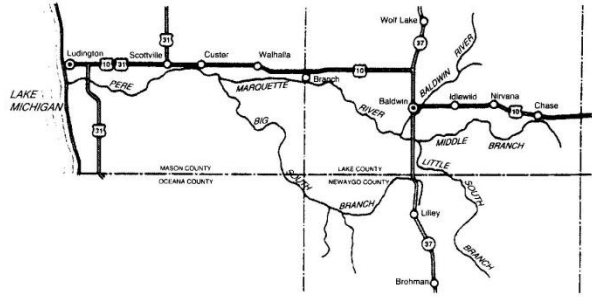


Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 212, Baldwin, Michigan 49304



Board of Directors' Meeting 10:00 A.M. February 3, 2018 Lake-Osceola State Bank, Baldwin, MI Meeting Minutes

Administrative

1. Meeting was called to order by Vice President, Tom Seroczynski at 10:00 a.m.
2. Attendance: Jay Barnhart, Jim Bos, Jeff Carpenter, Marv Hanna, Michael Hoag, John Karakashian, Scott Lachniet, Tom Seroczynski, Chuck Turk
Excused: Mike Batcke, Paul Bigford, Dave Gabrielson, Mark Raven
Absent:
Guests: Glen Price
3. Minutes of the December 2, 2017 meeting of the PMWC. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Bos and seconded by Jeff Carpenter – minutes were approved.
4. President's Notices:
 - A. Welcome Guest:
 - B. There were no president notices
 - C.

Old Business

5. Financial Integrity:
 - A. Barnhart presented the year end financial statement and a proposed spending plan for 2018. Details are available on the enclosed documents
 - B. The spending plan employed historical numbers for revenue and expense with the assumption that dues and donations will remain stable. Expense includes \$25,000 previously approved for the railroad embankment project plus a \$15,000 grant received from the CRA which has not yet been disbursed. Allowance was made for another \$10,000 to be allocated from available funds for that project if needed. A discussion ensued about our contribution to the interns in the Encourage Responsible Behavior Project. Although the effectiveness of the program is difficult to quantify, the program is probably a net positive and does help modify behavior as well as encouraging careers in natural resources.
 - C. A motion to approve the financial report and spending plan was made by Jim Bos, seconded by Jeff Carpenter. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Watershed Restoration/ River Management:
 - A. Restoration Committee:
 - No report.
 - B. PMWC project planning document
 - PMWC project planning and progress summary.
 - Current Active projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - Railroad Erosion site – No new updates.
 - Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management

The Big Star Lake drain was discussed. Several documents have been recovered: A Circuit Court order establishing a legal lake level for Big Star Lake dated July, 1987; A permit from the DNR authorizing construction of a lake level control structure dated October, 1987; and a letter from the DNR to the Lake County Road Commission dated December, 1987 outlining parameters for permissible water temperatures at the time of discharge. These requirements apply for the life of the old structure. Thus far, no permit has been discovered for the new structure. After some discussion a motion was passed to have Paul Bigford contact Eric Lewis for an opinion as to how to proceed on this matter.

- Future Projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management

C. Natural Rivers Zoning Review Board – A meeting is pending to consider improvements at Henry's Canoe Livery in Scottville and improvements to and expansion of structures at the Dunroven Whirlpool property.

D. River Interns – No new information

7. Communication and Information

A. The next issue of the Mainstream newsletter is being composed. A request was made for contributions and/or suggestions..

8. Public Comment: Glen Price brought to the attention of the group that the Lake County Road Commission, Forest Service, and Michigan DOT have applied for a grant for a paving project to "improve access to recreational waterways" that will involve the upper river. We will request a Forest Service representative at the next meeting to discuss this and other issues.

New Business

9. New business –

A.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM

Minutes submitted by Scott Lachniet, Acting Secretary

Schedule of meetings for 2018

March 3, 2018

April 7, 2018

May 5, 2018

June 2, 2018

July – no meeting – meeting to elect Board members will be held during the banquet on the 14th

August 4, 2018

September 8, 2018 – Labor Day is Monday the 3rd so to avoid the weekend conflict meet on the 8th

October 6, 2018

November 3, 2018

December 1, 2018