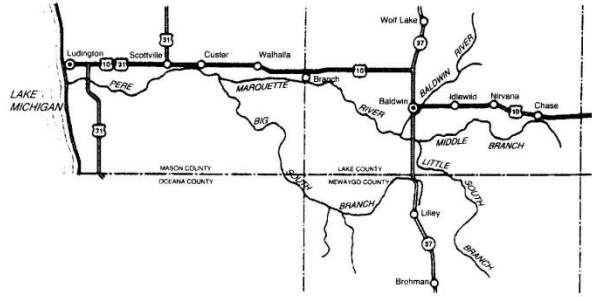


Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 212, Baldwin, Michigan 49304



Board of Directors' Meeting 10:00 A.M. May 5, 2018 Lake-Osceola State Bank, Baldwin, MI Meeting Minutes

Administrative

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Paul Bigford at 10:00 a.m.
2. Attendance: Mike Batcke, Jay Barnhart, Paul Bigford, Jeff Carpenter, Marv Hanna, Michael Hoag, John Karakashian, Scott Lachniet, Mark Raven, Tom Seroczynski, Chuck Turk
Excused: Jim Bos, Dave Gabrielson
Absent:
Guests: Dick Schwikert
3. Minutes of the April 7, 2018 meeting of the PMWC. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jeff Carpenter and seconded by Tom Seroczynski – minutes were approved.
4. President's Notices:
 - A. Welcome Guest: President Bigford welcomed the guests in attendance
 - B. Flygals asked to use an excerpt from the recent Mainstream for their newsletter.
 - C. Diane Walker retirement: Pres. Bigford will send a letter of recognition on behalf of PMWC.
 - D. The navigational trimming float is scheduled for May 24
 - E. CRA River Restoration Committee meeting will be held on May 29 at Lake Osceola Bank.

Old Business

5. Financial Integrity:
 - A. The treasurer's report was presented by Jay Barnhart. Disbursement of \$6,000 was made to CRA toward the railroad embankment project. A \$450 disbursement was made for our share of the Natural River informational brochure. Report approved on a motion by Jeff Carpenter and seconded by Tom Seroczynski.
6. Watershed Restoration/ River Management:
 - A. Restoration Committee: PM River Restoration Committee meeting will be June 29 at 10 a.m. at the Lake Osceola State Bank.
 - B. The PMWC Zoning Review Board brochure was presented.
 - A copy of the brochure will be included in the banquet invitation mailing.
 - Copies will be supplied to the township offices for distribution with building permit applications.
 - Copies will be sent to the local realtors.
 - Wayne Anderson will be contacted about the computer template for watershed river management.
 - Paul Richard's project on the Big South was denied a permit and he is formulating an alternative plan.
 - Pres. Bigford will investigate the apparently unpermitted demolition of a cabin at the Lumberjack Access.
 - No meeting scheduled for May.
 - C. PMWC project planning document
 - PMWC project planning and progress summary.

- Current Active projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - Railroad Erosion site – A webinar is to be held on Monday, May 7, to discuss alternative remediation plans. Anticipated cost for the remediation project is \$200,000.
 - Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management
 - Big Star Lake Drain: A detailed permit for the 2017 drain project has been discovered. It, however, does not incorporate any of the language regarding temperature parameters governing discharge from the lake that was a part of the December, 1987 permit. After a three way discussion between Paul Bigford, Eric Lewis, and Jim Bos, Pres. Bigford has written a letter of concern that has been sent by registered mail to Lake County officials, the Rod and Gun Club, DEQ offices in Gaylord and Cadillac, the Lake County Road Commission, the Lake Township engineer, and Mark Tonello at the DNR Fisheries Division. We are awaiting responses.
- Future Projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - Policy, Legal, and Engineering Projects

D. Natural Rivers Zoning Review Board –.

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E. River Interns – Two interns have been selected for the 2018 season

7. Communication and Information

- A. The Banquet is scheduled for July 14. The Cast for Conservation is fully subscribed with 11 teams enrolled. The Banquet Committee will meet immediately after the June meeting.

8. Public Comment - None

New Business

9. New business –

- A. None

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM

Minutes submitted by Scott Lachniet, Acting Secretary

Schedule of meetings for 2018

June 2, 2018

July – no meeting – meeting to elect Board members will be held during the banquet on the 14th

August 4, 2018

September 8, 2018 – Labor Day is Monday the 3rd so to avoid the weekend conflict meet on the 8th

October 6, 2018

November 3, 2018

December 1, 2018