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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, September 19, 2023

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

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Board Member Attendees: Ron Meyer, Tom Kuschel, Lloyd Thyen, Jodi Billy

Board Member Attendees via Zoom: Kirk Soldner, Sheila Boldt, Bob K, Scott Lucas, Jim Chamberlin, Darril Wegscheid

Other Attendees: Tasha Lauer-Crow Wing SWCD

1) Agenda Approval

There was a motion by Tom Kuschel and seconded by Lloyd Thyen to approve the 8/15/2023 PRWA Board Meeting agenda. All Aye, Motion carried.

2) Approval of Previous Minutes

There was a motion by Kirk Soldner seconded by Lloyd Thyen, to approve the 8/15/2023 PRWA Monthly Board Meeting minutes. All Aye, Motion carried.
Wigwam is closest business, not closest neighbor.

3) Committee Reports

- a. Finance: Balance of \$87,739.38
- b. Conservation/Enbridge: celebration on Kabekona lake, 75% protection, target through conservation easements and land management, making good progress. Testified to LSOHC in August for potlatch land, \$23M. submitted application for cold water fisheries and other grants. Funding to be received in 2024 for 4-year funding, easement parcels in watersheds.
- c. Membership update: survey questions feedback, looking for more at the next meeting. Jodi will resend the survey. Original went out 8/27/2023. Need more volunteer support, what do people see us doing and what should we be doing. What's important for you do something.
- d. Newsletter: looking for ideas, 1w1p, 319-SWCD, soil-Jim, enbridge, conservation, Land and Waters- Ron, Adam. projects-Kristy Roedl, Laura, Sheila. Deadline: 10/1/2023.

4) Grassland 2.0: blog written on RDO. Drift catcher program. Dung beetle workshop at the end of September- 12 people attended. Interesting workshop and speaker, very useful and practical. Stattelmann's pasture. Hosted grazing school by verndale- farmers. Ground beef cooperative will be getting started soon.

5) Crosslakers and Loon Center: no report.



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- 6) Harvest Dinner: good night, food was great. Presentation. Communication was difficult with the speaker. John Strausser. Well attended, new attendees.
- 7) Wix.com Website: Land and Waters Blog
There was a motion by Ron Meyer to approve the Land and Waters blog website expenses, up to \$420, to maintain domain and website, seconded by Tom Kuschel. All Aye, motion carried.
- 8) Crow Wing County Comprehensive Plan: papers will be scanned into the minutes.
- 9) Process of working with local government units: how to interact with county commissioners on county projects and other government entities. The county board works on individual processes. Try to get your commissioner to work with you may be difficult, if they don't share values or same ideas. Good to find advocates with the environmental issues. What consequences to bring to that respect. We have a large coalition of environmental groups. How to get actual engagement.
- 10) Board comments:

Jim Brandt – NA

Jim Chamberlin - we have Mark Seeley coming to back to basics in February. Grazing school-he is tickled to see how many people showed up 65 tickets / people from all over the country. How to get forage council folks there? Need more farmers in our area. We see some hardworking young folks.

Ron Meyer – Take Care, have a good evening.

Tom Kuschel – people give opinions but will not be active about it.

Kirk Soldner – no comments-doctors only test for things they can treat.

Clay Schulte – NA

Barb Courneya- NA

John Forney- NA

Sheila Boldt-

Lloyd Thyen-MN COLA meeting- Dr Seeley did talk about climate change in MN. Scary news. Crooked lake township successful corn feed- collected 41 lbs. of lead. RALALA- Lawrence Lake has found increased milfoil have to spend more money. Has increased giving for AIS prevention, \$15,000 per year. Set up meeting with local town board, presentation with education of costs and AIS issues. They choose to refer to the annual town meeting. One of the members passed away-Bench and Plaque will be presented.

Darril Wegsheid- milfoil-found on 9/11/2023 north edge of Lawrence Lake. Funded for this year. 600 homes on the 5 lakes of RALALA, ½ are members. Roosevelt Lake is a deep lake. Education is important. Looking for zebra mussels and starry wort. Water testing effort article for newsletter? Good baseline of water testing so far from AW lab and supporting labs.



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Jodi Billy-comp plan -LARA put in a comment, be involved up front. Tony Coffey is part of LARA and WAPOA. Carrie Ruud joined as well.

Jodi Eberhardt-NA

Bob K- testing with Enbridge-has information and experience, is willing to help.

Scott Lucas-Local govt has not gotten better, how to fix federal govt? where to start. Will be trying to set up meeting to discuss WRAPS. People have a short term vision and future. We are just slowing the degradation.

Adjourn: 5:27 PM.

PRWA 2023 Meeting Schedule

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

January 17th Zoom Meeting

February 21st Zoom Meeting

March 21st Zoom Meeting

April 18th 4:00 to 6:00 PM Ideal Corners

May 16th 4:00 to 6:00 PM Ideal Corners

June 20th

Annual Meeting 3:00 to 4:00 PM Ideal Corners

Regular Board meeting 4:00 to 6:00 PM Ideal Corners

July 18th 4:00 to 6:00 PM Ideal Corners

August 15th 4:00 to 6:00 PM Ideal Corners

September 19th 4:00 to 6:00 PM Ideal Corners

October 17th 4:00 to 6:00 PM Ideal Corners

November 21st 4:00 to 6:00 PM Ideal Corners

December 19th Zoom Meeting