



Board Meeting Minutes December 17, 2019
Ideal Community Center
4:00 – 6:00 pm

Board Member Attendees: Steve Roe, John Forney, Llyoyd Thyen, Jim Chamberlin, Jim Brandt, Tom Kushel & Sheila Boldt.

Via Teleconference: Ron Meyer

- (1) **There was a motion Steve Roe seconded by Lloyd Thyen , to approve the 12/17/2019 agenda with the addition of (9) Back to Basics. Motion carried.**
- (2) **There was a motion by Lloyd Thyen seconded by John Forney, to approve the 11/19/2019 Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.**
- (3) **Committee Reports**

- Finance

A. There was a motion by Steve Roe seconded by Ron Meyer, to approve \$312.00 for payment to Auto Owners Insurance and \$3,397.27. for payment to CW SWCD. Motion carried.

A. A lot of the recent membership donations have been roughly \$100 and one large donation of which has been acknowledged (via a letter sent) by Ron.

D. Ron and Steve are going to discuss presenting an annual budget to the board for the year. They will convene and bring it to the board next year. One thing they want to budget for is a future grazing project with cover crops etc.

E. Discussion about whether The PRWA might ever hire either a part-time financial employee or an executive director. Discussion was that would cost approximately \$30,000-\$60,000 which is more than the organization can afford at this time.

- Membership

F. There was a motion by Steve Roe seconded by John Forney, to approve The PRWA official logo included in these minutes (to be printed color or black and white) as well as the letterhead attached within these minutes (below). Motion carried.

F. There was a motion by Steve Roe seconded by Lloyd Thyen, to approve business cards for current PRWA members upon request. Motion carried.

- Sheila has been asked to find out who would like them printed.

a. Lloyd

b. Clay?



Representing the Sub Watersheds of ◊ Upper Pine River ◊ South Fork Pine River ◊ Lower Pine River ◊ Dagget Brook ◊ Little Pine River

- *Land and Waters*

- *Newsletter*

A. Newsletters have been sent out and a comment at the meeting was made to confirm our current PRWA logo and be consistent with its use in envelopes and stationary.

- *Website/Facebook*

A. Updates to be added to the website (hoping to have complete by the end of January):

- One Watershed One Plan (1W1P)
- Upper Whitefish
- Arvig Cover Cropping project
- Grazing Management Project



E. Sheila will work with Tasha to update Meeting Minutes on PRWA website.

- *Land and Ag*

- *Conservation/Enbridge*

A. Thursday December 19th in Duluth at The Radisson is/was a meeting for Line 3 regarding the Lake Superior Watershed. They've requested more donations.

B. Steve discussed why Enbridge is not utilizing the stronger pipe (not made in the US and designed substandard) and thinks it's because it's going over mostly private (not public) land and therefore the laws and regulations might not apply.

(4) Upper Whitefish Project – Consultant

- Continuing to work with Dick Osgood, consultant to do a comprehensive plan and view all details about The Whitefish Chain.

- Impact zebra mussels are having on weed growth?

- Complete a weed inventory this summer.

- There is no accepted method to look at Zebra mussel density.

- Treatment techniques for removing the phosphorus.

(5) MASWCD Meeting

A. Ron Meyer attended the Awardee Luncheon on Minneapolis on December 10th. Good to hear all of the positive things going on around the state of MN, heavily farm-based (cover crops etc).

B. The Pine River 1W1P was highlighted at a business meeting that was completed quickly, efficiently and a good overall plan.

(6) CW Forage Basin Winter Meeting

There was a motion by Steve Roe seconded by Lloyd Thyen, to register The PRWA for The CW Forage Basin Winter Meeting with a Gold Sponsorship of \$500, which includes 4 attendees as well as a table display. Motion carried.

- Sheila will set-up registration and include in a future invoice to PRWA from CW SWCD. The CW SWCD will be in charge of the booth set-up and attendance.

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(7) FOH

There was a motion by Lloyd Thyen seconded by Steve Roe, to donate \$5,000 to The Friends of The Headwaters by The PRWA from the restricted funds. Motion carried.

- Steve will follow-up with Richard with FOH and send the check.

(8) 1W1P – Grazing Management Project



A. Abe and Denny interviewed a number of landowners with cattle. 10-12 were chosen to move forward with better grazing practices and potentially cover crops. Abe and Denny’s next step is to consult with these producers on how to adjust their farm along with an NRCS resource person (cost-share assistance availability).

(9) Back to Basics Approval?

There was a motion by Steve Roe seconded by Tom Kushel, to approve registration up to \$150 to The 2020 Back to Basics Event in Pine River. Motion carried.

- Gordy has registered us a table, lunches and Sheila is presenting.

(10) Board Comments

Tom – Good to have project ideas ready for when grant funds might have a surplus.

Jim – Another grandchild on the way.

Lloyd – Dive team trying to quantify early assessment of zebra mussels (quantifying the infestation). 1W1P identified a parcel for John Sumption at The Northern Waters Land Trust (formerly LLAWF) to look at.

Sheila – Need to update a new PRWA/CW SWCD contract and will be hiring a full time position in the office to assist in easement processing.

John – Congratulations to Ron on award at MASWCD, we should include this in communications to membership. Think appropriate to support FOH. Grant worth \$315,000 hwy 66, crosslake city hall and moonlight square toward Stormwater improvement.

Ron – will be back up for a few days for the holiday, first time to have the whole family together.



Save the Date for the 14th Annual Back to Basics!

Saturday, February 15th, 2020

<https://www.happydancingturtle.org/>

2020 B2B Presenters Grid				
Single 1 - 10:15-11:15	Requests	Room #	Double 1 - 10:15-12:40 (Break 11:15-11:40)	Requests
S1. How to Garden as If Your Life Depended on It - Kathy Connell	30 max, projector		D1. Make Your Own Cleaners & Lotions - Christine Jones, Michael Neumann, Kelsi Wills	Water



S2. Gentle Chair Yoga - Bryana Cook	25 max, space for chairs		D2. Seven Steps to a Passionate Life - Michelle Oie	Whiteboard or Flip Chart
S3. All Things Elderberry - Allie Brandon	Projector, running water		D3. Intro to Meditation - Becky Stienhoff	Space to sit & walk
S4. Deep Winter Greenhouse Construction - Shayne Johnson	Projector		D4. Coffee 101: Home Roasting and the Perfect Cup - Martin Russo	
S5. Seed Saving - Barbara Kaufman	FACS pref. - baking sheets, cutting boards; max 20			
S6. Who's Got Your Back? Building an Informal Team - Larellyn Micheau, Theresa Eclov	Projector			
S7. Basic Beekeeping - Tara Stang	Projector			
S8. Intro to Electric Cars - Doug Weiss, Barb Mann	Projector			
Single 2 - 11:40-12:40				
S9. Garden Fertility - Kathy Connell	30 max, Projector			
S10. Gentle Yoga + Self- Massage - Bryana Cook	12 max, cleared/clean space for mats			
S11. Struggling with Marketing? Let's Make it Easy! - Casey Gromer	Projector			
S12. Deep Winter Greenhouse Growing - Louise Johnson	Projector, Area to mix soil, seed flats, gutters			
S13. National Loon Center - Kris Kristufek	Projector			
S14. Healthy Eating Principles - Beth Noordmans	Projector			
S15. Do Your Feet Hurt? - Stacey Quade, Joseph Quade				
Single 3 - 1:00-2:00				
S16. Home Energy Efficiency: Save Money & Reduce Your	Projector			



Environmental Impact - Melissa Birch				
S17. Intro to T'ai Chi and Chi Kung - Dan Hegstad	Open room; chairs			
S18. Pamela Broekemeier - Yes, You Can Eat the Weeds!	Projector			
S19. Spring Knit Cowl - Esther Endicott	8-10 max			
S20. Indoor Agriculture - Jon Friesner	Projector			
S21. Building the Foundation of a Multi- Sector Regenerative Supply-Chain - Regi Haslett-Marroquin	Projector			
S22. The Labyrinth De- Mystified - Barb Mann	Projector, 28x28 or 36x36 floor space			
S23. Growing and Gardening Tips From... You! - Kent Scheer	Friendly/Circle seating; Whiteboard			
Single 4 - 2:20-3:20			Double 2 - 2:20-4:45 (Break 3:20-3:45)	
S24. Clean Energy for Your Small Business or Farm - Melissa Birch	Projector		D4. Your Backyard, Your Legacy - Sheila Boldt, Eleanor Burkett	Projector, wall space or large tables; set for roundtable discussion
S25. Holistic Health Care for Your Pet - Dr. Deb Brown			D5. Artisan Sourdough: Bread Worthy of the Name "Staff of Life!" - Steven Dahlberg	Projector, Kitchen
S26. Traditional Chinese Medicine - Starr Jarvis			D6. Hydroponics Home & Business - Barry Thoele	Projector
S27. Berries in a Chaning Climate - Thaddeus McCamant	Projector			
S28. Growing Microgreens & the Health Benefits Behind Them - Carka Mertz	Projector, Water			
S29. Tips, Techniques, & Recipes for Dutch Oven Cooking - Tony Noordmans				



S30. Our Woods Could Help - Kent Scheer	Whiteboard space			
S31. Intro to Meridian Tapping - Becky Stienhoff				
Single 5 - 3:45-4:45				
S32. Healing with the Earth - Laura Adrian	Space to lay down			
S33. Meat 101 - Jim Chamberlin, Chris Glassmann	Projector			
S34. The Power to Make a Difference with Solar Energy - Rachel Juritsch, Martha Risedorf	Projector			
S35. Developing a Sense of Place Through Phenology - John Latimer	Projector			
S36. Save Money. Save the Planet. - Kay Paulus	Projector			
S37. Herbal Medicine 101 - Marina Povlitzki				
S38. Mushroom Cultivation for the Home Gardener - Matt Ratliff	Projector			
S39. Winter Tabletop Gardening - Mark Schultz	Projector			