

MINUTES OF MEETING NO.10-21

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Present:

N. Brandstrom	Member	WIWD
J. Cruise	Member	Producer
H. Rosing	Member	Producer
B. Fleury	Member	WIWD / Producer
T. Cook	Member	Producer
L. Miller	Manager / Financial Admin	WIWD / Producer
I. Zotter	Financial Adm. Assistant	WIWD
P. Watson	Watershed planner	ARD

REGRETS:

K. Webster	Member	WIWD / Producer
B. Sigfusson	Member	WIWD

WRITTEN BY: I. Zotter

ITEM		ACTION BY
1.0	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>N. Brandstrom called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.</p>	
2.0	<p>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p><u>39-21: J. Cruise – H. Rosing</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Local Grow Committee (LGC) approved the agenda as presented</p>	CARRIED
3.0	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p><u>40-21: B. Fleury – T. Cook</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approved the minutes of the LGC Meeting # 9-21 June 7, 2021 with amendments</p>	CARRIED
4.0	<p>REVIEW OF THE GROW 2020 – 2022 Budget</p> <p>Members presented with a GROW 2020-2022 budget and Interim Report Budget (period ending March 31, 2021).</p> <p>Members discussed expenditures up to March 31, 2021 and remaining funds for 2021-2022 fiscal year.</p> <p>Previously the Local Grow Committee approved 13 applications for the Upland Enhancement and Restoration activities, to seed perennial forages on approximately 1548.5 acres of land, and 21 Alternative Watering Systems under Riparian Management Areas Activities.</p> <p>Based on available funds, 11 projects for the Upland Enhancement and Restoration and 9 projects for the Riparian Management Areas will be partially funded by The GROW Trust 2020-2022,</p> <p>There is no intake for the establishment of Shelterbelts and Ecobuffers. Funds budgeted for Shelterbelts will be used to satisfy demand for the Off-site watering systems.</p>	

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5.0	<p>REVIEW OF THE GROW 2020 – 2023 Budget</p> <p>Members presented with a GROW 2020-2023 budget and funds distribution among proposed activities. Members discussed available funds and proposed activities.</p> <p>Previously approved 2 projects for the Upland Enhancement and Restoration and 12 projects for the Riparian Management Areas will be partially funded by The GROW Trust 2021-2023.</p> <p>In order to make a decision on funds distribution member will require more information pertaining to estimated costs of submitted proposals.</p>	
6.0	<p>REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE RIPARIAN MANAGEMENT AND UPLAND RESTORATION: FENCING AND ALTERNATIVE WATERING SYSTEMS</p> <p>In addition to previously approved applications, the Local Grow Committee received 21 requests for the installation of Alternative Watering Systems and Cross / Riparian Fencing, and 19 requests to seed Cover Crops / Polycrops on approximately 3415 acres of land.</p> <p>Members briefly reviewed new applications. More information pertaining to available funds under GROW 2021-2023 is requested, in order to approve applications submitted after June 8, 2021. The decision will be made at the next GROW meeting. Some applicants applied for more than one Off site watering system. Due to limited funds, the LGC decided that only one application per producer/ business operation will be accepted.</p> <p>Members discussed eligibility of portable watering systems and generators/gas pumps. After the discussion it was established that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Portable watering systems are eligible. Applicants must provide land description where system will be used. - generators/gas pumps are eligible if they are a part of permanent watering system. 	
7.0	<p>REVIEW OF GROW TRUST PROJECT PRIOTIRIZATION CALCULATOR FOR POLYCROPS</p> <p>Members reviewed and discussed proposed Prioritization Calculator for Cover Crops / Polycrops to define ecological benefits based on five basic principles for the soil foundation.</p> <p>Members identified the most beneficial principles and rated them accordingly. Form for the GROW Trust Project Prioritization Calculator for Cover Crops/Polycrops will be approved at next LGC meeting.</p>	
8.0	<p>REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE UPLAND RESTORATION: COVER CROPS/POLYCROPS</p> <p>19 producers submitted applications for seeding Cover Crops/Polycrops to improve soil health. Applications will be addressed at next GROW Meeting.</p>	
8.0	<p>NEXT MEETING:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Time to be determined</p>	
9.0	<p>ADJOURNMENT 41-21: L. Miller – H. Rosing BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn at 10:50 p.m.</p>	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 LGC</p> <hr/> <p>Linda Miller, Manager / LGC</p>	