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MINUTES OF MEETING NO.46-23

M. McLelland

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Dog Lake Sub District PRESENT: N. Brandstrom Chairperson

Board Appointee/Vice Chair J. Stefanson Director Shoal Lake Sub District B. Fleury Director Lake Francis Sub District

J. Cruise **Provincial Appointee** WIWD / MAW

Board Appointee B. Sigfusson **WIWD** D. Timmerman Watershed Planner **MECP** K.A. Richmond Manager, Watershed Planning and **MECP**

Programming

K. Benson Manager **WIWD** Financial Administrator **WIWD** K. Christensen

J. Nickel Dog Lake Sub District **REGRETS**: Director

J. Bittner Director Lake St. Martin Sub District T. Nevakshonoff Swan Creek Sub District Director

WIWD WRITTEN BY: K. Christensen Financial Administrator

ITEM		ACTION BY
1.0	CALL TO ORDER N. Brandstrom called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.	
2.0	APPROVAL OF AGENDA 392-23: B. Sigfusson – M. McLelland BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the agenda as presented.	CARRIED
3.0	APPROVAL OF MINUTES 393-23: B. Fleury – J. Stefanson BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adopted the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting #45-23, August 18, 2023 as presented.	CARRIED
4.0	FINANCIAL REPORT	
4.1	K. Christensen presented the financial report: Access Credit Union Statement of Accounts from August 1st to August 31st, 2023; Account Reconciliation Summary Report from August 1st, 2023 to August 31st, 2023; Bank Account Transactions Report from August 16th, 2023 to September 19th, 2023; CIBC Credit Card Details from June 22nd, 2023 to July 21st, 2023; Collabria Credit Card Details from June 29th, 2023 to July 28th, 2023; Expenditures to Date – September 19th, 2023; Comparative Income Statement April 1st, 2023 – September 19th, 2023. 394-23: J. Stefanson – M. McLelland BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the expenses of August 16th, 2023 to September 19th, 2023 \$140,823.44 (cheques # 1173-1181, 1182-VIODED, 1183-1228); Access Credit Union Statement of Accounts from August 1st to August 31st, 2023; Account Reconciliation Summary Report from August 1st, 2023 to August 31st, 2023; Bank Account Transactions Report from August 16th, 2023 to September 19th, 2023; CIBC Credit Card Details from June 22nd, 2023 to July 21st, 2023; Collabria Credit Card Details from June 29th, 2023 to July 28th, 2023; Expenditures to Date – September 19th, 2023; Comparative Income Statement April 1st, 2023 – September 19th, 2023.	CARRIED

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	K. Christensen proposed M. McLelland be added to the online banking with Access Credit Union. 395-23: J. Cruise – J. Stefanson BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved to add M. McLelland as a signatory member for all online banking activities with Access Credit Union.		
5.0	Reports		
	Financial Administrator Report Payroll Financials Community Tree Nursery Program > Emails with Sabados Greenhouse, updated application. Emailed application to RM's on August 31st		
	 Emailed application to RM's on August 31st Started processing applications, approximately 130 applications have been received to date. 		
	 GROW ➤ Worked with I. Zotter on projected budget tables for 2023-24 projects, funds spent to date. ➤ Processed GROW project payments to landowners. ➤ Projected calculations for the upcoming GROW LOI/proposal. 		
5.1	Meetings ➤ MBFI Bus Tour – August 24 th . ➤ LGC meeting September 11 th .		
	Fish & Wildlife Enhancement Fund (FWEF)		
	 Completed and submitted LOI's for the "Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration on Mercer Creek" and the "Restoration of Fish Passage in the Sheringham Drain". Acceptance notifications will go out on September 22nd, proposal intake opens on September 27th. 		
	Nominating Committee		
	Created a fact sheet "WIWD Membership Roles & Responsibilities", and a letter to RM's for their appointments to the WIWD board. Reviewed with J. Cruise and M. McLelland. Will be reviewed at the September Executive meeting.		
	Other ➤ Phone calls/meeting with producers regarding current and future applications. ➤ WIWD monthly newsletter, will be sent on the 1 st of every month to all members and RM's.		
5.2	Managers Report		
	 Project Updates Well sealings being completed Watersheds Canada- Natural Edge (shoreline restoration)- no interest from beach associations- told them we are unable to assist with the program Pollinator gardens- soil placed or being placed into boxes, waiting till spring to plant seeds 		
	<u>Summer Students</u>		

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12. In contact with Andres/Brett multiple times per week regarding producer

questions

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- 13. Contacting producers regarding PWCP invoice submission, application interest, eligibility
- 14. Complete revisions on proposal submissions where required
- 15. All Agreements/AGR1's for 2022 have been signed; all of these repayments should have been received by this meeting.
 - Approved for 300k additional funds to the 605k initial (905k total); currently \$905,220.09 has been budgeted to applications

 multiple producer contacts the past week. We currently have a waiting list developing for additional applications.
 - Proposals are being approved as I submit them. Agreements will be created and distributed with AGR-1's for producer signing, and then returned to MAW to receive payout. They project to begin payouts in October.
 - Over 160 LGC approved applications, 6 dropped out due to inability to complete, 1 application submitted awaiting LGC approval, 7 potentially wait listed applications.
 - Cumulative values within current applications:

Cover Crops – 3552 acres
Rotational Grazing – 55.23 miles of cross-fencing
Nitrogen Management – 23680 acres

• 2 Billion Trees

- 1. Working on budgets with multiple landowners
- 2. July 25th meeting with Jeff Renton (AWES);
 - a. Contacted Jeff/AWES on pricing list/potential cost-share cap changes regarding seedling cost as cited last report. Jeff is on leave. No return contact from AWES via phone or email attempts

Sourced other tree suppliers; Jeffries Nurseries, LA Quality, Lincoln Oaks,

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- 1. The community tree program is in full swing. Dropped off a couple applications to applicants who don't have internet access. Posted some applications in Access CU.
- Attended RogerKimLee event in Eriksdale on Saturday, August 19th promoted our additional PWCP funding availability, as well as other WIWD programming.
- 3. Attended a bus tour in partnership with MBFI on August 24th (Mason Farms Ltd./EUR Ranches Ltd.). The presentation by landowners was thorough, and allowed the WIWD to speak to our programming. Of the approximate 30 attendees, multiple landowners applied with PWCP programming the following week, and had additional questions about WIWD programming.
- 4. Collected water sample from Burnt Lake Drain.
- 5. Website updates.

GROW Project Coordinator Report

5.4

Implementation:

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- The GROW Program continue accepting new applications.
- Accepted 4 new applications and calculated Projected Cost for 6 locations:
 - 2 Cover Crops (3 locations for 130 acres);
 - 1 Perennial Forages Project (5 locations for 365 acres);
 - 1 Cross Fencing Project (2 miles of permanent cross fence)
 - Total Projected cost \$ 107,390; Projected GROW Payment \$ 28,250
- Continuing to communicate with remaining applicants in order to monitor the ongoing projects (73 locations). Up to date:
 - Updating Schedule A for projects on 26 locations.
 - Working on preparing Schedules A, B and Agreements for 10 producers (15 locations);

 - Agreements sent to 7 applicants for 11 locations, waiting to be signed
 Agreements (including all schedules) are signed with 12 producers (20 locations), waiting for the invoices
 - o One project did not pass the inspection, in the review by the Committee
- In summary:
 - Projects in progress: 73 locations
 - Projected total cost: \$816,843
 - Remaining Projected GROW Payment \$382,305
- Processing documentation submitted by the applicants for the Project establishment, calculating the submitted project cost, preparing all documentation in order to issue a payment, recording data, mailing packages with copies of Agreement, payment calculations and cheques to the producers:
 - 30 claims for 49 locations have been processed to date. GROW Payment issued for the amount of \$159,292.36
- **Perennial Forages: 2206 acres; \$101,980.95**
- Cover Crops: 568 acres; \$36,516.75
- Watering Systems: 2 AWS; \$20,794.65
 - Additional 5 claims have been processed for the amount of \$32,940 but have not been paid yet
- Merging data: projects on the contract, projects approved but not completed in 2022; projects approved in 2023. Analyzed data and updated GROW Committee members at the meeting on September 11, 2023.
 - ➤ GROW Funds allocated for the Project Establishment 2021-2025: \$1,146,762.00
 - ➤ GROW Funds Paid from April 1,2021-up to September 11th, 2023: \$448.480.53
 - GROW Funds available for the expenditure up until March 31, 2025 -\$698,281
- Up to date:
 - GROW Funds Paid from April 1,2021-up to date: \$492,380.36 (increase from September 11th in the amount of \$43,899.83)
 - ➤ GROW Funds available for the expenditure up until March 31, 2025 -\$654,381
 - GROW Funds allocated towards approved projects \$415,245
 - GROW Funds remaining and available for future projects (until March 31, 2025) - \$239,136

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	 Preparation for the GROW Committee Meeting on September 11th, 2023: composing agenda and minutes, preparing and presenting supporting documentation, recording and filing. Communication with Nardos Kidane, Water Management Planning Technologist (Hydrologic Forecasting & Water Management Technical Services & Operations, Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure) pertaining to a permit to construct a low flow crossing on Burnt Lake Drain and Wagon Creek. The application has been reviewed. On August 9, MTI requested drawings and asked us to verify that the sub-cutting of the rock for the crossing would not impede the stream flow. I contacted Stan McFarlane, Senior Water Operations Technician, who assisted with drawings. Drawings were submitted on August 23, 2023. Sent a follow up email on September 11. The Response has not been received yet. Working with landowners involved in the Riparian Area Management Project through RALP. Submitted information to MB Ag with names and locations Obtained a quote on fencing supplies from Moosehorn CO-OP, confirmed with producers, and placed an order. Attended the GROW coordinators meeting. Promote and refer projects to the PWCP. Meetings with staff 	
5.5	 Chairperson Report Stopped at the office to sign cheques September 6th – attended the DU survey/tour – 15 people in attendance, 6-7 hours. Looked at S. Kinkead's Alternative Watering System. 	
5.6	 MAW Rep Report Attended a short zoom meeting September 12th. There has not been a firm confirmation of PWCP program extension. Discussed with the MAW board how the WIWD expansion would affect our share of funds. 	
5.7	HR Report K. Benson and K. Christensen were asked to leave the meeting at 10:07 a.m. 396-23: B. Fleury – B. Sigfusson BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board moved to go In-Camera for discussion at 10:08 a.m. 397-23: J. Stefanson – B. Sigfusson BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board moved to go Out-of-Camera for discussion at 10:13 a.m. K. Benson and K. Christensen returned to the meeting at 10:14 a.m.	CARRIED
	B R E A K 10: 14 a.m. – 10:24 a.m.	
5.8	Watershed Planner Report	

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	L. Kontzie, K. A. Richmond and D. Timmerman expansion (proposal includes the RM's of Portag WIWD).			
	The Executive Board raised their questions and concerns about the expansion.			
	Information on the WIWD expansion is on file at	the WIWD offic	e.	
6.0	Sub District Recommendations			
	Narcisse DU Project			
6.1	Letter written by T. Nevakshonoff and reviewed b was sent to D. Johnson, it was then forwarded to			
	Duck's Unlimited conducted a survey of the proje be provided to the WIWD in the beginning of Oct		er 6 th and 7 th . Data will	
7.0	Old Business			
7.1	GROW Policy The board reviewed SECTION 2.21, Standing Co 398-23: B. Fleury – J. Cruise BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves Committee.		ECTION 2.21 Standing	CARRIED
7.2	Proposal of the creation of a Nominating Commit and existing, members on the structure of the WIV to the Executive Board for review and discussion Roles & Responsibilities" and a letter "Letter to providing the RM's with information on the struappointees. 399-23: J. Cruise – B. Sigfusson BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approve Responsibilities" fact sheet and the "Letter to RM The board did not vote on the creation of the Nom Members were present.	ND board was pon. A fact sheet RM's" was creature of the board was creature of the board was ponded to the board was ponded to the board was the "WIWD at a larger was ponded to the board was ponded	provided and presented et "WIWD Membership ated for the purpose of pard to provide to their Membership Roles & ppointees.	CARRIED
8.0	New Business			
8.1	National Day for Truth and Reconciliation National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is Sept therefore the Office will be closed on Monday Ocfor Truth and Reconciliation.			
8.2	Remuneration			

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	The board previously decided remuneration would be paid semi-annually, March and September. It has been recommended by some members that we pay quarterly instead.	
	400-23: J. Cruise – B. Sigfusson BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves to pay remuneration to Executive members quarterly (March, June, September, December). Sub-district members are remain being be paid semi-annually (March and September).	CARRIED
	Vacation Entitlement	
	Staff have requested two changes to the vacation entitlement policy.	
	 The employee may take their full vacation time consecutively if the following conditions are met: It is taken during the off time The employees' absence will not affect the employee from completing their job duties on time. 	
8.3	 2) After continuous employment, (part-time employment minimum of 60% of full time) employees shall receive: 3 weeks (6%) vacation entitlement after 3 years of employment 4 weeks (8%) vacation entitlement after 5 years of employment 5 weeks (10%) vacation entitlement after 10 years of employment 6 weeks (12%) vacation entitlement after 15 years of employment 	
	The current Policy does not have a 3-week (6%) vacation entitlement.	
	The board reviewed SECTION 19, Vacation Entitlement.	
	Meal Coverage	
8.4	Staff requested the lunch rate be increased from \$15.00 to \$20.00. 401-23: B. Fleury – B. Sigfusson BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approves to raise the lunch rate to \$20.00 with a receipt provided.	
	In-Camera Discussion	
8.0	N/A	
9.0	Correspondence > Advertisement at the Eriksdale Boyz and Bullz	
10.0	NEXT MEETING: October 19, 2023 9:00 a.m. WIWD Office	
11.0	ADJOURNMENT 402-23: M. McLelland BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn at 12:03 p.m.	

West Interlake Watershed District

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Ne	eil Brandstrom, Chairperson WIWD			
Ke	elsey Benson, Manager WIWD			