

MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 35-24

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PRESENT:	B. Fleury	Member (Chairperson)	Producer / WIWD
	T. Cook	Member	Producer
	J. Cruise	Member	Producer / WIWD
	G. Metner	Member	Producer / WIWD
	B. Sigfusson	Member	WIWD
	I. Zotter	Member (Manager /GROW Coordinator)	WIWD
	K. Christensen	Financial Administrator	WIWD
	D. Kaartinen	Resource Technician	WIWD
REGRETS:	H. Rosing	Member (Vice- Chair)	Producer
	J. Olson	Peonan Point Representative	Producer
	D. Timmerman	Watershed Planner	ARD

WRITTEN BY: K. Christensen

ITEM		ACTION BY
1.0	CALL TO ORDER B. Fleury called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.	
2.0	APPROVAL OF AGENDA <u>192-24: G. Metner – J. Cruise</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Local Grow Committee (LGC) approved the agenda as presented.	CARRIED
3.0	APPROVAL OF MINUTES <u>193-24: J. Cruise – B. Sigfusson</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approved the minutes of the LGC Meeting # 34-24 May 13 th , 2024 as presented.	CARRIED
	Old Business	
4.0	GROW and PWCP Funds and Programs terms Update The GROW Coordinator reported no changes in available funds for the following programs: GROW 2021-2023, 2022-2024, and 2023-2025. The allocated and projected funds remain the same as follows: Awarded GROW Funds for Project Establishment over these three terms: \$1,146,762.00 Expended to date: \$707,642.64 Remaining available funds: \$439,119.36 Estimated projected funds for approved applications that were unable to be carried out in 2023-2024, will be being carried into the 2024-2025 fiscal year: \$308,819.00 Additional available funds for distribution for the 2024-25 fiscal year: approximately \$130,330.36 The GROW Coordinator is continuing to work on the final reports for GROW Trust 2021-2023 and GROW Trust 2022-2024, as well as the interim report for GROW Trust 2023-2025. Technician reported no changes in the current PWCP budget.	

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	<p>The allocated and projected funds remain the same as follows:</p> <p>Rotational Grazing: \$562,613.86 Cover Crops: \$144,501.21 Nitrogen Management: \$197,884.93 Total Projected cost: \$905,000.00</p> <p>Supporting documentation of current funds is available on file at the WIWD office.</p>	
5.0	<p>GROW, Upland Enhancement: Ineligible Expenses – common practices</p> <p>Tabled</p>	
6.0	<p>Shelterbelt Establishment and Enhancement</p> <p>All projects through 2BT have been completed. Technician has completed site inspections, and is working on final report for AWES.</p>	
7.0	<p>RALP</p> <p>The WIWD received notification of approval on the following 3 proposals for the Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program which were submitted on December 14th:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Agroforestry Establishment in the West Interlake Watershed District 2024</i> for the amount of \$20,000.00 • <i>Exclusion Fencing in the West Interlake Watershed District to Enhance and Restore Riparian Areas – 2024</i> in the amount of \$100,000.00 • <i>Cultivating Environmental Resilience through Perennial Forage Establishment.</i> In the amount of \$100,000.00 <p>Discussion on the 2023-25 RALP projects, T00072 and T00071. Due to high water levels in the Burnt Lake Drain and Wagon Creek, the LGC recommended to delay work on the low-flow crossings.</p>	
8.0	<p>Approval of GROW and PWCP Applications</p> <p>The Technician and GROW Coordinator gave an overview on proposed projects.</p> <p><u>194-24: J. Cruise – B. Sigfusson</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approves to set a maximum of 60 bundles (120 balls) of sisal twine per applicant for the 2023-24 fiscal year pilot project funded through GROW.</p> <p><u>195-24: T. Cook – I. Zotter</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approves the projects listed below, based on applications received to date, for funding through the PWCP or GROW Program for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, subject to the conditions that they adhere to all PWCP or GROW guidelines established by the MAW or MHC, as well as LGC WIWD guidelines, successfully complete the Final Project Inspection, and are contingent on the availability of funds, ensuring fair distribution amongst participants.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BMP: PWCP Cover Crops Ken Overby Ken Sherbeth Micheal Vigfusson Robert Kinkead Stuart Nikkel SVK Building Leroy Meisner Tyson Tober 	CARRIED

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	<p>Nathan Sabados Ron Jonsson Donal Thorgilsson Mathew Christensen</p> <p>➤ BMP: PWCP: Soil Testing Chirs Wimmer Mark Farthing Stuart Nikkel Nathan Sabados Lonny Farthing Ken Overby Mathew Christensen</p> <p>➤ BMP: PWCP Legumes Curtis Hueging Lee Wirgau Leroy Meisner Stuart Nikkel Henry Hueging Collin Bennett Mark Emilson</p> <p>➤ BMP: PWCP Manure Darren Hueging Lee Wirgau Leroy Meisner Stuart Nikkel SVK Building Nathan Sabados Henry Hueging</p> <p>➤ BMP: PWCP Cross Fencing SKV Building John Kostyshyn Chris Wimmer Robert Kinkead Jim Scharf Trevor Mantik K4 Land & Cattle Tyson Tober Stuart Nikkel Nathan Sabados Lee Wirgau Michael Hueging Mathew Christensen Ron Jonsson Dalrymple Enterprises Mark Emilson Andy Rawluk</p> <p>➤ BMP: PWCP ESN/Urease Inhibitors Darren Hueging Stuart Nikkel Henry Hueging</p> <p>➤ BMP: PWCP Split Fertilizer Application Henry Hueging Ryan Hueging</p> <p>➤ BMP: PWCP Alternative Watering System SVK Building</p> <p>➤ BMP: GROW Perennial Forage Establishment</p>	
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	<p>James Ryden Terry Lavallee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ BMP: GROW Alternative Watering System Mark Farthing John Kostyshyn ➤ BMP: GROW Riparian Fencing Kevin McIntosh Raymond Bazinet ➤ BMP: GROW Sisal Twine Frankie Kehler Ted Fuchs 	
	NEW BUSINESS	
9.0	<p>Review of the Agreements</p> <p>The LGC discussed and decided that due to limitations of funds, the WIWD will offer an option for producers to terminate their poly-crop contracts. The LGC discussed the 3-year contracts held with L. Wirgau, B. Kinkead and A. Rawluk, all 3 producers were in agreement of terminating their contracts.</p> <p><u>196-24 J. Cruise – G. Metner</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approved to terminate the three-year contracts between the WIWD and L. Wirgau, the WIWD and B. Kinkead, and the WIWD and A. Rawluk, effective immediately, due to insufficient funding received.</p>	CARRIED
	<p>Review of Action Items:</p> <p>N/A</p>	
10.0	<p>NEXT MEETING:</p> <p>August 12, 2024 9:00 a.m. WIWD Office</p>	
11.0	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p><u>197-24: J. Cruise – B. Sigfusson</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn at 10:43 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>	
	<p>Bill Fleury, LGC Chairperson</p>	
	<p>Irina Zotter, Manager / GROW Coordinator</p>	