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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, March 19, 2024

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

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Zoom

Board Member Attendees via Zoom: Ron Meyer, Tom Kuschel, Clay Schulte, James Brandt, Sheila Boldt, Barbara Courneya, Kirk Soldner, Darril Wegscheid, Lynn Jansen, Jim Chamberlin, Annie Knight, Steve Roe.

Other Attendees via Zoom: Tasha Lauer-Crow Wing SWCD

1) Approval of Agenda for 3/19/2024

There was a motion by Tom Kuschel seconded by Darrel Wegscheid, to approve the 3/19/2024 PRWA Agenda, with addition of survey for membership. All Aye, Motion carried.

2) Approval of Previous Minutes

There was a motion by Tom Kuschel seconded by Darrel Wegscheid, to approve the 2/20/2024 PRWA Monthly Board Meeting minutes. All Aye, Motion carried.

3) Committee Reports

- a. Finance: Balance of \$76,562.30.
- b. Land and Waters: Had excellent applications for \$15,000 of funding.
- c. Membership: article was sent about liquid assets by John Forney. Ads will be in Liquid Assets. People get all information from email, according to survey. Can we put our PRWA brochure into this? We should attend more events. One comment in the survey said it is hard to get PRWA involved in certain things.
- d. Enbridge: planning to lay off 650 workers in March, after selling \$3.1B holdings. Cost reduction measures are necessary to grow. Crooked lake association will donate fundings to the crossings.
- e. NWLT: MN heritage forest map-transition to public ownership grant by LSOHC, 11 different counties, to DNR, or NWLT, 18,368 acres. Protecting from a watershed base is important to protect the water quality. Most is old potlatch land. A notice of funding restriction is on the deed of land, very complicated to change the land from protected status. Tullibee and LOBS program has funding, mostly in Cass County, and some other counties. Lake Assn Conservation Committee Workshop August 15th 3-5pm at Backus Land Dept. Loon Workshop, Cabin Succession planning workshop and Conservation Option for landowner's workshop.

4) Crosslakers and Loon Center: MN Loon presentation at Pequot lakes high school coming soon. Projects continue along CR 66, more work this summer.



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- 5) Emily Mining: the information group has sent out some information recently. Someone from China has purchased some land for mining in Arizona, possibly in Minnesota also.
- 6) Tax Forfeited Project: 50 acres by Star Lake, Ron received paperwork from MLT. Kirk, Ron and a forester, Lauren Nelson from MLT will discuss the long-term plan. Walk though in mid-April 2024. Most people want to protect their land.
- 7) CW SWCD contract: approved and signed by PRWA, not yet signed by CW SWCD, will be signed tomorrow.
- 8) Regenerative Ag Farm: Jim Chamberlin, new concept, actual working farm that can showcase cutting edge techniques, and people can go to and learn more about what is going on. Grants have been applied to, to fund this concept, but will need many more partners. <https://rootssodeep.org/>
- 9) Board Comments:

Jim Brandt	Whitefish is about 80% ice out now. I have even seen loons recently. MN COLA had a zoom meeting with Radomski with late ice on and early ice out, possible effects on the lake.
Ron Meyer	Survey did not get the responses we would like. I will be back about April 8 th .
Tom Kuschel	Lots of information
Clay Schulte	Enjoyed presentation from NLWT. I will explore some options
Barb Courneya	No comment
John Forney	NA
Sheila Boldt	Annie's updates are great. Things are getting busy, helping to write a LCCMR grant in Baxter, 9 acres, focused on outdoor children play/children's museum. NWLT and Back to Basics, very busy, new people.
Lloyd Thyen	NA
Darril Wegscheid	Sold out house, now can see the river, so many eagles, water is very low. Roosevelt-took out 7 beaver, 3 dams. They are back on the weir. Not sure about having the dams there or not. Good work Kirk. 18 boats out fishing already.
Jodi Billy	NA
Jodi Eberhardt	NA



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Bob K	NA
Scott Lucas	NA
Elizabeth M	NA
Steve Roe	Where is the survey from Jodi? I have not seen it. Ron will send a copy of the survey.
Kirk Soldner	MN conservation volunteer, rain fall monitors-need more monitors. Test labs for water in Emily, set a baseline possibly. I have used RMB Lab and AW Lab.
Lynn Jansen	Thank you for letting me listen in. I have learned many things.
Annie Knight	Thank you for your time today. (218)760-2359. Or email me: AnnieK@nwtl-mn.org
Jim Chamberlin	April 12 documentary at 5pm. https://rootssodeep.org/ . Mining email, struggle with contamination in our backyard, conservation is the only thing we can do right now.

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



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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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