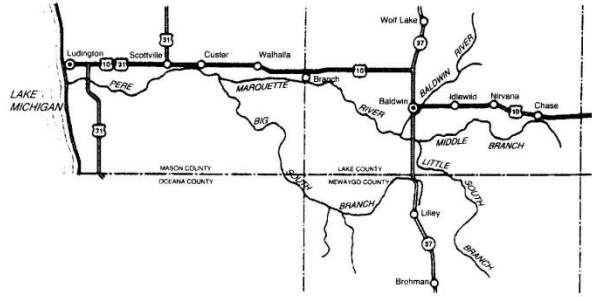


Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.

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Board of Directors' Meeting 10:00 A.M. April 7, 2018 Lake-Osceola State Bank, Baldwin, MI Meeting Minutes

Administrative

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Paul Bigford at 10:00 a.m.
2. Attendance: Jay Barnhart, Paul Bigford, Jim Bos, Jeff Carpenter, Marv Hanna, Scott Lachniet, Mark Raven, Chuck Turk
Excused: Mike Batcke, Dave Gabrielson, Michael Hoag, John Karakashian, Tom Seroczynski,
Absent:
Guests: Dick Schwikert, and Wayne Andersen
3. Minutes of the March 3, 2018 meeting of the PMWC. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Bos and seconded by Marv Hanna – minutes were approved.
4. President's Notices:
 - A. Welcome Guest: President Bigford welcomed the guests in attendance
 - B. A map of planned controlled burns on Forest Service lands was distributed.
 - C. A copy of the brochure jointly prepared by PMWC and the Lake County Riverside Property Owners Association was distributed. The brochure deals with Natural Rivers regulations and the role of the Zoning Review Board. It is hoped that this will be used to inform realtors and current/potential property owners of the restrictions on development that are in place for the Pere Marquette River and make cooperation with these regulations easier and more consistent.
 - D. The navigational trimming float is scheduled for May 24, tentatively targeting the fly water. eminent domain as provided in the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

Old Business

5. Financial Integrity:
 - A. The treasurer's report was presented by Jay Barnhart. Disbursement of \$6,000 was made to CRA toward the railroad embankment project. The remaining details of the financial statement are available elsewhere. The implications for charitable giving of the new tax law was discussed. The report was accepted on a motion by Jim Bos and seconded by Jeff Carpenter.
6. Watershed Restoration/ River Management:
 - A. Restoration Committee:
 - PM River Restoration Committee meeting will be May 29 at 10 a.m. at the Lake Osceola State Bank. Two items coming before the zoning review board were discussed, and it became apparent during the course of the discussion that there was a lack of clarity regarding some of the regulations and their enforcement. A goal of the next meeting of the zoning review board will be to clarify these issues.
 - B. PMWC project planning document
 - PMWC project planning and progress summary.
 - Current Active projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - Railroad Erosion site – Engineers were on site on March 14 and surveyed the streambed and surrounding flood plain. No soil borings or study of the railroad bed itself

were done. A phone conference is to be held in early May with all the stakeholders involved to present alternative remediation plans. CRA is overseeing the process. .

- Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management
 - The Big Star Lake drain was discussed Paul Bigford has compiled a list of the documents that PMWC holds regarding the Big Star Lake drain dating back to 1986. A permit for the new structure is yet to be identified. Paul plans to send a letter to the DEQ with a copy to Jim Dexter questioning the permitting status of the new drain, especially as regards the temperature parameters established during the original permitting process.
 - Unpermitted water withdrawals from Weldon Creek for agricultural irrigation are being studied by the DEQ and a formal permitting process has been initiated.
- Future Projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management

C. Natural Rivers Zoning Review Board –

- Approval was granted for modification to the existing structure on the Whirlpool-Dun Rovin property within the existing footprint. The original proposal was modified to reduce river impact.
- Approval was granted for changes to the Henry's Campground in Scottville. On review the project included modifications to the existing store and other improvements that were outside the 200 foot setback.

D. River Interns – Two interns have been selected for the 2018 season

7. Communication and Information

- A. The Banquet is scheduled for July 14. The Cast for Conservation is fully subscribed with 11 teams enrolled. The Banquet Committee will meet immediately after the May meeting.
- B. Lake Michigan Fishery Advisory Committee is meeting on April 17 in Grandville.
- C. Coldwater Resource Steering Committee is meeting April 26 in Gaylord.
- D. 23rd Annual River Volunteers Summit is meeting in Gaylord on April 20.

8. Public Comment

New Business

9. New business –

- A. Wayne Anderson has accepted the position of Project Coordinator for the Pere Marquette Chapter of Trout Unlimited Stream Improvement Projects. Three erosion sites have been identified; and with the help of CRA, permits have been obtained and a contractor enlisted. They are budgeting \$7,000 for this year's projects. They are not asking for financial support this year but are looking for partners for future projects. The intention is to identify three projects per year for each of the next three years. Hanna moved and Lachniet seconded a motion to commit to a partnership, and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM

Minutes submitted by Scott Lachniet, Acting Secretary

Schedule of meetings for 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