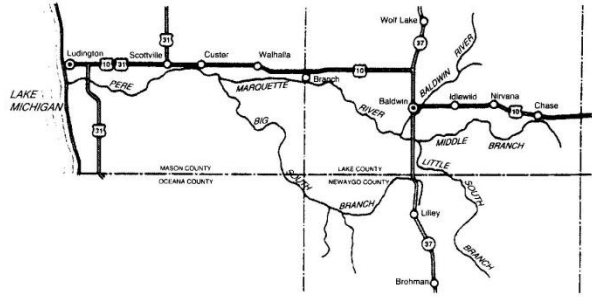


Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 212, Baldwin, Michigan 49304



Board of Directors' Meeting 10:00 A.M. October 7, 2017 Lake-Osceola State Bank, Baldwin, MI Meeting Minutes

Administrative

1. Meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Tom Seroczynski at 10:01 a.m.
2. Attendance: Mike Batcke, Jay Barnhart, Jim Bos, Jeff Carpenter, Dave Gabrielson, Marv Hanna, Michael Hoag, Mark Raven, Grant Snider, Tom Seroczynski, Chuck Turk
Excused: Paul Bigford, John Karakashian, Scott Lachniet
Absent:
Guests:
3. Minutes of the September 9, 2017 meeting of the PMWC. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Chuck Turk and seconded by Marv Hanna – minutes were approved.
4. President's Notices:
 - A. Welcome Guest: No guests were present
 - B. There were no president notices
 - C. Dates for the 2018 C4C and banquet were confirmed. The C4C will take place Friday July 13, 2018 and the banquet and auction will take place Saturday July 14, 2018 at the AmVet Club in Baldwin, MI.

Old Business

5. Financial Integrity:
 - A. The treasurer's report indicated that the 2017 banquet and C4C were among the three top money generators in the history of the events. Jay reviewed the first three quarters and our fund raising has exceeded budget projections. Our balance is \$116,312.55. This amount does not include endowment appreciation since that has not been booked yet. Endowment growth is currently about \$5,000 and will be booked at year end. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Jim Bos and seconded by Chuck Turk – motion passed.
 - B.
 - C.
6. Watershed Restoration/ River Management:
 - A. Restoration Committee:
 - The committee met September 26, 2017 at 10 am at the Lake-Osceola State Bank. The bank stabilization project at the Chinnery site is being scheduled and may be completed this winter. There is a significant amount of sand that needs to be moved to reshape the slope. Sand will be stored on the site rather than being trucked away.
 - The Forest service plans to extend its black locust replacement program to private lands. More information will be available later.
 - CRA will be having a 50 year anniversary event at the Black Star Farms Winery on October 20, 2017. The event will be from 3 to 6 pm and the cost is \$20 per person.
 - B. PMWC project planning document
 - PMWC project planning and progress summary.
 - Current Active projects

- River Improvement Projects
 - Railroad Erosion site – no update
 - Several teams completed their habitat survey work for TU in the upper fly water on September 24, 2017. All sections of the upper fly water should be completed by the end of October. Plans are being developed to survey the lower water next year.
- Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management
 - The Big Star Lake drain was discussed. Mark Raven provided a copy of the court order filled on July 13, 1987 that did not mention water temperature monitoring. However the order did reference that the draw-down of the lake level should be done as permitted by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Tom Seroczynski and others will contact the Michigan DNR and DEQ to see if they have documents regarding the controlled release of water when water temperatures are appropriate and will not affect the water temperature of the PM River..
- Future Projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management

C. Natural Rivers Zoning Review Board – Plans are being developed to put a new surface on the Custer Bridge.

D. River Interns – Intern reports were handed out to members for review.

7. Communication and Information

A. The next issue of the Mainstream is planned for the fall.

8. Public Comment: No public comment.

New Business

9. New business –

A.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 PM

Minutes submitted by Dave Gabrielson, Secretary

Remaining schedule of meetings for 2017:

November 4, 2017

December 2, 2017