



Monthly Board Meeting Minutes September 21, 2021
Via Zoom & Ideal Town Hall
4:06 pm – 5:38 pm

Board Member Attendees: Ron Meyer, Steve Roe, Jim Chamberlin, Clay Shulte, Sheila Boldt, John Forney, Tom Kuschel, Jodi Ederhardt & Jim Brandt.

(1) Agenda Approval

There was a motion by Steve Roe seconded by John Forney, to approve the 9/21/2021 PRWA Board Meeting agenda with the addition of Insurance Quote. Motion carried.

(2) Approval of Previous Minutes

There was a motion by Jim Chamberlin seconded by John Forney, to approve the 8/17/2021 PRWA Monthly Board Meeting minutes as presented with the addition: “Land & Ag: one successful project outside of the watershed.” Motion carried.

(3) Committee Reports

- Finance

- Has been working with Tasha & Alicia at CW SWCD to have a clear database with membership lists (emails, address etc.) as well as the finances.
- Township information was updated for the watershed (to include via email).
- Ron would like to contact some of the resource people (not for membership).
- Tracy sent an engagement letter with quote to Ron. Tasha at CW SWCD has everything updated and will hand Ron a thumb drive with this information to hand to Tracy to take over.
 - Post Office Box – what to keep & what not to keep is tricky (since Tracy is not on the board or involved).
 - Almost \$2,000 per month to be financial officer for The PRWA.
- It is cheaper utilizing Tasha but she can't check the mailbox (for contributions). \$1200-\$1500 is CW SWCD average monthly cost for website/FB/membership & current financial support.
- Last year The PRWA received approximately \$30,000 in donations but one of the donations was half of those funds (\$15,000).

There was a motion by Ron Meyer seconded by Steve Roe, to approve hiring Tracy Nelson to handle Finances for The Pine River Watershed Alliance.. Motion carried.



- Land and Waters
 - o This winter will begin grant process.
- Website/Facebook
 - o Updated the website with project information.
 - o Ad Results for The Harvest Dinner:

View Results

Overview Edit

Performance
You've spent **\$12.01** over 3 days.

Link Clicks	Reach	1,032
44	Cost per Lead (Form)	\$0.27

Leads Activity

No one has submitted the form yet.

Details ...

Status: Completed

Objective: Leads

Total budget: \$50.00 USD

Amount spent: \$12.01 USD

Automatically Boost Posts Like This
Get consistent results and increased Page activity when you let us boost similarly engaging posts automatically. [Get Started](#)

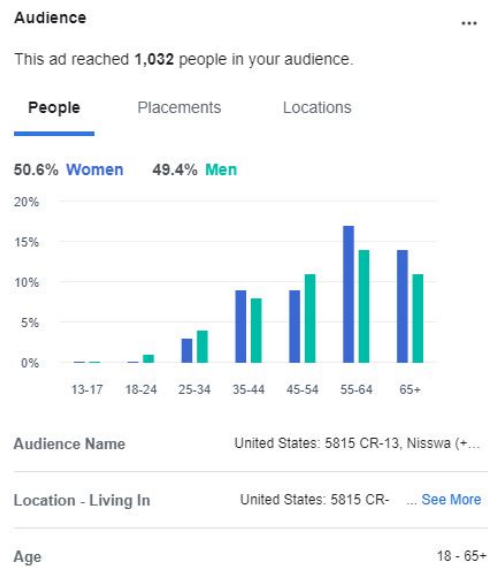
Preview ...

Are you satisfied with this ad? No Yes

Audience ...

This ad reached 1,032 people in your audience.

People Placements Locations



- Land and Ag
 - o Project updates include one rancher utilizing pasture for this winter.
 - o Has been action on mobile slaughter unit, trying to access Covid-19 relief funding (working with CWC, colleges, research institute and others).
 - Developing a visual storyboard.
 - o Next meeting at CLC, October 1st, trying to recruit ranchers.
 - o Next forage Council meeting pending for October 8th.
- Conservation/Enbridge
 - o Received letters in P.O.BOX, see attached invitation at the end of the minutes.
 - o Ron is meeting with The Land Trust on Thursday.
- Membership
 - o Database has been updated, Ron will be using for sending newsletters this fall.
- Newsletter
 - o Video to highlight that Melissa & Bethany are working on.



- Something simple everyday people can do? i.e. Firepits,pets,mowing less/higher height? Maybe someone writes an article on “being a conservation steward as a homeowner” Not just lakes?
- Highlight the local tours this summer? RALALA, Ossi virtual?
- Before & After Projects photos
- *Imagery & Graphics!
- Grazing Projects – Jim?
- 1W1P Update
- Current Projects in the watershed?

(4) 1W1P

- a. Melissa & Adam with CW SWCD developed a report of what has happened thus far with The Pine River 1W1P. Waiting for completion & *measurable* results based on goals.
- b. Cass County SWCD is helping with some of the implementation too but some duties have been delegated to Crow Wing SWCD.

(5) Upper Whitefish

- a. 12.5 foot clarity taken by John Forney. The Pine River is roughly a foot deep. Willow Creek was only a few inches deep. The water in multiple chains is now clear. There will be dredging between Lower Hay & Whitefish Lake (\$80,000).
- b. A parcel on the chain that had ample Loon and shoreline habitat was cleared by barges, took multiple days and they cleared out roughly 32 feet wide of vegetation. DNR said they have the proper permit (was already established for the parcel). The Loon Center, there are connections with purchasing parcels for the preservation of loon habitat.

(6) Grazing Management

- a. Commitment to John T. to complete an 80 acre cover crop. The price is \$16.50/bag of seed. 1 bag/acre = \$1,320.00 cost for seeding. There is currently a crop evaluation happening, seeding can be completed after.

There was a motion by Ron Meyer seconded by Clay Shulte, to approve purchasing seed for the cover crop project at John Tunne’s for \$1,320.00. Motion carried.

(7) Grassland 2.0

- a. Met the individuals at The Harvest Dinner, will begin work in January.

(8) Harvest Dinner 2021

- a. The Farm Bureau met recently; turnout was people. The dinner was successful, ran out of beef but there was plenty of shrimp. There was also 80lb of leftover shrimp (uncooked) that was donated to Happy Dancing Turtle and Casey’s Saloon (assist with the side dishes at The Harvest Dinner).

(9) Tax Forfeited Land



- a. Ron is meeting with Ideal & a group of landowners. Current Questions: What does the group envision for the parcel for the future? Preserved, left natural? Who will manage the parcel? Three people purchase 10 acres each?
- (10) NWLT Presentation
 - a. Ron will be meeting with their organization about The PRWA.
(Also presented to The Board of Water & Soil Resources, Chris Pence).
- (11) Isaak Walton League – Has anyone worked with this organization?
 - a. CW SWCD received Chloride Test kits in 2020 for local citizens to utilize.
- (12) Director of Officers Insurance
 - a. Ron is acquiring a quote (expires November 1, 2021) for insurance and therefore there might be an email vote sent out that needs to be approved before 11/01/2021.
- (13) Board comments

Steve – Thank you for relieving the financial duties.

Jim Chamberlin – Attended WAPOA Annual Meeting, Questions from audience about soil health and that there is a large misunderstanding about soil health. Talked to Tony Coffey about having soil health speaker next year. Farmer, Rancher, Fisherman book: <https://www.amazon.com/Rancher-Farmer-Fisherman-Conservation-Heartland/dp/0393354873>

Sheila – New Green Corp, Ross Brink, member may join at a future meeting for quick introduction & listen-in for experience.

Jodi –Walter manages The Star Lake Camp, will highlight that project in the next article.

John Forney – Amazing at the amount of weeds that had floated into a particular landowner's shoreline on Upper Whitefish. Piles 3 feet high. Potentially wind-blown from the river or pondweed at the end of the season letting go?

- The Loon Center – Raising funds, permanent floating docks are moving-in within the month, to be finished in the spring.
- Highway 66/16 – hearing tomorrow night whether they're moving forward with road resurface and runoff redirection (Legacy Funding and involving multiple agencies).

Jim Brandt – In talking to The DNR Fisheries, The walleye population (The Whitefish Chain) seems to be up.

Ron – New Orleans Hurricane Idea hit Lance (from Harvest Dinner, fisherman) and there are ways to donate, including via Venmo. 2/3 of the city there was ruined.

Tom K. – Has a potential contact who may have worked with The Isaac Walton League.

Adjourn: 5:38 p.m.

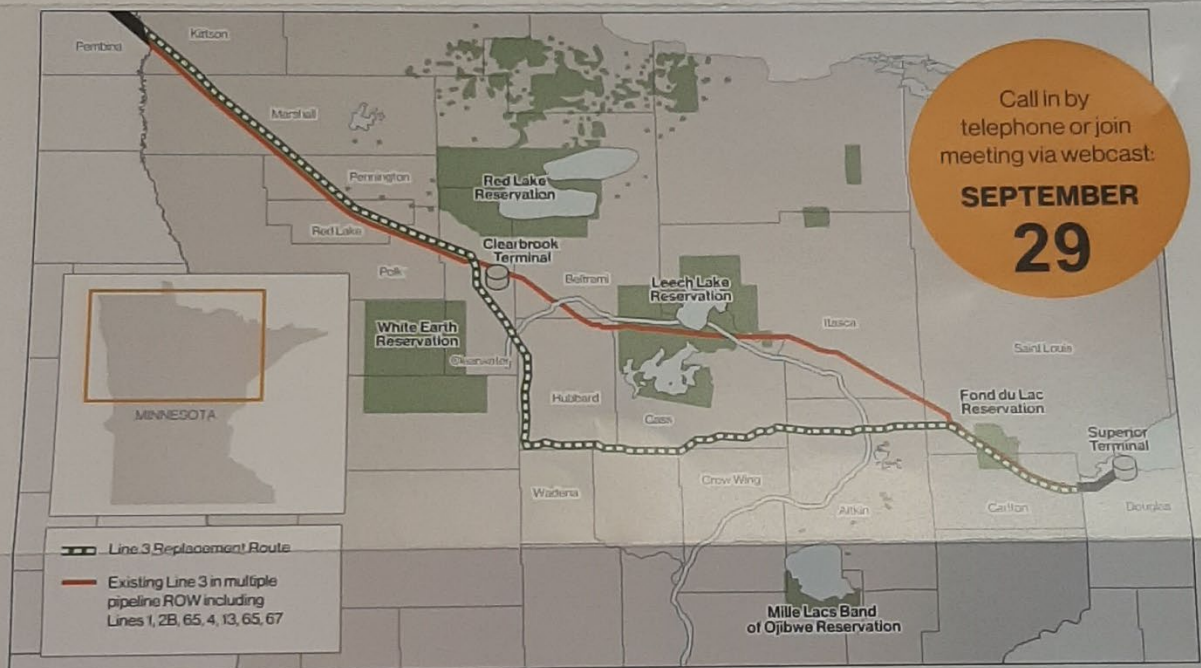


Events:

Line 3 Replacement Project in Minnesota

Virtual Open House with Enbridge

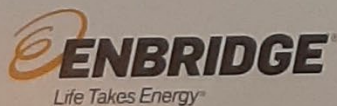
We invite you to join our virtual open house for a conversation around what happens when a pipeline goes into service and how we operate our system in Minnesota as we move from construction to operations of the new pipeline that replaces Line 3.



Enbridge is hosting a virtual open house that will have telephone or webcast options. Once you register at enbridgeopenhouse.com/SeptOH, you will receive a link providing you with meeting details.

Meeting date **changed to: Wednesday, September 29 at 5 p.m.**

You can also visit our virtual open house any time at: enbridgeopenhouse.com/line3.



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