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## Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, August 16, 2022

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

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

**Board Member Attendees:** Ron Meyer, Lloyd Thyen, Tom Kuschel, Jim Brandt, Clay Schulte, Darril Wegscheid, Kirk Soldner, Jodi Eberhardt, Jim Chamberlin, Jodi Billy, Barb Courneya

**Board Members in Attendance via Zoom:** John

**Other Attendees:** Tasha Lauer

(1) Agenda Approval

**There was a motion by Barbara Courneya and seconded by Darril Wegscheid to approve the 8/16/2022 PRWA Board Meeting agenda. Motion carried. Add email test, newsletter, stream testing-kayaking.**

(2) Approval of Previous Minutes

**There was a motion by Barbara Courneya seconded by Steve Roe, to approve the 7/19/2022 PRWA Monthly Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

(3) Committee Reports

- Finance: Balance of \$100,293.23

#### Website/Facebook

- o Please share events, project updates with Tasha. Jodi will send Harvest dinner article.
- Land and waters: Grants completed.
- Land and Ag: WAPOA meeting: will have presentation on soil health. August 19<sup>th</sup> and presenters will also meet with local farmers at meetings and Harvest Dinner.
- Conservation/Enbridge:

Zoom meeting 8/17/2022 with provide more info.

- o Enbridge invited RALALA to Hill City in August 2022 for meeting on their response capability. In Michigan line 5, information is missing. Not going



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forward. Sept 11, 2022 will show equipment. How can they run lines through public and private lands, leaks are possible. No equipment or training on leaks for first responders.

- Membership
  - o Need to increase membership and/or donations with an increase in expenses. We know we have a deficiency, we have database, how are membership is going, are we losing or gaining some.

(4) Harvest Dinner August 20, 2022. Coming up, bring ticket needs, and there will be tickets be at the door.

(5) One Watershed One Plan (1W1P): continue to start in our second two year planning. Whole lot more shoreline stuff than what we thought we could do. Spending \$8000 range. Easement work is happening, due to the Northern Waters Land Trust. Did Star Lake presentation, no new membership resulted yet. Jeff Forester presented that Mitch Brinks has set up a database structure that shows lake lots in a way that would help develop plans for shoreland protection. Need to build database to show this. This will be accessible to the public. Need objective measure, steep, flat, moderate land. Profile of lake will be a great benefit. How to educate people without naming names. Watershed maps going back a decade, Mitch has lots of maps and knowledge of GIS, and is easy to work with. Star lake, for example, would benefit from this because shoreland protection is their need. Tool for Pine River Watershed members and others to provide visibility to communicate in and around the area. We are getting people interested but need data and education before they decide what to do with their property. How are we going to environmentally develop our land that we just bought?

(6) Grassland 2.0: we have had the steering committee, how it fits into our community, we are the new site. Going to start a dialog on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Learning Hub

(7) HDT Open House August 18, 2022: I don't know who gets this information. Please add details.

(8) CW SWCD Conservation Tour September 8, 2022, starts at Rutgers bay lake lodge and will stop at easement, Legionville, shoreline sites, rain gardens.

(9) ATV Update: good news and bad news, no remediation and no date. Voice contact made with MNDOT. Stormwater runoff issue in Emily and will need to fix that, and then send them north to work on this site. Bureaucratic issues to deal with. Will this get done this year, sounds like it will happen. Weeds and vegetation starting to appear in the atv track. Did see people being compliant with the barricade. Getting better with compliance. When MN DOT does remediated the ditch, it should not be ripped up. Big rainstorms won't ruin it as much. Looking for a date to get the project done.

(10) Tax Forfeited Land: Ron is the proud owner of the land that was discussed. The cost was significantly higher than anticipated. The group around the lake supported the purchase with just a handshake agreement. Thursday will complete the sale on the land. Bidding was open



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during the auction. Meeting with MN land trust on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Plan is to close the 30 acres to hunting. Ron has been discussing this with the DNR and others on what might be done to allow access to public hunting area. Survey to be completed. The two 30 acre parcels will be combined, 50 acres going into the conservation easement. This is a good piece of property to be protected. Neighbors of 300 ft of lakeshore want to protect the shoreline. Land is titled to Ron personally.

(11) Email test: is email a solid way to communicate? Email is prolific, getting buried in email. Won't always be perfect. We need to use it but it is not fail safe.

(12) Newsletter: who is interested in putting together the newsletter.

(13) Water Testing: never seen the area so thick with rice, wouldn't know it was a river. Time of year and perfect depth of water, will create lots of wild rice. Starting second phase of water testing, with Scott Lucas as part of WRAP 2. We did water testing on whitefish this weekend. The pine river has higher water temp now than whitefish. Willow Creek is cooler at 64 degrees. The pine river at CR 15 has solid vegetation as far as you can see. What water testing and observation are we making on the streams.

**Trout Lake Meeting:** Dredged about 200 ft, has riparian access on part. Needs riparian access with boardwalk. In April the county commission won't allow boardwalks for 1 year. 1 month ago, land services proposed changed the moratorium about boardwalks, John Forney and Tony Coffey did a great job of speaking on this. 3 voted to keep moratorium. Developers can do subdivisions, and not go through the same process. Very interesting meeting. Trout lake property that needs to be protected. Jethro Carpenter divided into 4 lots 1000 ft back, \$250,000 each approx. , 12 acres aprox. The national loon center received 6 acres through the DNR grant. How to acquire that property to protect and turn over to loon center, or there may be boardwalks over each property. Will disturb the loon nesting, if there are boardwalks going into the area.

(14) Board comments

**Steve Roe** – boardwalks, how can you build structures on land you don't own. Alternative access, boardwalks are allowed. Extension of the property.

**Jim Brandt** – None

**Jim Chamberlin** –

**Ron Meyer** – None

**Tom Kuschel** –don't lose hope with MN DOT, they move when the spirit moves them. I have worked with them on a project for 13 months, all of sudden done.

**Kirk Soldner** –None

**Clay Schulte** -apologized for being late, sisters took his car.

**Jodi Billy** –None

**Jodi Eberhardt** – None



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**Barb Courneya- None**

**John Forney-NLC-** pontoon boat has been sold out the last few weeks, booked up to see the loons. Loons are tamer on this lake. NLC takes dead loons to the U of MN necropsy, 3 birds, hit by boats.

Adjourn: 5:36 p.m.



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## PRWA 2022 Meeting Schedule

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

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

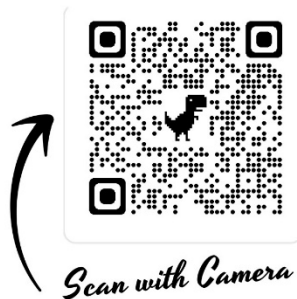
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