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## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, August 15, 2023

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81796139565>

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

**Board Member Attendees:** Ron Meyer, Tom Kuschel, Jim Brandt, Lloyd Thyen, Clay Schulte, Barb Courneya, Darril Wegscheid, John Forney, Kirk Soldner.

**Board Member Attendees via Zoom:** Sheila Boldt, Jim Chamberlin, Jodi Eberhardt.

**Other Attendees:** Tasha Lauer-Crow Wing SWCD

### 1) Agenda Approval

**There was a motion by Barbara Courneya and seconded by Lloyd Thyen to approve the 7/18/2023 PRWA Board Meeting agenda. All Aye, Motion carried.**

### 2) Approval of Previous Minutes

**There was a motion by Barbara Courneya seconded by Jim Chamberlin, to approve the 7/18/2023 PRWA Monthly Board Meeting minutes. All Aye, Motion carried.**

**There was a motion by Jim Brandt seconded by Tom Kuschel, to approve the 8/15/2023 PRWA Monthly Board Meeting minutes. All Aye, Motion carried.**

### 3) Committee Reports

- a. Finance: Balance of \$86,564.92. WAPOA's membership form has a place to select PRWA as a recipient of the membership funds. Presently there is \$7000 that will come to PRWA.

**There was a motion by Barbara Courneya seconded by Darril Wegscheid, to approve the expenses for the approx. \$530.00 PRWA tablecloth and \$60 for watershed pictures. All Aye, Motion carried.**

- b. Conservation/Enbridge: Land Trust, Annie Knight, promoted to executive director of the Land Trust. Received recognition. July Meeting-ENRTF vote to be renewed. Coalition to get bill reauthorized next year. NWLT will vote in 2024. Promote this on our website, Barb will create something.

Enbridge: Fourth breach of the aquifer, 10-15 gallons/minute being removed. suspended a wastewater permit.

- c. Membership update: sent out harvest dinner and comments from the chair by e-newsletter on 8/15/2023.

WAPOA Meeting/Social at Crosslake church at 8AM August 26<sup>th</sup>. Jim Chamberlin plans to be there.



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- 4) Land and Waters Update: Fund Balance: \$276,000 as of December 1, 2022. We distributed out \$14,000 this year. It is good to stay around the \$300,000 mark because that is what allows the yearly amount for grants.
- 5) Quorum requirement discussion: The bylaws have been emailed to Board, and maybe put on the website. We need to get a copy of Robert's Rule of order because that is identified in our bylaws.
- 6) Grassland 2.0: meeting this week, discussed what is next. Modeling tools were discussed and have proven to be effective, but training is required. The tool is detailed and takes effort to learn. The farmers need help with planning tools. Grassland folks will be at the harvest dinner and WAPOA meeting. Veterinary services were identified as a need and a concept of cooperative veterinarian would be ideal.
- 7) ATV update: MN DOT got bids; they will go with Anderson Brothers with for work.. Should be done by end of September. We had a 2-inch rain, no ditch use this summer, it did not run into the lake. The construction will include black dirt to help growth of vegetation.
- 8) Loon Center and Crosslakers: Crosslakers are waiting to get plans, county has approved the plans of 66 and 3 interchange. Lead engineer says CW SWCD has funding. Loon Center took a right turn to develop the loon center on private property. Land is located behind shopping area in Crosslake. Will continue to use the facilities by the lake. Naming rights for corporation is an issue at the campgrounds. 5 acres was gifted to the Loon Center, with parking on site. This is a great opportunity; opening date will be in 2025. Legislative committee coming Thursday, for a visit. Received \$2.5 Million, the house committee is coming also. Stewardship pontoon boat operating for 1 year, taken out over 1000 people.
- 9) Little Emily Lake Park: Meeting at Emily on Tues, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>. Presentation by CWC about putting a park on Little Emily Lake, no boat landing, will follow best management practices, (BMP). Frustrating meeting, but not unexpected, presentation was not provided ahead of time to anyone. Usage number for the park is estimated to be 16,000 to 20,000 automobiles per year. Everyone seems to want a beach. Efforts of future communication will to be focused on county board. Kirk did not receive any comments regarding his documents regarding this issue. Wigwam Resort seems to not be in favor of all these changes and is the closet neighbor to the park.
- 10) Manganese mining: Open house was interesting, and helpful. Kirk talked to several booths/tables at the open house meeting. Tonight, there is an open forum. NorthStar Mining, Crow Wing Power/People's Security, Emily Mining, and another. Mineral rights can be owned by others or the state, you can ask the county if anyone else pays tax on your property.



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11) Harvest Dinner: Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023: need help selling tickets for the 13<sup>th</sup> year. Tent is not available for the harvest dinner from Camp Confidence.

**There was a motion by Ron Meyer seconded by Barbara Courmeya, to approve paying \$300 for Harvest dinner tent, along with WAPOA. All Aye, Motion carried.**

12) Crow Wing County Comprehensive Plan: Ron will plan to get in contact with Land Services staff. Should be public information with public input for plan. Contact Don Hickman with Initiative Foundation and Chris Pence from CW.

13) Schedule Board Meeting to address future structure of PRWA: Ron will be setting up a meeting for early next year. Ron would like someone to step up and take leadership and/or administrative assistance. Hoping more membership will increase assistance.

14) Board comments:

Jim Brandt – Upper Whitefish water has been good, hot days and cool nights. Hope it continues. No real bad algae yet.

Jim Chamberlin – getting calls from producers 1-2 a week. Happy dancing turtle and Hunt Utilities open house coming up this weekend. Fencing workshop last week with 8 people. Dung beetle workshop coming up on the 24<sup>th</sup>, Dr Moon will give presentation.

Ron Meyer – possible link between zebra mussels and Chlorophora.

Tom Kuschel – Public investment in Mining Manganese.

Kirk Soldner – I'm exasperated with mining, ATVs, beach.

Clay Schulte – I totally appreciate all of the PRWA activity. Not sure about being at the WAPOA meeting.

Barb Courneya- Microsoft has issues for her. My lake real estate not developed yet is now being sold. 15 acres on a Sand lake is now being sold. All lakeshore is being sold unfortunately.

John Forney- Thankful we have as many people who care in this group, keep looking to make it better. Loon center is doing get the lead out also.

Sheila Boldt- Life is good, impressed by groups and working with them. All of this work is helping. It has been fun. I think its definitely working.

Lloyd Thyen-Sky is falling atmosphere, focus on ground. Get the lead out at the corn feed at the Pickled loon saloon.

Darril Wegscheid- RALALA will do once a month sampling on Spider valley from pipeline on whitefish chain, with AW Lab. DNR is concerned about fish hatchery. Will tal to WAPOA about sites they may want to be tested.

Jodi Billy-NA

Jodi Eberhardt-NA

Adjourn: 5:48 PM.



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## **PRWA 2023 Meeting Schedule**

3rd Tuesday of each month from 4:00 to 6:00 PM Central (established 12/29/2020)

January 17th Zoom Meeting

February 21st Zoom Meeting

March 21st Zoom Meeting

April 18th 4:00 to 6:00 PM Ideal Corners

May 16th 4:00 to 6:00 PM Ideal Corners

June 20th

Annual Meeting 3:00 to 4:00 PM Ideal Corners

Regular Board meeting 4:00 to 6:00 PM Ideal Corners

July 18th 4:00 to 6:00 PM Ideal Corners

August 15th 4:00 to 6:00 PM Ideal Corners

September 19th 4:00 to 6:00 PM Ideal Corners

October 17th 4:00 to 6:00 PM Ideal Corners

November 21st 4:00 to 6:00 PM Ideal Corners

December 19th Zoom Meeting