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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, June 18, 2024
Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81796139565>
4:25 pm – 6:00 pm: Zoom

Board Member Attendees In Person: Ron Meyer, Steve Roe, Darril Wegscheid, James Brandt, John Forney, Jim Chamberlin, Clay Schulte, Jodi Eberhardt, Tom Kuschel, Lloyd Thyen, Barbara Courneya, Bob Karls.

via Zoom: John Forney, Kirk Soldner, Jim Chamberlin, Steve Roe.

Other Attendees: Tasha Lauer-Crow Wing SWCD

- 1) Approval of Agenda for 6/18/2024
There was a motion by Barbara Courneya seconded by Lloyd Thyen, to approve the 6/18/2024 PRWA Agenda. All Aye, Motion carried.
- 2) Approval of Previous Minutes
There was a motion by Barbara Courneya seconded by Lloyd Thyen, to approve the 5/21/2024 PRWA Monthly Board Meeting minutes with a slight change for Conservation. All Aye, Motion carried.
- 3) Committee Reports
 - a. Finance: Balance of \$73,241.53
 - b. Enbridge: nothing new to report.
 - c. NWLT: Barb is no longer doing NWLT. Bob Karls will be with Loon Center events, outreach and education. Purchased 95 acres for aquatic management area for the MN DNR. Workshop on August 15 in Backus at Cass County Land Office at 3pm? for lake associations to share best practices. LSOHC grants become available July 1, 2024, to continue to make lands public and have sustainable forests, about 11,000 acres. Cold water lakes grant and biological grants have been received. 70,000 protected acres used in MN for public use.
- 4) Crosslakers and Loon Center: Hwy 66 and CR 3 project starts July 6 for 14 weeks. Loons and lakes festival June 20-22, 2024. Senator confirmation of loon center to be on their appropriations list for \$1.7M. trips on stewardship have been increasing. Count on loons with Dr. Piper is still active with tagging loons and observations.
- 5) Emily Mining: PolyMet process of mining. Hard to get information to the public.
- 6) Ag. Efforts: Pasture walk at Brakstad property on June 27, 2024 at 6pm, west of Pine River. Bale grazing impacts and hydroponic greenhouse. Management is important on grasslands. Hunt utilities: hazelnut and agronomics and genetics workshop coming soon.
- 7) Literature Update: envelopes and stationary has been received.
- 8) Discussion of presentation on 1W1P and WRAPS and yearly report with new metrics: Ron and Clay met with Melissa Barrick and Mitch Brinks. Annual PFM report with template. Protected land is public land, includes lakes and forests. Wetlands are protected. Conservation



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Easements are protected land. What would metrics look like. Chart shows protected land, and other types of land. Impervious property should be looked at more often. Agriculture and Shoreline buffers discussion and the law/grants. More metrics are needed on farm data but would need farmer participation.

- 9) Harvest Dinner on August 17th: tickets are coming soon.
- 10) Loon Center: Eco Expo Saturday, June 22.
- 11) Sustainable Fest at the Arb: Wednesday June 26, 1-7pm. Door prize: 2 Harvest dinner tickets?
- 12) Board Comments:

Jim Brandt	Storm hit the island, spent full day with foresters and volunteers with help with campsites and other parts of the island. Trails are maybe gone.
Ron Meyer	Grants to help homeowners on clamshell lake with damages.
Tom Kuschel	Encouraged us to come to harvest dinner.
Clay Schulte	Honored to hang out with all you guys
Barb Courneya	Good meeting, got to hold grandchild.
John Forney	None
Kirk Soldner	Clear cut wording should be used with caution. The forest may need this for different species and regeneration.
Lloyd Thyen	Lakeshore restoration project done. Boating safety class. Lakes and shores committee still working on funding.
Darril Wegscheid	NA
Jodi Billy	NA
Jodi Eberhardt	Liked the collaboration for successful organizations.
Bob Karls	The tornado was bad with pontoons and trees. Emily mining group-water sampling support and collecting data for themselves.
Scott Lucas	NA
Elizabeth M	NA
Steve Roe	NA



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Jim Chamberlin	None
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Adjourn: 5:27 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	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
December 17 th	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Zoom Meeting

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