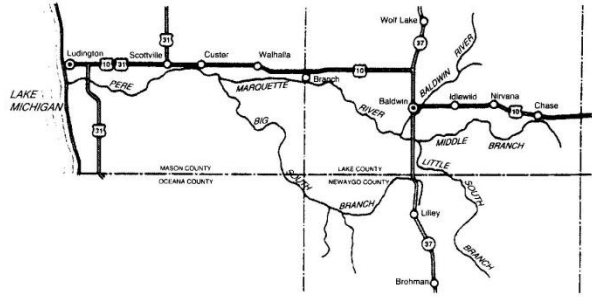


Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.

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Board of Directors' Meeting 10:00 A.M. December 1, 2018 Lake-Osceola State Bank, Baldwin, MI Meeting Minutes

Administrative

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Bos at 10:05 AM
2. Attendance: Paul Bigford, Jay Barnhart, Jim Bos, Jeff Carpenter, Ian Davison, Dave Gabrielson, Marv Hanna, Scott Lachniet, Mark Raven, Dick Schwikert, Tom Seroczynski
Excused: Mike Batcke, Troy Harrison, Michael Hoag, John Karakashian, Chuck Turk
Absent:
Guests: Paul Kogelschatz, CRA; Jake Lubera, District Ranger Baldwin/White Cloud USFS, Dave Jaunese, USFS
3. Minutes of the November 3, 2018 meeting of the PMWC. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Paul Bigford and seconded by Tom Seroczynski – minutes were approved
4. President's Notices:
 - A. Welcome Guest: President Bos welcomed the guests and asked them to talk about progress on the RR erosion site
 - B.

Old Business

5. Financial Integrity:
 - A. The treasurer's report was presented by Jay Barnhart. As of November 30, 2018 the PMWC has \$98,760.15 in its accounts. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Dick Schwikert and seconded by Jeff Carpenter – motion passed.
6. Watershed Restoration/ River Management:
 - A. Restoration Committee: There was no meeting in October. The PMWC will continue its discussion of options for bank stabilization of the RR erosion site. The AECOM preliminary engineering study is still being discussed by the members of the Flint Rainbow Club. The preliminary study presented three stabilization options with estimated costs.
 - Option 1. This plan called for a woody debris structure to stabilize the bank and a 15 foot wide flat buffer zone between the bank and the woody debris. The inside bend of the stream would be moved a corresponding width to accommodate the buffer zone. Estimated cost was \$270,000.
 - Option 2. This plan called for rock armoring of the bank and flattening the slope to enable vegetation of the slope. The inside bend of the stream would be moved a corresponding width to accommodate the flattening of the slope. Estimated cost was \$209,500.
 - Option 3. This plan called for sheet steel piling and rock armoring of the bank in its existing location. The inside bend of the stream would not be moved. Estimated cost was \$355,000.
 - An informal survey of the PMWC Board members in attendance showed a preference for Option 2 (24 points) followed by Option 3 (17 points) and Option 1 (11 points)

No meetings are pending

B. PMWC project planning document

- PMWC project planning and progress summary.
 - Current Active projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - Railroad Erosion site – The PMWC, CRA, and USFS had a significant discussion of the RR erosion site. Following the discussion a new plan was put in place to see if we could get the project moving again. The plan centered around bringing the Flint Rainbow Club (FRC) into agreement with the plan so we could move ahead without participation of the railroad. Option 2 was selected as our desired plan to implement. Paul Kogelschatz of the CRA will make a proposal to the FRC where we assure them that we will not require any financial contribution from them other than what it may cost them in terms of making sure that their insurance coverage is adequate. The FRC will be asked to hold the construction contract and permit and allow access to the river via a temporary road through their property. Once the project is completed, the USFS will return the temporary road to its previous natural condition and add plantings.
 - CRA will make a formal request to the DEQ and Natural Rivers for a preliminary review of the project. All permitting agencies will be invited to participate in the discussion of the preliminary review.
 - If the plan is approved, the CRA and PMWC will begin an active fundraising campaign to secure the resources necessary to complete the project.
 - Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management
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 - Future Projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - CRA listed a variety of projects that they had either worked on or were being planned for 2019. These projects included; Sanborn Creek Crossing, Blood Creek Crossing, Mac Road Crossing, six stabilization projects, and native tree plantings to replace forest habitat in areas where a significant number of dead ash trees are found.
 - The CRA will also be doing a survey of amphibian species in the river.
 - Policy, Legal, and Engineering Projects
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C. Natural Rivers Zoning Review Board –. The next meeting is not scheduled.

D. The river intern program will be continued in 2019. There is general consensus that the program has resulted in improved behavior on the river.

7. Communication and Information

A. Mainstream Newsletter: Is almost ready for December mailing; topics include storm damage news, internships, new memberships and year-end donations

8. Public Comment -

New Business

9. New business –

A. There will be a lamprey survey done in 2019 to design the treatment plans scheduled for 2020.

B. A reminder for shirt sales was made and members will look at clothing inventory after the December meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 PM

Minutes submitted by Dave Gabrielson, Secretary

Schedule of remaining meetings for 2019

January 2019 – no meeting

February 2, 2019

March 2, 2019

April 6, 2019

May 4, 2019

June 1, 2019 – Memorial Day is May 27, 2019 so there is no conflict

July 13, 2019 – held in conjunction with the annual Banquet

August 3, 2019

September 7, 2019 – Labor Day is Monday September 2, 2019 so there is no conflict

October 5, 2019

November 2, 2019

December 7, 2019