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## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, February 20, 2024

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

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Zoom

**Board Member Attendees via Zoom:** Ron Meyer, Steve Roe, Tom Kuschel, Clay Schulte, James Brandt, Sheila Boldt, Lloyd Thyen, Barbara Courneya, Kirk Soldner, Darril Wegscheid, John Forney.

**Other Attendees via Zoom:** Chris Pence-CWC, Tasha Lauer-Crow Wing SWCD

- 1) Crow Wing County Comprehensive Plan-Chris Pence- (Bolton & Menk), showed a PowerPoint presentation. Hope to have plan drafted in May 2024, public hearing in the fall, September 2024 the plan should be completed. Discussed draft policies.
- 2) Approval of Previous Minutes  
**There was a motion by Tom Kuschel seconded by John Forney, to approve the 12/19/2023 PRWA Monthly Board Meeting minutes. All Aye, Motion carried.**
- 3) Committee Reports
  - a. Finance: Balance of \$77,503 as of 2/17/2024
  - b. Land and Waters: assuming \$15,000 in grants this year.
  - c. Membership: John Forney will send out information-water quality is because of the watershed area.
  - d. NWLT/Enbridge: Line 3/93, Damage to the aquifers is substantial. Ongoing environmental/ecological damage. Anyone can file a civil lawsuit. 45 hotspots/breaches. DNR says there are several breaches verified. Water temps have been recorded at 90F and above. DNR and Attorney General don't seem to be taking action in the matter. Why isn't Enbridge being watched more?
- 4) Crosslakers and Loon Center: shovels in the ground this summer, hopefully.
- 5) Back to the Basics: High attendance, many people stopping at our table, had shoreline questions, expecting an uptick in membership. This event is great for PRWA. Sustainability Event in Brainerd this summer. June 26<sup>th</sup> event 1pm to 7pm? Watershed model will be perfect.
- 6) Emily Mining: planning to expand the mining to many more acres. County board did not take a position on this plan. Mineral rights are being requested, letters written by several people to city of Emily and County Board. Work will need to be done to correct this process.
- 7) CW SWCD contract:  
**There was a motion by Ron Meyer seconded by Clay Schulte, to approve the 2024 contract between Crow Wing SWCD and PRWA. Aye, Motion carried.**



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- 8) CW SWCD Landowners Meeting March 22, 2024: 10am to 2pm at the CWC Land Services building. <https://www.cswcd.org/general-8-2>
- 9) Tax Forfeited land process completed: will send out more information when possible.
- 10) Board Comments:

Jim Brandt	Appreciate the good reports.
Ron Meyer	Glad to have discussions with Chris Pence. Is the county comprehensive plan used by our legislators? Having fun getting Medtronic match this year. Will need to rebuild my computer/addresses.
Tom Kuschel	Townships annual meeting is March 12 <sup>th</sup> . Nicest winters this winter.
Clay Schulte	Layers of planning for the comprehensive plan, very confusing. I hope it reflects the 1W1P.
Barb Courneya	Apologize for absence over the last few months.
John Forney	None
Sheila Boldt	None
Lloyd Thyen	Appreciate the information and activities, we are still dormant. New entertainment- watch for fish houses to drop in. county comp plan is for townships more so than the cities, maybe need more information from the townships.
Darril Wegsheid	None
Jodi Billy	NA
Jodi Eberhardt	NA
Bob K	NA
Scott Lucas	NA
Elizabeth M	NA
Steve Roe	Impressed with comprehensive plan, challenges are happening- need to step up and have more impact.
Kirk Soldner	Able to work all winter, logging. Weird weather.



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Adjourn: 5:31 PM.

## PRWA 2024 Meeting Schedule

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

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

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