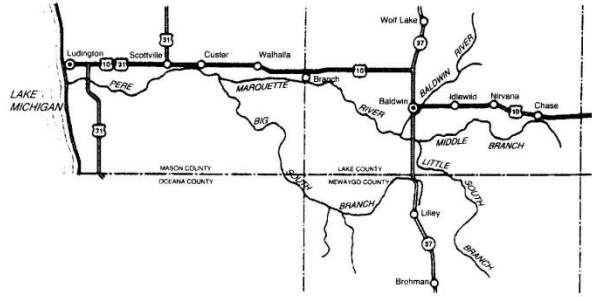


Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 212, Baldwin, Michigan 49304



Board of Directors' Meeting 10:00 A.M. May 6, 2017 Lake-Osceola State Bank, Baldwin Meeting Minutes

Administrative

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Paul Bigford at 10:02 a.m.
2. Attendance: Wayne Andersen, Mike Batcke, Paul Bigford, Jay Barnhart, Dave Gabrielson, Marv Hanna, Michael Hoag, Scott Lachniet, Mark Raven, Tom Seroczynski, Chuck Turk
Excused: Jim Bos, Jeff Carpenter, John Karakashian
Absent:
Guests: No guests
3. Minutes of the April 1, 2017 meeting of the PMWC. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Scott Lachniet and seconded by Marv Hanna – minutes were approved.
4. President's Notices:
 - A. Welcome Guest:
 - B. Seven teams have already signed up for the C4C.
 - C. The DEQ shut down the Lake County brine well so there will be fewer brine applications to road surfaces this summer to hold down the dust. Brine will now have to be purchased.
 - D. The Natural Resource Commission will be in Ludington for a meet and greet on May 11, 2017.

Old Business

5. Financial Integrity:
 - A. The treasurer's report indicated that as of April 30, 2017 we had \$91,845.90 available and were on budget for the year. Tom Seroczynski moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Chuck Turk – motion passed
 - B. The PMWC Endowment experienced a 20% return on investment for the first quarter.
6. Watershed Restoration/ River Management:
 - A. Restoration Committee:
 - No meeting in April. Next meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2017 at 10 am at the Lake-Osceola State Bank
 - B. PMWC project planning document
 - Wayne Anderson passed out the PMWC project planning and progress summary.
 - Current Active projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - There will be an update from CRA regarding the RR erosion site next week. There are a variety of issues still being discussed.
 - Right of Way trimming is still on schedule for May.
 - In areas where the Black Locust trees are dying, the stream banks will be under-planted with red pine.
 - There is a commitment from the Forest Service to follow the 2008 PM River Management Plan and begin working on launch sites at Logmark, clay Banks, and Lower Branch. The work is planned to begin in October 2017 and be completed by December 2017.

- The report that there is additional water being removed from Weldon Creek for irrigation is being investigated.
- Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management
 - TFM application is scheduled for July 23 through August 3, 2017. Areas being treated will include Baldwin Creek, Big South, Luther Swamp, Little South, and the Middle Branch of the PM.
 - The volunteer's meeting held April 21 2017 in Cadillac at the Carl T Johnson Center was well attended. Topics of primary interest talked about the future use of drones to help evaluate habitat conditions and using redd surveys to evaluate the effectiveness of habitat improvement projects.
 - Hazardous waste collectors are seeking additional funds for 2017 due to the fact that the volume of materials dropped off exceeded the budget. Additional funds will enable them to collect more waste materials. **A motion was made by Wayne Andersen and seconded by Marv Hanna to increase the annual contribution from the PMWC from \$250 to \$750. Motion passed.**
- Future Projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - Drainage from Big Star Lake in the spring is a potential source of warm water species (bass, pike, and perch) entering the PM system.
 - Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management

C. Natural Rivers Zoning Review Board – The Board is looking at a proposal from Daniel Green to tear down and replace an existing 1856 square foot cabin on Baldwin Creek and also add a 24x24 foot garage.

D. River Interns – The plan for two interns is in place and Diane Walker has identified two candidates.

7. Communication and Information

A. The next issue of the Mainstream is being organized by Paul Bigford who is planning to include articles on electroshocking results, annual meeting and banquet change to the Vets Club in Baldwin, and an update on the RR erosion site.

8. Public Comment: No public comment.

New Business

9. New business –

A. There was a brief meeting of the PMWC officers after the regular Board meeting to discuss the recruitment of new board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM

Next meeting will be held on June 3, 2017 at the Lake-Osceola State Bank at 10:00 AM. Note the time change

Minutes submitted by Dave Gabrielson, Secretary

Remaining schedule of meetings for 2017:

June 3, 2017

July 15, 2017 – note that the July meeting is held during the evening of the annual banquet

August 5, 2017

September 9, 2017 – note that this is the second Saturday due to Labor Day being on the 4th

October 7, 2017

November 4, 2017

December 2, 2017