



Monthly Board Meeting Minutes June 15, 2021  
Via Zoom & Ideal Town Hall  
4:03 pm – 5:30 pm

**Board Member Attendees:** Ron Meyer, John Forney, Lloyd Thyen, Steve Roe, Jim Chamberlin, Clay Shulte, Sheila Boldt, Jodi Billy, Barb Courneya, Tom Kuschel, Judy Wallschlaeger & Jim Brandt.

**Guests in Attendance:** 8 total (Nicole Baumann, Darril Wegscheid, Dick Dietz, Dave and Judy Topinka, etc.)

(1) Agenda Approval

**There was a motion by Ron Meyer seconded by Jim Chamberlin , to approve the 6/15/2021 PRWA Board Meeting agenda. Motion carried.**

(2) Approval of Previous Minutes

**There was a motion by Jim Brandt seconded by Lloyd Thyen, to approve the 5/18/2021 PRWA Monthly Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

(3) Committee Reports

- Finance
  - o Have received and spent about the same amount and therefore things are sitting even. Have had exceptional donations over the years. Will be working to establish a new finance process.
- Land and Waters (Barb)
  - o RALALA kick-off meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm in Crooked Lake Township.
    - Event was successful, numerous members talked to, about the project and thanked PRWA formally. Beth & Sheila attended.
- Website/Facebook
  - o Projects need updating.
- Land and Ag
  - o SFA website has the upcoming tours listed, September tour at Steve Flannigan's.
- Conservation/Enbridge
  - o Enbridge was given the go-ahead to continue construction. Protesting is happening and there may end up being injuries for flying low (helicopter) etc.
  - o NWLT still needs a director.



- Membership
  - o CW SWCD helping to manage and update membership database with Ron.
- (4) 1W1P
  - a. Working with specific lakes and projects (grazing management).
    - i. Have an updated map on contributing grazing locations for prioritizing, meeting next week based on this topic.
- (5) Upper Whitefish
  - a. Cladophora is floating around right now, algal growth.
- (6) Up the Creek Meats
  - a. Trying to direct people to the website for people to purchase individually.
    - i. The website is working!
  - b. Website: Fish and Water Conservation Fund:  
<https://www.fishandwatersconservationfund.org/up-the-creek-meats/>
  - c. Have been working on the processing, value-added aspects to the processing utilizing organ meats for pet food etc. Trying to get more value. Talking to restaurants, VFWs about utilizing the local ground beef.
  - d. Video can go online and be shared.
- (7) PRWA Media Efforts – Jodi & Sheila working together. WAPOA (Kristi R.) & Ossi sharing information for us.
  - a. Love your Lake – Stewardship Tour on the Lake by boat
- (8) Grazing Management
  - a. Very dry and therefore people are waiting for rain to be able to graze properly. Grazing plans are in the process with approximately 5 or 6 producers.
    - i. Ron & Jim working together on cover crop plan for a landowner, planning to be an Oct planting.
- (9) Harvest Dinner 2021
  - a. Propose to donate a significant amount of money toward the support of the Harvest Dinner. Initial funding will pay for shrimper (Lance, speaker) to travel and stay here and half of the shrimp. This is \$2550.
    - i. Talking with WAPOA about Friday night before fundraiser for The Loon Center in Crosslake.
    - ii. Vacation Land Studios (Lance, speaker) is a program that's putting a documentary together – they like the connection between the Golf & Headwaters and have talked to Sunup Ranch.
    - iii. Grassland 2.0 representatives may be there too (1 or 5 learning Hubs in the Midwest (through U of Wisconsin) to promote perennial pastureland.
    - iv. Trying to decide the Theme this year before promotion
      - 1. Last year was supposed to be 50-year anniv. Of WAPOA.
      - 2. Could do 100 years of production or 50 years of production and 50 years of conservation.



- v. How are we going to sell tickets? Cass Co. Farm Bureau is developing the fliers, tickets etc. And will let us know when they're ready.

**There was a motion by Jim Chamberlain seconded by Barb Courneya, to approve the donation of up to \$3,000 towards 2021 The Harvest Dinner. Motion carried.**

(10) Board comments

- a. Sheila Boldt
  - Getting an additional Green Corp Member Sept. 2021-2022.
- b. Steve Roe
  - Presentations were educational and one of the best annual meetings.
  - Is The Conservation Fund paying property tax on the large tracts they recently purchased from Potlach?
- c. Barb Courneya
  - ACL (Association of Cass County Lakes)

*Per E-mail after meeting: After our discussion today regarding the threat of warming lakes I found an interesting article that could kill two birds with one stone--green energy and cooler lakes. Interesting concept. I assume the DNR would have to approve this if a lake association wanted to pursue the concept.*

[https://theconversation.com/floating-solar-farms-could-cool-down-lakes-threatened-by-climate-change-157987?fbclid=IwAR07UirE4wB4zpi5kwtOSmKCdApvjOZlv\\_FEKfdrZ1-HPGsVU-zothW3wZQ](https://theconversation.com/floating-solar-farms-could-cool-down-lakes-threatened-by-climate-change-157987?fbclid=IwAR07UirE4wB4zpi5kwtOSmKCdApvjOZlv_FEKfdrZ1-HPGsVU-zothW3wZQ)

- d. Jim Chamberlin
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- j. Darril Wegscheid
  - Great event Saturday, thanks to all who helped with it.
- j. Nicole Baumann
  - Thankful to sit-in on this meeting and work with everyone.
- k. Clay Shulte
  - Appreciated the presentations.

(11) Adjourn: 5:30 p.m.