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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, September 17, 2024
Ideal Township Hall-Butternut Rd, Ideal, MN
Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81796139565>
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Zoom/In-Person

Board Member Attendees (In Person): Ron Meyer, James Brandt, John Forney, Tom Kuschel, Barbara Courneya, Jim Chamberlin. **(via Zoom):** Kirk Soldner, Sheila Boldt, Lloyd Thyen, Jodi Billy, Steve Roe, Clay Schulte.

Other Attendees: Chris Andree-Crow Wing SWCD

1) Approval of Agenda for 9/17/2024

There was a motion by Barbara Courneya seconded by John Forney, to approve the 9/17/2024 PRWA Agenda. All Aye, Motion carried.

2) Approval of Previous Minutes

There was a motion by Barbara Courneya seconded by John Forney, to approve the 7/16/2024 PRWA Monthly Board Meeting minutes. All Aye, Motion carried.

3) Committee Reports

- a. Finance: Balance of \$79,000
- b. NWLT:

4) Crosslakers and Loon Center:

Loon Center: 2024 summary, established pledge with major tackle manufacturer to remove lead from tackle (phasing into it), loons and lakes fest in June, moving to development of national research center, partnered with Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, 286 loon tours through Cragun's, 3 workshops northern waters land trust and DNR, 6 biologists' classes
Crosslakers: phase 1 of roundabout and other road work on 3, done mid-October. 42 ½ tons of sediment, 60lbs of phosphorus, \$1,689,000 invested.

Starry Stone Wort: general concerns, \$ to control, meeting set up for planning purposes for next steps, mentioned success with divers

5) Ag. Efforts:

grazing school 37-38 people so far, if 40, budget will work out. Adam left SWCD to DNR, working on hiring. Ally with Cass has been filling in, Pine River grazing plan and planting plan finished, MDA grant for beef co-op, applied for matching funds

6) Discussion of a 1W1P presentation:

Talk of redoing presentation, having Melissa come up to give presentation, what are the metrics to be able to present, will check in with Melissa

7) Harvest Dinner Review:

Previously made an action to put \$300 into it, 61 attendees, extra funding to get closer to breaking even, great night but a lot of open seats, looking to work more with Gull Lake, WAPOA support waning, Gull might be good match due to activity and closeness

8) PRWA future:



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- Source Well – applied for grant to hire consultants, they have paperwork and will let them know
- CW SWCD idea – talked with Melissa, some SWCD’s have volunteer group, structure gets a little easier, Melissa was going to look into it, financing help, need numerics, might make sense to have SWCD staff on PRWA board, would like to see measured results, more communication outward. General public might not care about numbers but more so personal stories.
- Other Ideas
 - i. WAPOA – might come up if going with Source Well, potential vision issues, might be too focused in one area and not larger watershed based
 - ii. Would like to see watershed focus maintained.
 - iii. Two Issues with Liquid Assets
- Ron’s comments

9) Board Comments:

Jim Brandt	
Ron Meyer	Not heading south for the winter, but focusing on home
Tom Kuschel	Kim’s report on nutrients in river, really no different with other invasives, bringing attention, paying attention
Clay Schulte	
Barb Courneya	EIS DNR report line 5, looked at end, they will move ahead, looking to read through. Federal appeals court kept line 5 in state court in Michigan. Sit in on Tamarack Water Alliance, manganese, not much new info, mining companies approaching people not having mineral rights, look into it don’t take word of mining companies, originally looking toward shaft mine but presentation on open pit, recommends tape recording when talking with mining company. Liquid pipeline explosion down south, see what can happen with pipelines
John Forney	Keep plugging along, hope to hold off starry stonewort, \$3billion of real estate at risk
Kirk Soldner	On future meetings, announce attendees during meetings with in person. Forestry, June storm but plenty of rain, mixed bag when dealing with trees,
Lloyd Thyen	Ongoing concerns for water quality, kind of a mess, upper whitefish, visually muck/algae/weeds



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Darril Wegscheid	
Jodi Billy	LARA had annual meeting, 30-35 people, Melissa talked, had new literature showing where projects are and successes, Tony got meeting with AIS people making plan
Steve Roe	
Jim Chamberlin	10 year update, shooting for 40% reduction, red wing station 33% reduction in nitrogen and 11% in phosphorus, pretty impressive, heading in the right direction. Attributing reductions in any practice upstream

Adjourn: 5:15 PM.

PRWA 2024 Meeting Schedule

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

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



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December 17th

4:00 to 6:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting for Pine River Watershed Alliance. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81796139565>

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