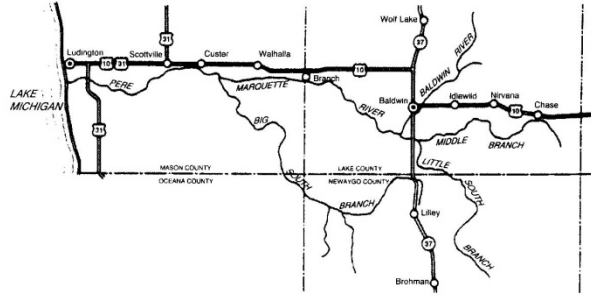


Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 212, Baldwin, Michigan 49304



Board of Directors' Meeting 10:00 A.M. August 5th, 2019 Lake-Osceola State Bank, Baldwin, MI Meeting Minutes

Administrative

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Bos at 10:00 a.m.
2. Attendance: Jim Bos, Tom Seroczynski, Ian Davison, Jay Barnhart, Mark Anderson, Jeff Carpenter, Jason Hackney, Mike Hoag, Matt Jacobson, Scott Lachniet, Mark Raven, Dick Schwikert

Excused: Mike Batcke, John Karakashian, Paul Bigford, Marv Hanna.

Absent:

Guests: Dave Gabrielson

3. The minutes of the June 1, 2019 and July 13th, 2019 Board of Directors' meetings were approved with corrections: motion proposed by Carpenter, seconded by Lachniet.
4. Election of officers for 2019-20.
The following were re-elected
 - President – Jim Bos president
 - Vice President – Tom Seroczynski
 - Treasurer – Jay BarnhartThe following was elected
 - Secretary – Ian Davison
5. President's Notices:
President Boss:
 - A. Indicated a card had been received from Pete DeBorg (Land Conservancy) thanking PMWC;
 - B. Gave an update on a visit to the railroad erosion site by State Senator Curt Vanderwall that was attended by representatives of the railroad who indicated verbally that the railroad: a) was supportive of remediation option 2, b) would waive fees, c) might provide in kind-help including allowing materials to be delivered to the site via the railbed. The latter would avoid the need to build a temporary road to deliver construction materials. Vicki J. Pontz, Chair of the Michigan Natural Resources Commission also attended the site visit and indicated her support of the project.
 - C. Expressed his thanks to Dave Gabrielson for his service as a Board member and secretary of the PMWC.

Old Business

5. Financial Integrity:
 - A. Treasurer's Report: Jay Barnhart indicated that revenue had exceeded the budgeted amount (\$25,455.63 and \$20,725.00, respectively) and that expenses to date (\$3,580.58) were less than the budgeted amount (\$41,500.00). Consequently, the year to date balance was \$21,875.05 compared to the approved annual deficit of -\$20,775.00. The PMWC overall balance stands at \$120,637.48. The preliminary figures for the Cast for Conservation and annual

banquet indicated that these generated approximately \$14,500 in net revenue. The Treasurer's report was approved (motion proposed by Mark Anderson, seconded by Mark Raven).

6. Watershed Restoration/River Management:

A. RR erosion site update (also see President's report)

- a) Lake County Community Foundation is considering the PMWC proposal for funding for the railroad project together with three other proposals.
- b) There is an opportunity to apply for a grant from Fly Fishers International (\$1,500 from the state and \$2,500 from the national organization); this would be renewable for up to three years.
- c) There is shortfall in the amount required to complete the final design of the bank restoration project. The PM Chapter of Trout Unlimited is considering providing the required amount. A motion was proposed by Barnhart and seconded by Davison that the PMWC would provide the required amount (\$19,000) in the event the funds were not forthcoming from Trout Unlimited. The commitment of these funds would be in addition to the \$25,000 in the current annual budget and would take the total PMWC contribution to \$69,000. Motion passed.

B. Restoration Committee: No report.

C. PMWC Project Planning/Progress Summary: No report.

D. Natural River Zoning Review Board: No reports.

7. Communication & Information:

A. Mainstream Newsletter: Board members were encouraged to send ideas for topics to Paul Bigford.

B. Mark Anderson volunteered to assume responsibility for the PMWC web site and will explore providing an online donation form and an electronic payment system.

New Business

9. Cast for Conservation and Annual Banquet: The board decided that the dates for the 2020 Cast for Conservation and Annual Banquet will be Friday July 10th and Saturday July 11th, respectively. This will mark the 50th anniversary of the PMWC and an *ad-hoc* committee will be appointed at the October meeting to plan the celebrations.

10. Public Comment: None

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM

Next meeting will be held on September 7th, 2019 at the Lake Osceola State Bank in Baldwin, MI at 10:00 am

Minutes submitted by Ian Davison, Secretary

Next Meetings:

October 5, 2019

November 2, 2019

December 7, 2019