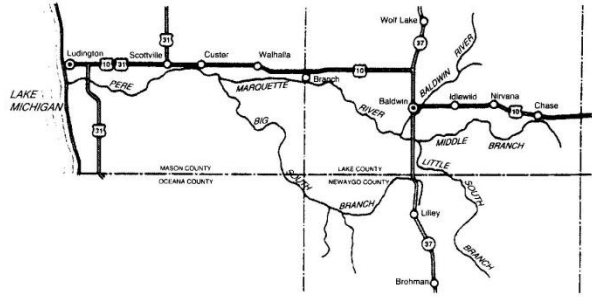


Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 212, Baldwin, Michigan 49304



Board of Directors' Meeting 10:00 A.M. April 6, 2019 Lake-Osceola State Bank, Baldwin, MI Meeting Minutes

Administrative

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Bos at 10:00 AM
2. Attendance: Paul Bigford, Jim Bos, Jeff Carpenter, Marv Hanna, Scott Lachniet, Mark Raven, Dick Schwikert
Excused: Jay Barnhart, Mike Batcke, Ian Davison, Dave Gabrielson, Troy Harrison, Michael Hoag, John Karakashian, Tom Seroczynski, Chuck Turk
Absent:
Guests:
3. Minutes of the February 2, 2019 meeting of the PMWC. March 2 meeting minutes were reviewed, but no action was taken due to the lack of a quorum.
4. President's Notices:
 - A. Welcome Guest:
 - B. Past President Bigford reported a ransom ware attack on the PMWC website. Our website manager will be contacted to see if modifications need to be made to the website. There is no apparent damage to the website and no ransom was paid.
 - C. The Fish and Wildlife Division reports that there will be TFM treatment of the Manistee Watershed beginning in late August. The Muskegon Watershed will be treated in early September.
 - D. A request was received from CRA to send a letter of support for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation "Support Our Great Lakes" program.
 - E. On April 3 the Forest Service has issued a request for public comment on three projects on the Pere Marquette River at Lower Branch, Logmark, and Maple Leaf. The details of these projects are available separately. Jim Bos will contact the Forest Service about why there is a second period of public comment requested for the Logmark and Lower Branch projects.
 - F. The right of way trimming float is scheduled for May 16.

Old Business

5. Financial Integrity:
 - A. The treasurer's report was not given due to the absence of treasurer Jay Barnhart.
 - B.
6. Watershed Restoration/ River Management:
 - A. Restoration Committee: A Restoration Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 26, 2019.
 - B. PMWC project planning document
 - PMWC project planning and progress summary.
 - Current Active projects

- River Improvement Projects
 - RR erosion site update: Paul Kogelschatz contacted the Genesee and Wyoming Company and shared all three proposals for remediation of the site. The railroad prefers option 3 and declares that they would like to perform their own engineering review at the Watershed Council's expense. The consensus of the group present at the meeting is that the request that we finance another engineering study is unreasonable. A May 13 meeting with Fly fishing Federation of Michigan and Senator Bumstead is planned in Grand Rapids. Senator VanderWall has arranged a meeting with the Michigan Railroad Association to discuss the issue. Currently no more media coverage is planned until local legislators have been informed, including the office of Senator Peters.
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- Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management
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- Future Projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - Policy, Legal, and Engineering Projects

C. Natural Rivers Zoning Review Board –. A meeting is scheduled for April 15 at the Historical Museum. A review of a request for riverside construction on an existing home on the Middle Branch is scheduled.

7. Communication and Information

A. Mainstream Newsletter: A President's Letter and Banquet reminder will be mailed in June.

8. Public Comment - None

New Business

9. New business:

- A. The annual banquet is set for July 13 at the Baldwin AMVETS Post on 24th Street. Caterer is secured. Acquisition of raffle items is underway.
- B. Cast for Conservation will be based at the Kinney Creek Club and is fully subscribed.
- C. The terms of Tom Seroczynski, Dave Gabrielson, Marv Hanna, Chuck Turk, Dick Schwikert, and Jay Barnhart are all expiring. Replacements will be sought for those who do not wish to have their terms renewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM

Minutes submitted by Dave Gabrielson, Secretary

Schedule of remaining meetings for 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