>Applications for the Water Testing Days are currently being sent into the office. The last day to submit applications is May 2nd 2022.</p>	
6.15	<p>Rental Building</p> <p>No updates at this time.</p>	
6.16	<p>Provincial Appointee</p> <p>Jack Cruise has been appointed. Document on file at the WIWD office.</p>	
6.17	<p>Ashern Auction Mart Sign</p> <p>The sign was set up at the Ashern Auction Mart on April 20th, 2022.</p>	
6.18	<p>Water Retention Project</p> <p>Board members will visit the site at a later date.</p>	

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6.19	<p>On-Farm Climate Action</p> <p>L. Miller is part of the steering committee, specifically for input on Poly-cropping programs. A tour will be planned at a later date.</p>	
6.20	<p>Workshop</p> <p>The WIWD will be having a workshop on May 6th, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Lundar Legion. The board decided 100 meals should be ordered for the event.</p>	
7.0	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	
7.1	<p>Scholarship</p> <p>The board discussed having a scholarship and to decide how the scholarship should be awarded. Document on file at the WIWD office. Scholarships will be awarded based on who has written the best essay. The board will read all the essays and pick their top three essays. The top three will be sent to WIWD staff to add up who has scored in the top three.</p> <p>200-22: J. Bittner– B. Sigfusson BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved to award three scholarships each at a value of \$500.00. If essays submitted do not meet the basic requirements, all three scholarships may not be awarded.</p>	
7.2	<p>Advertising</p> <p>The board discussed putting an advertisement in the Lundar Bull Sale Calendar.</p> <p>201-22: G. Brown– J. Cruise BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved to purchase two pages in the Lundar Bull Sale Calendar,</p>	CARRIED
7.3	<p>Board Appointee</p> <p>The board discussed the addition of a new appointee.</p> <p>202-22: B.Sigfusson – T. Nevakshonoff BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved to appoint Mysie McLelland to the executive board.</p>	CARRIED
7.4	<p>Financial Committee</p> <p>The board decided a financial committee was not necessary at this point.</p> <p>A soil health workshop is being offered by Souris River Watershed District. Document on file at the office. The board suggested having a workshop where the WIWD staff could present the SWIWMMP plan, as well as promote all WIWD programs.</p>	
8.0	<p>REPORTS</p>	
8.1	<p>Chairperson</p>	

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	Provided a brief verbal update. N. Brandstrom set up the Ashern Auction Mart sign, it has already caused increased interest in our programs. N. Brandstrom had a site visit to a potential Alternative Watering System project.	
8.2	MAW Rep Report L. Finney could not attend the meeting.	
8.3	Manager Report L. Miller provided a brief verbal update on office activities, programming, and funding. L. Miller has been completing reports and the Carryover, as well as organising water testing days.	
8.4	Watershed Planner Report D. Timmerman provided a brief verbal update. "Watershed Districts and Programs Provincial Update- April 2022" is available on file at the WIWD office.	
8.5	Human Resource Committee N.Brandstrom provided an update. The HR committee has had one meeting and will meet again following the Executive Meeting today April 21, 2022.	
9.0	IN CAMERA DISCUSSION N.A	
10.0	CORRESPONDENCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Manitoba News Release emailed March 30, 2022 "Provence Invests \$2.5 Million to Support Sustainability and Certification of Manitoba's Fisheries". ➤ Ken Fosty emailed April 16, 2022 Chainsaw Safety Certification Course, no employees interested. ➤ Minister of Environment, Climate, and Parks letter April 12, 2022 ➤ 2022 Strategic Plan Progress Report ➤ Lake Manitoba Lake St. Martin Outlet Channels Project Newsletter March 2022 Issue 16 	
11.0	NEXT MEETING: May 19, 2022 9:00 A.M. WIWD Office	
12.0	ADJOURNMENT 203-22: J. Cruise – J. Bittner BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn at 12:05 p.m.	CARRIED

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	<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> <hr/> <p>Linda Miller, Manager/Financial Administrator WIWD</p>	