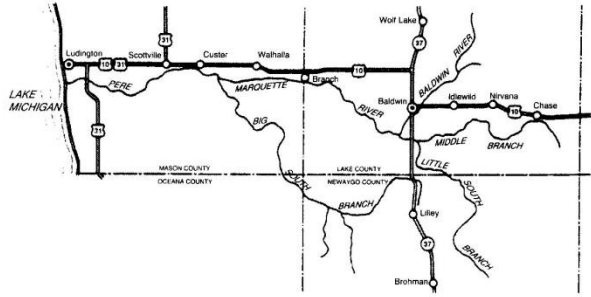


Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 212, Baldwin, Michigan 49304



Board of Directors' Meeting 9:00 A.M. February 4, 2017 Lake-Osceola State Bank, Baldwin Meeting Minutes

Administrative

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Paul Bigford at 9:00 a.m.
2. Attendance: Wayne Andersen, Paul Bigford, Jim Bos, Jay Barnhart, Jeff Carpenter, Dave Gabrielson, Marv Hanna, John Karakashian, Scott Lachniet, Tom Seroczynski, Chuck Turk
Excused: Mike Batcke, Michael Hoag, Mark Raven
Absent:
Guests: No guests
3. Minutes of the December 3, 2016 meeting of the PMWC. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Bos and seconded by John Karakashian – minutes were approved.
4. President's Notices:
 - A. Welcome Guest:
 - B. Paul Bigford shared a copy of a new article about a train derailment in Oregon where tanker cars carrying crude oil spilled oil into the Columbia River. The article stated that there have been 27 incidents in the past decade where oil carrying trains have had derailments.
 - C. NCCISMA met February 2, 2017 at the AmVet Club to talk about management of invasive species

Old Business

5. Financial Integrity:
 - A. The treasurer's report indicated that as of December 31, 2016 we had \$90,047.57 available and were on budget for the year. Jim Bos moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Wayne Andersen – motion passed
 - B. A budget for 2017 was approved that projects an increase in spending over anticipated revenue by \$26,175. The budget includes an allowance for spending \$25,000 to support the engineering study of the railroad crossing that was in the 2016 budget but not spent.
6. Watershed Restoration/ River Management:
 - A. Restoration Committee:
 - The next meeting will be in March 2017, but no date has been set.
 - B. PMWC project planning document
 - Wayne Anderson passed out the PMWC project planning and progress summary.
 - Current Active projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - A request from the Pere Marquette Charter Township was approved (moved by Wayne Andersen and seconded by Tom Seroczynski) to provide a letter of support for their efforts to buy land from Dow Chemical for the purpose of putting the land into a conservation easement to prevent future development on PM Lake.
 - There was no update on the railroad crossing project due to the departure of the Forest Service Ranger, Pam Repp. Previously it had been reported that various parties are meeting to finalize documents and clarify matters regarding the engineering study. CRA

has obtained a grant from the Healing our Waters Great Lakes Association for \$15,000 to assist with the engineering study. \$9,000 will be for the engineering work and \$6,000 will be for project management.

- The habitat survey of the PM from the Forks to M-37 that TU will assist with is anticipated to be undertaken in 2017. Paul Bigford will invite Paul Kogelschatz, from CRA, and Jeremy Geist, from TU, to the March 2017 meeting to discuss coordination of the project.
- Public comment was taken on the Lower Branch access site that, as proposed, follows the 2008 River Plan. No follow-up information was available.
- Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management
 - No zoning review board scheduled.
 - The volunteer's meeting is scheduled for April 2017.
 - TFM application is scheduled for 2017 to be applied in either July or August.
- Future Projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management

C. Natural Rivers Zoning Review Board – The Board met on January 23 and approved two projects on the Big South. One project was to put a roof over a parked trailer and the other was to put a sloped roof on a cabin to replace a flat roof.

D. River Interns – The plan for two interns is in place but no applicants have been selected at this time.

7. Communication and Information

A. The next issue of the Mainstream is being organized by Paul Bigford who is seeking input regarding possible articles.

B. The web site is operational. Michael Hoag and Kim Engebretsen have looked at the site and made modifications to make the site more intuitive and easier to manage. Kim Engebretsen will managing the site.

8. Public Comment: No public comment.

New Business

9. New business –

A.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM

Next meeting will be held on March 4, 2017 at the Lake-Osceola State Bank at 9:00 AM.

Minutes submitted by Dave Gabrielson, Secretary

Schedule of meetings for 2017:

January – no meeting

February 4, 2017

March 4, 2017

April 1, 2017

May 6, 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