

## PRWA Board Update March 2020

This update replaces normal PRWA Board meeting minutes and documents activity going on during time when normal Board meetings aren't held.

- (1) Committee reports
  - Finance - Steve provided data that our Balance sheet reflects a balance of 91,768.28. The donations received from this fall membership effort was 12,035 which doesn't include a matching check just received for 500.
  - Land and Waters – the deadline for receiving grant applications was extended to March 31<sup>st</sup>. We hadn't received any grants by normal date but heard about two new possibilities so we asked for their apps. One possibility was not followed up on because the timing for the funds would be outside 2020. The other app is from HDT and is being reviewed.
  - Website – project updated. Please review and comment.
- (2) Upper Whitefish – Activity on this will be focused at expanding our testing. Moriya Rufer has said she would help us with the plan for testing and finding equipment.
- (3) Grazing Management Project – Abe and Denny are working to establish plans with the 13 producers who expressed an interest in participating. These plans will be rolled into the 1W1P efforts in 2020. John Teune will provide a specific cover crop project for one of his fields. This will be brought to the PRWA Board.
- (4) Up the Creek Meats – This project's goal is to help local producers who practice soil health principles market their beef to local lake associations. These producers protect our waters and we would like the lake people to support them because of their efforts. I am working with Sunup ranch, where we hold our Harvest Dinner to present to Association of Cass County lakes (ACCL) at their first meeting in May. This will be the pilot to find out what issues we might face.
- (5) CW Forage Basin Winter Seminar – At this meeting Steve was approached by Greg Levrington about a culvert issue in Bungo Township. I have since talk to Greg and have some idea of the issue. In the past working issues in Bungo Township have presented some difficulty but I will investigate the problem when I return.
- (6) 1W1P – Mellissa has provide some updates on progress. In the winter of 2020 Cass and Crow Wing SWCD adopted the Pine River Watershed Plan. In March of 2020 Local Government units will approve. A draft budget for the next 2 – 3 years has been created and will be shared with the 1W1P Policy Committee on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Approval of budget and work plan will then be adopted by the Policy Committee and Local Government Units. The Advisory committee members have been contacted to see if they want to continue to work on the 1W1P.
- (7) Water Conference April 30 and May 1 – Moriya is requesting Tony and I and Melissa talk at the conference about our activities.
- (8) Other items – I plan on returning after Aril 1 but plans are definitely being impacted by the virus as were Sheila's attempt to have a vacation cruise.