

## MINUTES OF MEETING NO.18-22

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**Present:**

N. Brandstrom	Member	WIWD
J. Cruise	Member	Producer
B. Sigfusson	Member	WIWD
B. Fleury	Member	Producer
T. Cook (Zoom)	Member	Producer
K. Nickel (Zoom)	Member	Producer
L. Miller	Manager / Financial Admin	WIWD / Producer
K. Benson	Manager	WIWD
K. Christensen	Financial Administrator	WIWD

**REGRETS:**

H. Rosing	Member	Producer
D. Timmerman	Watershed Planner	ARD
I. Zotter	GROW Program Coordinator	WIWD

WRITTEN BY: K. Christensen

ITEM		ACTION BY
1.0	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p> <p>N. Brandstrom called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.</p>	
2.0	<p><b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b></p> <p><b><u>80-22: J. Cruise – B. Fleury</u></b>  <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the Local Grow Committee (LGC) approved the agenda as presented.</p>	<b>CARRIED</b>
3.0	<p><b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b></p> <p><b><u>81-22: B. Sigfusson – B. Fleury</u></b>  <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> the LGC approved the minutes of the LGC Meeting # 17-22 May 16, 2022 as presented.</p>	<b>CARRIED</b>
4.0	<p><b>GROW Trust 2020-2022 and GROW Trust 2021-2023</b></p>	
<b><u>4.1</u></b>	<p><b><u>Approval of 2022-2023 Applications</u></b></p> <p>The LGC reviewed applications for the 2022 year. The following questions were also addressed:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a) If a cover crop is seeded in the spring / early summer and a second cover crop is seeded into the existing crop in the fall, will the producer be reimbursed for the calculated percentage of seed costs of both seeding's?</p>	<b>CARRIED</b>

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	<p>Members discussed the topic: If both seed passes meet the requirements of the Cover Crop program, the producer would receive his calculated percentage of seed costs after the initial seeding for the seeds that were planted. After the second seed pass, the producer would then receive his calculated percentage of seed costs for the seed planted in the second pass, pending available funds.</p> <p><b><u>82-22 B. Fleury – J. Cruise</u></b>  <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approved</b> the following projects pending funding and completion of conditions:</p> <p><u>Alternative Watering Systems / Riparian Fencing / Cross Fencing</u>      Jesse Dyck</p> <p><u>Cover Crops</u>      Jacalyn Gleich      Jesse Dyck</p> <p><u>Perennials</u>      Lee Wirgua      Allen Rawluk      Cameron Johnson</p>	
<p>4.2</p>	<p><b>Shelterbelts</b></p> <p>D. Kaartinen gave a verbal report on proposed Site Preparation &amp; Stipulations and a cost break down of a half mile 5 row shelterbelt. Documentation is on file at the WIWD office.</p> <p><b><u>83-22: J. Cruise – B. Sigfusson</u></b>  <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGC approved</b> the following:</p> <p><u>Eligible Costs to be Re-funded up to 35%:</u>      -Initial breaking of shelterbelt site      -Initial Seedling purchase cost      -Seedling planting rate of 20 seedling per hour      -Initial drip-irrigation hose, material and installation time      -Mulching material &amp; installation time      -Weed maintenance (mowing) 8 time per season for the first 3-5 years at \$30.00 per acre.</p> <p><u>Landowner Responsibilities:</u>      -Appropriate tilling of site prior to planting      -Purchasing &amp; transport of seedlings      -Laying &amp; securing plastic mulch length or hemp mulch squares      -Planting of seedlings      -Weed maintenance (mowing) as necessary for minimum first 3-5 years      -Maintenance of trees (monitoring disease, etc.)      -Replacement of dead trees/shrubs at own cost      -Protection from livestock, chemical, fire, or other damage</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p>4.3</p>	<p><b>Wetlands</b></p> <p>K. Benson gave a verbal report of question asked to Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation regarding wetland incentive payments:</p>	

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	<p>Q.: For the wetland incentive payments, if a producer decides to seed down the field to perennials, will his per acre payment amount change?</p> <p>A.: If the contract was already in place this would not affect the initial contract. We do not want to dis-incentivize desirable activities.</p>	
4.4	<p><b>Unseeded Acres</b></p> <p>K. Benson gave a verbal report of question asked to Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation regarding unseeded acres:</p> <p>Q.: Due to extreme wet conditions this year (completely opposite from last year!) we have many producers who are unable to seed their cover crop fields that are currently in contracts. We feel that due to these circumstances that we will extend their contract for an additional year, and forgive this year as the weather is out of the producer's control. The producer will still be seeding cover crops for the three year period but with a one year break in-between due to the extreme weather.</p> <p>A.: Yes, this makes sense.</p> <p>Q.: We are anticipating the possibility of not being able to spend all the funds that were allocated for this year, this would be the remaining amount from 2021-2023 GROW and the first year of 2022-2024 GROW. It all depends on the weather as to if producers can implement projects this year, so we were wondering if it would be possible to get an extension for the GROW 2021-2023 year if we are unable to spend the funds due to the weather. And would this affect our 2023-2025 intake?</p> <p>A.: Yes extensions are warranted given weather and generally would not affect your next intake as we anticipate districts will be applying for what they feel they can realistically deliver on top of remaining extended funds.</p>	
4.5	<p><b>Linda</b></p> <p>L. Miller announced she will be stepping down on September 30, 2022. The WIWD executive board will discuss appointing a new member to the LGC at their next meeting August 18, 2022.</p>	
4.6	<p><b>Riparian Area Conservation Evaluation Sheet</b></p> <p>Staff utilized the rating sheet on a current project and felt the need to make revisions to the evaluation sheet. Staff will make revisions and present at next meeting.</p>	<b>TABLED</b>
4.7	<p><b>Water Retention Projects</b></p> <p>The WIWD has received four expression of interests for water retention projects. Currently there has been no money received from the GROW trust to support such projects, members expressed the need to include such projects in 2023-2025 GROW Letter of Interest this fall.</p>	
5.0	<p><b>NEXT MEETING:</b></p> <p><b>To be determined</b></p>	
6.0	<p><b>ADJOURNMENT</b></p> <p><b>84-22: B. Sigfusson - J. Cruise</b></p> <p><b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn at 10:39 a.m.</b></p>	<b>CARRIED</b>

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	<b>These minutes are the writer's best interpretation of discussions held during the meeting. Please inform the writer of any noteworthy omissions or errors</b>	
	<hr/> <b>Neil Brandstrom, Chairperson</b> <b>LGC</b>  <hr/> <b>Linda Miller, Manager / Member LGC</b>	