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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, October 18, 2022

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

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Board Member Attendees: Ron Meyer, Lloyd Thyen, Tom Kuschel, John Forney, Jim Brandt, , Clay Schulte,

Board Members in Attendance via Zoom:, Sheila Boldt, Scott Lucas, Jim Chamberlin, Kirk Soldner, Darril Wegscheid, Jodi Billy

Other Attendees: Tasha Lauer

(1) Agenda Approval

There was a motion by Darrel Wegscheid and seconded by Clay Schulte to approve the 10/18/2022 PRWA Board Meeting agenda. Motion carried. Additions: WRAP 2

(2) Approval of Previous Minutes

There was a motion by Lloyd Thyen seconded by John Forney, to approve the 9/20/2022 PRWA Monthly Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

(3) Committee Reports

- Finance: Balance of \$96,648.21, made payment to CW SWCD; \$1574.28
- Land and Waters: waiting for meeting to be called, notifying people of grant.

Restructuring is being considered.

Website/Facebook

- o Please share events, project updates with Tasha and Sheila. Grassland 2.0 was added to the website.
- Land and Ag: Forage Council meeting on the 27th. Winter seminars to be set up in October. Dustin Weiss is new head of Cass County Farm Bureau.
- Conservation/Enbridge: Enbridge was fined \$10M to \$11M for aquifer issue in clearwater. RALALA discussion centered around Enbridge; to call 911 if you see any issues.
- Newsletter
 - o Need articles from the different groups.
 - o Please come up with some ideas and send to Sheila Boldt.



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- How to expand membership
 - Add activities: Loon Center, Crosslakers, blogs from Jodi E.
 - Get people to go to our website.
 - Land and waters grant Update and timing.
 - Newsletter to go out by end of November.
 - Membership
 - Need to increase membership and/or donations with an increase in expenses. Working to get membership ideas for next year.
 - WRAPS 2
 - Early in the process, site monitoring is done, 2023 starting to get WRAPS to look like what we want. 16 years of 319 grant is coming. Look at HUCS 10 for wraps 2. The agenda/grants are determined by MPCA or BWSR. Core team is involved. Protection and watershed restoration.
- (4) One Watershed One Plan (1W1P): setting up the next advisory committee in October 31?
- \$482,000 forest mgmt. 20 plans for 2000 acres, see attachments.
 - pasture mgmt., ag waste closure, shoreland and rain gardens, culvert inventory, chloride workshops-2 done.
- (5) Grassland 2.0: Jim is putting in a lot of grant work, it will be interesting to see if support for our CW Forage Basin efforts and meat processing receive funds. Meeting was last week. John is coming up next week to begin interview process. Working with Sarah Lloyd and MN Farmers Union on meat processing and how to utilize local markets. Community meeting coming this winter to discuss market process. CLC staples- Meat processing program is moving forward with new teacher but still waiting for CLC equipment.
- (6) ATV Update: MN DOT updated Kirk; they are not going to do anything this year, they ran out of money. MNDOT projects are on hold. Supplies from MNDOT are a possibility. The blocked area still looks like a trail, they are writing tickets. The people don't see the signs. More barricades were put up on blue lake rd. along with more signs. Along the lake, private land with govt lot, no usable land, people on other side of road have been cutting down trees and adding docks illegally. Remediation with MNDOT will hopefully enforce this. Challenges of ATV statue 84.928, not kept up with current times, the size and quantity. Kirk is asking for clarification on the statute. Change in leadership in ATV club president. Discussion with sisters who own a large portion of shoreline on the fact that their pontoon was black on the bottom, chemical reaction? Does that have anything to do with ATV's?. Clay content has been eroding in the lake, red tailings, class 5 is not a positive thing to have around the lake. Manganese mine – can turn things black. Darril has not heard anything else on the mine.
- (7) Tax Forfeited Land: Ron is waiting on the deed to be processed. Land is still identified as tax forfeited.



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(8) Loon Center and Crosslakers

- winding down the summer season, looking for funds, fundraising, took 400 people out to the stewardship. Research banding was successful, territories of 5 loon families. The loons seem to deal with the boats, besides a few hit by boats. Crosslake days was busy. The Hoot from the loon center is free online. Building the exhibit. Involved in north shore of big trout and buying the land with funding through the DNR.

- can get through crosslake now. interection of 66 and 3- interesting project- traffic circle at federal property. Concern of pedestrian traffic. Grant only has to do with managing vehicle traffic. Sewage is going to a treatment plant south of the bridge going over the pine river.

- CW SWCD nominated state wide conservationist to the City of Crosslake

(9) Ron's Schedule- October 17th heading to warmer climate

(10) Board comments

Steve Roe – Not here. He is home.

Jim Brandt – glad to see Kristie to get the award from the SWCD

Jim Chamberlin – we are waters program will be hosted next spring at HDT, share water stories of whose voices have not been heard, dung beetle-importance to water. Got 18 inches of snow in the U.P. Michigan

Ron Meyer – Trying to learn what happens when the legacy funding ends? In 2025? Heading out in 10 days to the south. Will be in contact.

Tom Kuschel – the legacy funding should come up for another vote and pass.

Kirk Soldner – solar viewing- you can see Mercury to the east at 6am

Clay Schulte – Robin Sylvester is running. Came out to have a cup of coffee, talked about boardwalk, DNR and county had done their job. Pretty preceptive candidate. She is the comptroller for MNDOT.

Jodi Billy – pontoon- chloride should not cause that discoloring of the pontoons. Water softeners? Leaving in the water too long?

Jodi Eberhardt – Not Here

Barb Courneya- Not here

Darrill Wegscheid– friends and family in Fort Meyers, 3 ft of storm surge in their house. Scary. Stuff starts floating away.

John Forney- meeting with Jeff forest, looking forward to the legislative session. Leadership is changing, could lose some major funding. Steve Roe is back home, was in a health care facility.

Sheila Boldt- speaker/sound is still quiet, pictures can be sent to her for the newsletter, presentations with MN master naturalists, photography.

Lloyd Thyen- ACCI was the MN research center award winner of 2022, excellence in AIS.



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Scott Lucas- good meeting, thank you.

Adjourn: 5:18 PM.



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PRWA 2022 Meeting Schedule

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

January 18 th	No Meeting	-
February 15 th	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Zoom Meeting
March 15 th	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Zoom Meeting
April 19 th	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Ideal Corners
May 17 th	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Ideal Corners
June 21 st	3:00 to 4:00 PM - Annual Meeting 4:00 to 6:00 PM - Regular Board Meeting	Ideal Corners
July 19 th	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Ideal Corners
August 16 th	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Ideal Corners
September 20 th	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Ideal Corners
October 18 th	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Ideal Corners
November 15 th	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Ideal Corners
December 20 th	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Ideal Corners

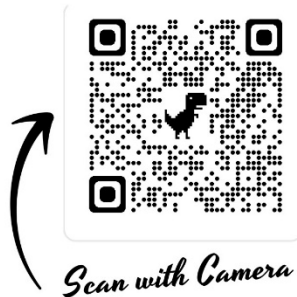
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