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LOCATION	WIWCD Office, Lundar, Manitoba	DATE	September 21, 2016

PRESENT:

J. Cruise	Chairperson	Swan Creek Sub District
H. Rosing	Vice Chairperson	Lake Francis Sub District
K. Fjeldsted	Director	Swan Creek Sub District
B. Sigfusson	Director	Shoal Lake Sub District
P. Dunlop	Provincial Appointee	MSD
P. Watson	Watershed Planner	MSD
K. Hayward	Manager	MSD
L. Miller	Manager/ Financial Admin	WIWCD
I. Zotter	Financial Adm. Assistant	WIWCD

REGRETS:

N. Brandstrom	Director	Dog Lake Sub District
J. Halchuk	Director	Lake St. Martin Sub District

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION BY
1.0	CALL TO ORDER J. Cruise called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M.	
2.0	APPROVAL OF AGENDA <u>701-16: P. Dunlop – H. Rosing</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the agenda with additions: 8.5 Well Sealing Application	CARRIED
3.0	Delegations:	
3.1	Natural Area Enhancement (Justin Hoffer) Justin Hoffer is a young landowner in the RM of Coldwell, who has intentions to apply permaculture methods and practices on his recently bought land. Permaculture is a philosophy and approach to land use which provides a way to conserve our diminishing natural resources. A permaculture design weaves together plants, animals, soils, water management and human needs into sustainable life systems. J. Hoffer made a brief presentation regarding his future plans and ask the Board if the WIWCD would like to take any part in the sustainable farm development. The Directors found information interesting and potentially valuable, however, to make any further decisions, the Board will need more information and detailed plan from the landowner.	
3.2	Interlake Weed Control (F. Paulson) F. Paulson, representative from the Weed District of Manitoba, provided the Board with a brief information pertaining species of weeds and the weed control in Interlake Area. Due to limited resources, Weed District would be unable to provide mass contract services to the WIWCD. However, it was suggested that the WIWCD can provide information to the public in order to raise public awareness about noxious weeds in the area. The WIWCD can potentially explore option to build a sprayer and to rent it out to the landowners. The contract with Weed Control District will be considered only for the most dangerous species of weeds. RM of Woodlands is the only municipality within the WIWCD boundaries who is contracting the weed control officer out of Rosser, Rockwood. The rest of municipalities already working in collaboration with Interlake Weed Control District.	

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4.0	<p>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p><u>702-16: H. Rosing - K. Fjeldsted</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board adopted the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting 90-16 August 29, 2016 with amendments.</p>	CARRIED
5.0	<p>FINANCIAL REPORT</p>	
5.1	<p>Bank Activity</p> <p>I. Zotter presented the financial report: CIBC Corporate Classic Visa Statement from July 22, 2016 to August 21, 2016; CIBC Business Operating Account Statement from August 1 to August 31, 2016; Bank Account Transactions Report from August 27, 2016 to September 9, 2016; Comparative Income Statement – YTD to Last Year and April 1, 2016 to September 9, 2016; 2016-2017 Statement of Expenditures from April 1, 2016 to September 20, 2016.</p> <p><u>703-16: P. Dunlop – K. Fjeldsted</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved the expenses of \$ 19,219.10 (cheques # 2793 - 2812), CIBC Corporate Classic Visa Statement from July 22, 2016 to August 21, 2016; CIBC Business Operating Account Statement from August 1 to August 31, 2016; Bank Account Transactions Report from August 27, 2016 to September 9, 2016; Comparative Income Statement – YTD to Last Year and April 1, 2016 to September 9, 2016; 2016-2017 Statement of Expenditures from April 1, 2016 to September 20, 2016.</p>	CARRIED
6.0	<p>SUB DISTRICT RECOMMENDATIONS</p> <p>Swan Creek Sub District Meeting was held on September 12 in Lundar, Dog Lake Sub District and Lake St. Martin Sub District members held meeting on September 14 in Ashern, Lake Francis Sub District Meeting was on September 15 in St. Laurent and Shoal Lakes Sub District Meeting took place on September 19 in Lundar.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Below are their suggestions and recommendations:</p> <p>1). Beaver Program.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">It was noted by members from different sub districts that the funds allocated in the Budget are not sufficient enough to provide the support to the municipalities. It was recommended to collect the number of trapped beavers in 2015 and 2016 and to review budgeted amount. Some members suggested that the payment to the trappers should be made few times throughout the year. The municipalities would have to provide the WIWCD with the information 3-4 times a year with the number of trapped beavers in identified period of time.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Board decided to implement program by allocating \$ 7,000 for its funding and to analyze the benefits of this programming at the end of its term.</p> <p>2). Weed control Program.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Members suggested that financial support can be offered to the municipalities with weed control in the area. It was proposed to establish proportional distribution of funding among the municipalities.</p>	

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Suggestion was made to develop the Program with financial assistance to the landowners with a weed control on private properties. In this case, the applications would be accepted based on “first come first served” and contractor would be hired to treat the weeds on the requested property. Program would be discontinued once the allocated funds are exhausted.

The Board discussed the suggestion and found it very valuable. The Board decided to develop a program offering financial assistance to the landowners to control noxious weed and to allocate \$ 10,000.00 – \$15,000.00 for these purposes.

3). Bulrushes Program.

During the recent years of flood the growth of Bulrushes in the area have become a problem. Members suggested to develop the Program targeting this problem. Some members made a suggestion to provide financial assistance to the landowners to harvest or to cut the bulrushes on their properties. Another suggestion was made, to partner with RMs and the Fire Department and to establish Pilot Sites. Those sites would be identified with the cooperation of the Fire Department as part of a fire prevention plan. It was proposed to cut paths through the bulrushes in the most sensitive areas and to create access for the Fire trucks in the event of fire. Contractors would be hired for this type of job.

The Board discussed the suggestion and decided that the possibility to establish the pilot site should be explored to validate the results.

4). Riparian Management Program.

Members suggested that fencing a shoreline under Riparian Management Program would be allowed. Long term lease of the Crown Land would encourage the agricultural producers to make improvements on leased land. It was suggested that electric fence can be used as an option when it comes to fencing the shoreline. This would help to utilize the land adjacent to the lakes as a pasture. By applying beneficial management practices it would improve the quality of the soil and the water.

The Board discussed the Riparian Management Program and established that there are no stipulation in the conditions of the Program on type of fence, and every application will be assessed on individual basis.

5). Beautification Projects.

Members discussed the distribution of funding between the districts. The intake of applications from some sub districts is continuously lower than others. Members suggested to direct the funding to the development of “public areas”. Funds may be available to the Community Groups for the improvements of the public beach area or trails. The distribution of funds would be up to Directors discretion, based on available funds, up to date funds distribution and the area proposed.

The Board discussed the suggestion. It was agreed that the public groups will be encouraged to submit their Project and Proposals and the Board will review each and every one of them, provided there funding is available.

6). Well water testing Program.

Some members suggested that Well Water Testing Program would be created by the WIWCD. This program would be covering the area with cottages

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	<p>and the beach properties impacted by the Flood. Every year a “specialist” can be hired and sent out to test the well water and to provide a professional opinion to the well owners regarding the conditions of their well. Based on available funds, the Directors would decide on how many properties can be tested in current year and which area will be targeted.</p> <p>After the discussion, the Board decided that staff will be making “follow-ups” phone calls to the residents who’s well failed to pass the bacterial water test and to provide them with further information on where to seek support to resolve the issues.</p> <p>7). Zebra Mussels Campaign</p> <p>Members suggested to develop educational campaign to raise awareness among residents about the potential threat of Zebra Mussels to Lake Manitoba and Shoal Lake.</p> <p>The Board found this idea very valuable. It was agreed that the WIWCD can help distribute provincial brochures and pamphlets among the residents in the area and to organize the workshop pertaining Zebra Mussels threat.</p> <p>MCDA Tour of 2017.</p> <p>Members discussed the MCDA Tour of 2017. Due to the large size of the WIWCD, members agreed, that to make a tour throughout the district in one day, would be challenging. It was suggested to approach camp Douglas (at Woodlands) and explore if accommodations can be arranged. If no solutions for accommodations are to be found, the WIWCD will hold a one day tour. Suggested points of interest for the tour: Sabados Green House, Graymont’s Faulkner lime plant (located near Moosehorn, Manitoba within 2 miles of the shore of Lake Manitoba), and a Steep Rock Trail. The route to these points of interest should include the area affected by the flood and where completed projects could be observed “on the go”.</p>	
<p>7.0</p>	<p>OLD BUSINESS</p>	
<p>7.1</p>	<p>Integrated Watershed Management plan (IWMP)</p> <p>New boundaries for the Southwest IWMP are suggested by some members of the Project Management Team (PMT). The Board decided that the proposed boundaries must be reviewed and evaluated at the special PMT Meeting. Project Management Team Meeting wasn’t set up yet. P. Watson will set up the Meeting and will inform all members of the PMT.</p>	
<p>7.2</p>	<p>WIWCD Tour</p> <p>The WIWCD tour is to be arranged on October 4, 2016. Starting Point - RM Office of St. Laurent at 8:00 a.m. Notification to be sent to all members of the WIWCD.</p>	
<p>7.3</p>	<p>Lease Agreement (Office space)</p> <p>Concerns regarding building maintenance are not addressed by the landlord at this time.</p>	

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7.4	<p>Ashern Rodeo</p> <p>The WIWCD attended the Ashern Rodeo on August 4-6, 2016. R. Bernard, distributor of Kelln Solar Product in Manitoba, was invited to attend and to present the display of the Off Site Watering System at this event.</p> <p>It was a general opinion of the attendees that the Ashern Rodeo was not the best event to attend in order to advertise the activities and Programs offered by the WIWCD and the Off Site Watering Systems, offered by the R. Bernard. There was some interest from the public during the event's days, however, the cost to attend this Event was too high to be feasible for this type of promotion.</p>	
7.5	<p>Burnt Lake Fish Ladder</p> <p>The issues with Burnt Lake Fish Ladder weren't resolved at this time. Staff to check with the municipality of Coldwell who has the caveat for this structure.</p>	
7.6	<p>Northwest Interlake IWMP Boundaries and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)</p> <p>Tabled to next meeting</p>	
8.0	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	
8.1	<p>Oak Hammock Marsh 2016-2017</p> <p>The WIWCD received a schedule of Oak Hammock Marsh Presentations for the 2016-2017. After reviewing the list of presentations the Board decided that 10 out of 13 presentations will be offered to schools for their choice and that the WIWCD will be sponsoring all 10 District's school for a full day of presentations.</p>	
8.2	<p>Winter Off Site Watering System Application</p> <p>New application for the Winter Off Site Watering System Program was submitted. Site was inspected and assessed by N. Brandstrom, the site found to be suitable for the installation of the Watering system.</p> <p><u>704-16: B. Sigfusson - P. Dunlop</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved L. Johnson application for the Winter Off Site Watering System</p>	CARRIED
8.3	<p>Riparian Management Application</p> <p>New application for the Riparian Management Program is submitted</p> <p><u>704-16: B. Sigfusson – K. Fjeldsted</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved D. Kinkead application for the Riparian Management Program.</p>	CARRIED
8.4	<p>Budget 2017-2018</p> <p>The WIWCD scheduled for the 2016 Strategic Review Meeting on October 27, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at Viscount Gort, Winnipeg P. Dunlop, J. Cruise and L. Miller will be representing the WIWCD at the Strategic Review Meeting.</p>	

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8.5	<p>Well Sealing Application</p> <p>705-16: H. Rosing - P. Dunlop BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board approved L. Robertson application for the Well Sealing Program.</p>	CARRIED
9.0	REPORTS	
9.1	Chairperson N/A	
9.2	MCDA Rep Report H. Rosing updated the Board on Manitoba Conservation District Association activities.	
9.3	Manager Report N/A	
9.4	Watershed Planner Watershed planner presented a short verbal report.	
10.0	In Camera Discussion N/A	
11.0	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>The following information presented to the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Announcement from the Canadian Water Resources Association (CWRA) pertaining the CWRALUNCHEON on September 27, 2016 at 12:00 P.M. at Holiday Inn South. H. Rosing will attend the event; ➤ POLIS Summer 2016 Newsletter: Special Issue for Watersheds 2016 forum: ➤ The announcement from the Information and Privacy Policy Secretariat pertaining upcoming FIPPA Training Session on Wednesday, October 26, 2016. ➤ Two Subdivision applications from the Community and Regional Planning Branch; ➤ The announcement from the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Employees Benefits Program that they hired the services of Coughlin & Associates Ltd., as the new Third Party Administrator for the Pension, Insurance and Disability Plans in place of the current structure of the in-house administration; ➤ The information pertaining 2017 Organic Matter Matters Workshop & Tradeshow on January 10-11, 2017 at Grand Hotel, Minot, ND; ➤ The invitation from "Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin" to take part in the event "Every River Has Story...What is Yours?" 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The invitation to the 3rd Annual Red River Basin Commission South Chapter Fundraiser Dinner on October 5, 2016 in Morris; ➤ The information containing the 2016-2017 Tree & Shrub Order Form and Terms and Conditions from the Lincoln Oakes Nursery. 	
12.0	<p>Next Meeting: October 20, 2016 9:00 A.M. WIWCD Office</p>	
13.0	<p><u>706-16 P. Dunlop - B. Sigfusson</u> BE IT RESOLVED THAT we adjourn at 1:00 p.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>	
	<hr/> <p>Jack Cruise, Chairperson WIWCD</p> <hr/> <p>Linda Miller, Financial Administrator WIWCD</p>	