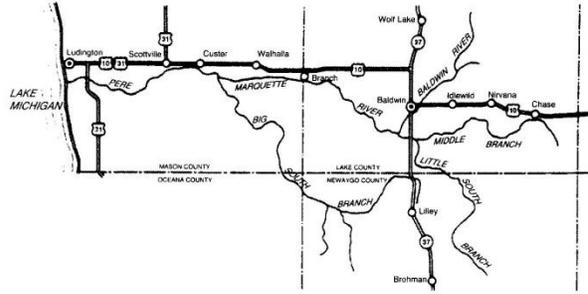


# Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 212, Baldwin, Michigan 49304



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

### Administrative

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Paul Bigford at 9:03 a.m.
2. Attendance: Wayne Andersen, Paul Bigford, Jay Barnhart, Mike Batcke, Jim Bos, Jeff Carpenter, Dave Gabrielson, Marv Hanna, Michael Hoag, John Karakashian, Scott Lachniet, Tom Seroczynski, Chuck Turk  
Excused: Marty Corson, Mark Raven  
Absent:  
Guests:
3. Minutes of the December 5, 2015 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: No guests were present
  - B. Trout Unlimited is expecting to sponsor a symposium on the New Zealand Mud Snail – no date has been set

### Old Business

5. Financial Integrity:
  - A. The treasurer's report was made by Jay Barnhart. The 2015 year-end financial report was given. Our balance as of 12/31/15 was \$81,498.74. A motion to approve the report was made by Jim Bos and seconded by Wayne Andersen. Motion passed
  - B. The revenue for 2015 was less than or budgeted expectation due to decreases in membership revenue and a decrease in donations.
  - C. The 2016 spending plan was presented and following discussion a motion to approve the plan was made by Jim Bos and seconded by Wayne Andersen. Motion passed
6. Watershed Restoration/ River Management:
  - A. Restoration Committee:
    - Kim Balke will be phasing out as the CRA representative and Paul Kogelschatz will phase in as her replacement. CRA will be looking for projects to partner with us.
    - The next meeting is scheduled for 2/23/2016 at 10 AM in the Lake-Osceola State Bank meeting room, but no agenda has been proposed so the meeting may be cancelled.
  - B. Jim Bos reported that TU has formed a new chapter in our watershed. A fund raising event has been scheduled for June 4, 2016. This date will not interfere with the PMWC banquet. Jim also informed the new chapter of two of our primary activities – the rail road crossing erosion site and invasive species. TU has a meeting scheduled for February and we will wait for the outcome of that meeting before deciding on how we might partner with them of projects. One area of partnership might be on conducting a habitat survey and habitat improvement projects.
  - C. Pam Repp, USFS, hosted a meeting on Wednesday regarding the railroad erosion site. Unfortunately the Rail road called 30 minutes before the scheduled start of the meeting and cancelled. Pam Repp will be invited to the March Board meeting to discuss what next steps should be taken to try and engage the railroad in the process.
  - D. PMWC project planning document

- Wayne Anderson passed out the PMWC project planning and progress summary.
  - Current Active projects
    - River Improvement Projects
      - The Forest Service will be invited to the March 2016 meeting to give an update on the Logmark site and others regarding improvements to the launching and landing sites in the area.
    - Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management
      - The next TFM application is set for 2017
      - The Upper Manistee and Au Sable River Group will be hosting the next volunteer meeting. The date and location are not yet determined.
      - Over 75 volunteers showed up for a meeting to discuss the coordination of efforts to deal with invasive species in the watershed. The meeting focused on developing and inventory and management of the invasive species.
  - Future Projects
    - Wayne Anderson brought up the possibility of doing tributary testing to determine phosphorus levels as baseline data for future projects. Wayne will bring datasheets and information regarding potential testing labs to help estimate costs for this project.
      - A motion was made to spend up to \$1,500 to cover the costs of water sampling at sites where tributaries flowed into the PM by Jay Barnhart and seconded by Jeff Carpenter - motion passed
    - A study is underway to look at river access sites at the Lower Branch and Logmark sites that are in line with the river plan.
    - River Improvement Projects
    - Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management

D. Natural Rivers Zoning Review Board – The Board approved a request from Whirlpool Corporation to remove an existing building and replace the building with new construction. The Board also worked with a home owner whose contractor constructed a patio area that had not been approved in the original plan. An agreement was worked out and a retroactive permit was granted.

#### 7. Communication and Information

The Mainstream was sent out December 2, 2015.

It was noted that the website is being updated. Mike Batcke will work with our tech consultant to develop strategies for keeping the site current.

#### 8. Public Comment:

### **New Business**

#### 9. No new business –

A. A used drift boat and trailer was donated to the PMWC. After discussion it was decided to accept the donation and ask StealthCraft Boats to refurbish the boat and either sell the boat or use it at the July 2016 Banquet. A motion was made by Jim Bos and seconded by Dave Gabrielson to spend up to \$1,000 to refurbish the boat. – motion passed.

B. There was discussion about the implications of HB 4540, a bill proposed by House Republicans, that would have made it difficult for the public to see information about pipelines in Michigan. On the surface, this bill contains language the deals with cybersecurity and critical infrastructure concerns.

**Sponsors:**Kurt Heise (primary)Mike Callton, Andrea LaFontaine, Lisa Lyons, David Maturen,

Jason Sheppard, Jon Bumstead, Paul Muxlow, Eric Leutheuser, Bruce Rendon, Rick Outman, Ed McBroom

The bill was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Ethics where it was read and recorded. It has been referred to the Committee on Natural Resources and has had substitute language in the referred bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM

**Next meeting will be held March 5, 2016 at Lake-Osceola State Bank at 9AM.**

Minutes submitted by Dave Gabrielson