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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes, May 21, 2024  
Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81796139565>  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Zoom

**Board Member Attendees In Person:** Ron Meyer, Steve Roe, Darril Wegscheid, James Brandt, John Forney, Jim Chamberlin, Clay Schulte, Jodi Eberhardt, Tom Kuschel, Sheila Boldt

**via Zoom:** Elizabeth Mboutchom, Scott Lucas, Barbara Courneya, Lloyd Thyen

**Other Attendees:** Tasha Lauer-Crow Wing SWCD

1) Approval of Agenda for 5/21/2024

**There was a motion by Darril Wegscheid seconded by Jim Chamberlin, to approve the 5/21/2024 PRWA Agenda. All Aye, Motion carried.**

2) Approval of Previous Minutes

**There was a motion by John Forney seconded by Jim Chamberlin, to approve the 4/16/2024 PRWA Monthly Board Meeting minutes. All Aye, Motion carried.**

3) Committee Reports

Finance: Balance of \$75,373.36, SWCD contract has been paid.

**There was a motion by Ron Meyer seconded by John Forney, to approve payments to Range Printing in the amounts of 279.35 and \$227.88 for letterhead and envelopes. All Aye, Motion carried.**

a. Land and Waters:

b. Membership: Spring Mailing is done.

c. Enbridge: Enbridge layoff in January, 650 employees. not able to attend meetings very many times, would like to open this position to the board.

d. NWLT: Loon workshop, AIS, landscaping for loons. Once a month on Thursday evenings. Conservation for land owners, in June and July. Conservation for lake assns. In August 15, 2024. OHF proposals submitted. Buying and conservation easements, and/or acquisition.

4) Crosslakers and Loon Center: Loon Center ends up with a \$0 the other night from the legislators. CR 66 and Hwy 3 project is going ahead starting July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 with the round-a-bout. Businesses are concerned with lack of customers during this time. WAPOA newsletter has a full ad for the loon center?

5) Emily Mining: WCCO presentation, no plan, but there is momentum going on. Please stay aware.

6) Tax Forfeited Project: Thanks to Kirk. Working with forestry consultant and Crow Wing SWCD to do a forest management plan. The tax forfeited portion was logged off 10 years ago. Unique property.

7) Ag. Efforts: Farm Tour in Verndale this Thursday, May 23. Cover crops/grazing, bale grazing. Young farmer, has virtual fencing as a possibility. June 27 tour. Contact Jim Chamberlin for



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more info. RDO Byron study/project, but not meeting water quality standards. Jim will approach CLC with the program. Up the creek meets: not much going on. Submitted a grant for the beef co-op to go into local stores or school district.

8) Harvest Dinner, August 17, 2024

9) Literature Update: John is updating mailing envelopes. Need new updated one for next fall.

10) Future of PRWA discussion-What's Next?: Steve and Judy Wallschlaeger have been asked what their plans are. Jim Chamberlin will extend and continue with PRWA. Jodi E is signing up for another term. After 20 years, Ron Meyer will be retiring from PRWA in May 2025.

Watershed has become a better known word, with a network of lake associations, SWCD's, and others. What do we need to do the help the momentum on the environment? Options for structure of PRWA. Annual meeting will include questions to the board of what our goals and options are. Go to website and do the survey.

11) Board Comments:

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| Jim Brandt    | Big Island, hauling wood, restoration for 3 islands, struggling with getting help.  |
| Ron Meyer     | Most people don't read the paper anymore. Will be a challenge for new ideas. How to get data/summaries to the public. Ron will contact Mitch Brinks and work with Clay on how we better communicate our successes. Planning a cruise of the Columbia and Snake rivers is in the future.                         |
| Tom Kuschel   | August 17th Harvest Dinner.   |
| Clay Schulte  | Goals of PRWA, land stewardship plan, watersheds, minor, subwatersheds, etc. protect 46,500 acres of forest. Funding, having a land coordinator. Would like to see the data of 1W1P in a summary/chart. Would like to know if PRWA is making progress with protection of the PRWA. Hang on to Ron indefinitely. |
| Barb Courneya | Eco Fair and Sustainability Fest. To get in front of people. June 26 at the arb, need a booth, Jim will be there for HDT. June 20- 22 at the loon center. Crow Wing SWCD has a water/soil game in green case to use. Will be traveling more often. New great grandma!   |
| John Forney   | Nice to see you Steve. Hwy 66 runoff, will be tamed soon, been a long process.  |



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| Sheila Boldt     | People love maps, but we need to find the people. Things are busy, 20 projects going this year. Peer counseling with crow wing county. Childrens museum.   |
| Lloyd Thyen      | None.  |
| Darril Wegscheid | How to get all the plans to bite size pieces to understand and do the actions to get things done. Forestry or surface water runoff, and protection. Drought is over.   |
| Jodi Billy       | NA   |
| Jodi Eberhardt   | Will create a new survey for the annual meeting. Back to walking, no running. Had bike accident in September. Survey results: water quality, land use development, ordinance and enforcement, management of land, education. How to get the word out and connect to other organizations. |
| Bob K            | NA   |
| Scott Lucas      | Things are good. Emily mining is interesting, philosophical issue. Manganese can contribute to many neurological issues.   |
| Elizabeth M      | None   |
| Steve Roe        | Promote PRWA with the realtors to get the word out to new landowners and members. Preserving the environment they bought.  |
| Kirk Soldner     | NA   |
| Lynn Jansen      | NA   |
| Annie Knight     | NA   |
| Jim Chamberlin   | If we meet our target goals we may stay the same with water quality protection with all the development. Good discussion today. Agree with not letting Ron go. Stattleman grazing plan is being worked on.   |

Adjourn: 5:42 PM.

## PRWA 2024 Meeting Schedule



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

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|----------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| January 16 <sup>th</sup>   | 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 16 <sup>th</sup>     | 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>th</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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