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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, October 15, 2024
Ideal Township Hall-Butternut Rd, Ideal, MN
Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81796139565>
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Zoom

Board Member Attendees (Via Zoom): John Forney, Barbara Courneya, Jim Chamberlin. Kirk Soldner, Steve Roe, Clay Schulte, Elizabeth Mboutchom. Darril Wegscheid, Ron Meyer, James Brandt.

Other Attendees: Tasha Lauer-Crow Wing SWCD

- 1) Approval of Agenda for 10/15/2024
There was a motion by John Forney seconded by Clay Shulte, to approve the 10/15/2024 PRWA Agenda with addition of Back to Basics and Starry Stonewort, State Amendment. All Aye, Motion carried.
- 2) Approval of Previous Minutes
There was a motion by John Forney seconded by Darril Wegscheid, to approve the 9/17/2024 PRWA Monthly Board Meeting minutes. All Aye, Motion carried.
- 3) Committee Reports
 - a. Finance: Balance of \$79,301.63.
- 4) Director's Insurance
There was a motion by Steve Roe seconded by John Forney, to approve the Directors Insurance in the amount of \$1,035.00. All Aye, Motion carried.
- 5) Land and Waters 2024-2025 application: will update on website and newspapers, with a new contact being Barb.
- 6) Crosslakers: round-about and highways, sidewalks and runoff management is almost all done, 8-10 week project. It will be a great addition.
- 7) Loon Center: making progress, research area, and location of the loon center.
- 8) Starry Stonewort-WAPOA: PLM company checks 3 x a summer to check for AIS, starry stonewort has been found, it's aggressive. North end of Rush lake to Whitefish. DNR staff dived in the chain of lakes, only found in 1 acre area. Many entities are involved to determine the next steps. DNR divers did a pull of the mass of weeds and carted out, algaecide has been applied.
- 9) Ag. Efforts: finished up the grazing school, 50 students. Good reviews, very positive. Maybe to host events in the future.
- 10) Pine River 1W1P: 5-year meeting in Backus recently. Update of the plan is coming soon. More agriculture, total phosphorus. reduction, goals have been exceeded on most goals. The group would like more specifics.
- 11) Back to Basics booth: February 15, 2025.
- 12) State Amendment: constitutional amendment concerns-increase 5.5% to 7% funding/year. To create grant opportunities for diverse community groups. Allocating lottery funds to



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environmental programs, will stay at 5%, ENRTF. Smaller organizations are now able to access these funds the additional 1.5% increase. Wastewater funding is not included in this program.

13)PRWA future:

- Remaining 2024 Meetings: discussion of November and December meetings may or may not take place. December 10th meeting is planned. November meeting will be skipped.
- Sourcewell Update: application for a grant has been done - no new updates.
- CW SWCD Ideas: discussion has been made with Melissa-advisory committee is a possibility.
- Other Ideas:

14)Board Comments:

Jim Brandt	Good meeting, I support the amendment.
Ron Meyer	NA
Tom Kuschel	NA
Clay Schulte	Concerned about constitutional amendment. Good Job Barb.
Barb Courneya	Concerned about constitutional amendment.
John Forney	Funding of LSOHC is important.
Kirk Soldner	It hasn't rained at the farm for 8 weeks. No geese or swans or ducks have been seen.
Lloyd Thyen	NA
Darril Wegscheid	Hwy 6 work is looking great. Thank you Kirk
Jodi Billy	NA
Steve Roe	NA
Jim Chamberlin	Madison, WI perennial gathering, fast growing nonprofit. Agroforestry conference.
Elizabeth Mboutchom	MN's for the great outdoors. Unique to MN. Others are interested in doing this funding also.

Adjourn: 5:03 PM.



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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	Zoom Meeting
November 19 th CANCELLED	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Zoom Meeting
December 10 th	4:00 to 6:00 PM	Zoom Meeting

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