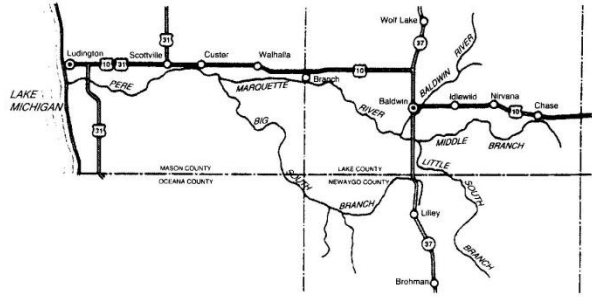


Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 212, Baldwin, Michigan 49304



Board of Directors' Meeting 9:00 A.M. August 6, 2016 Lake-Osceola State Bank, Baldwin Meeting Minutes

Administrative

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Paul Bigford at 9:07 a.m.
2. Attendance: Wayne Andersen, Paul Bigford, Jeff Carpenter, Dave Gabrielson, Marv Hanna, Michael Hoag, Scott Lachniet, Mark Raven, Tom Seroczynski, Chuck Turk
Excused: Jay Barnhart, Mike Batcke, Jim Bos, Marty Corson, John Karakashian
Absent:
Guests: No Guests
3. Minutes of the June 4, 2016 meeting of the PMWC. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Chuck Turk and seconded by Wayne Andersen – minutes were approved. Minutes of the July 16, 2016 meeting of the PMWC. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Marv Hanna and seconded by Chuck Turk – minutes were approved.
4. President's Notices:
 - A. Welcome Guest: No guests were present.
 - B. It was noted that the banquet and C4C were again successful. The meal was excellent. Many people liked not having the bucket raffle.
 - C. The dates for the event next year will be July 14 and 15, 2017

Old Business

5. Financial Integrity:
 - A. The treasurer's report was made by President Paul Bigford. As of 7/31/16 we had a balance of \$97,874.42. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Tom Seroczynski and seconded by Wayne Andersen. Motion was approved.
 - B. It was noted that the PMWC is likely to raise about \$13,000 from the C4C and the banquet and auction.
6. Watershed Restoration/ River Management:
 - A. Restoration Committee:
 - The next meeting will be 10 am August 30, 2016 at the Lake Osceola State Bank in Baldwin.
 - B. PMWC project planning document
 - Wayne Anderson passed out the PMWC project planning and progress summary.
 - Current Active projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - With regard to the rail road erosion site, we are awaiting proposals from 3 different firms, AECOM, Prein & Newhof, and Link Engineering. The due date for proposals is August 15. Once we receive the proposals we will begin the Quality Based Selection process. We will need a recommendation from the project selection committee to present to the Flint Rainbow Club Board at their October 18th meeting. Once the selected firm finishes design we will know how much money we need to raise and we can start gathering

construction bids. To proceed with construction will need to choose a design that is approved by the railroad company.

- The PM inventory is nearly complete, with only about 6 miles to go. CRA will be submitting a proposal to the DNR's Aquatic Habitat Program for approximately \$40,000 to complete a portion of the stabilization and habitat work identified by the inventory. CRA will continue to look for funding for these projects as well.
- Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management
 - Electroshocking survey will take place August 18 and 19, 2016
 - There is no sign of lamprey in Sweetwater Creek. It was noted that there were a lot of 4-6 inch rainbow trout and 3-5 inch brook trout.
 - Hazardous waste pick up is scheduled for August 20, 2016 in Mason County and October 8, 2016 in Lake County.
 - Water sampling-Wayne Anderson took water samples at 13 locations along the river during high water. Very low levels of phosphorus were detected. The highest readings came from the Black Creek tributaries from agricultural runoff. Wayne reported the river temperature is more important than phosphorus levels for alge bloom. We now have baseline data. Wayne will sample again in August during low clear flow.
- Future Projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - Cole Creek near Luther might be a good location for habitat improvement.
 - There are now 7 erosion sites that have been identified below the Walhalla Bridge and above Indian Bridge.
 - Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management

C. Natural Rivers Zoning Review Board – Nothing scheduled.

D. River Interns – Have been working steadily.

7. Communication and Information

A. The next issue of the Mainstream is almost ready. It will include updates on the railroad site, phosphorus testing, summery of Natural River Permits, and PMWC banquet.

B. A motion was made by Tom Seroczynski and seconded by Jeff Carpenter to revamp the PMWC web site and evaluate the best was to maintain the site. Motion passed. Paul Bigford will make contact with several web site managers to get information.

8. Public Comment: None

New Business

9. New business –

A. No new business

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 AM

Next meeting will be held on September 3, 2016 at the Lake-Osceola State Bank at 9:00 AM.

Minutes submitted by Dave Gabrielson