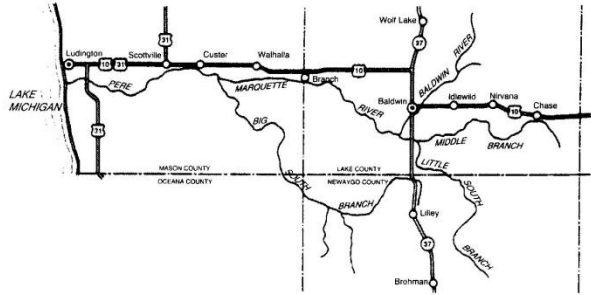


# Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 212, Baldwin, Michigan 49304



## Board of Directors' Meeting 9:00 A.M. December 3, 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, Jim Bos, Jay Barnhart, Jeff Carpenter, Dave Gabrielson, Marv Hanna, Michael Hoag, Scott Lachniet, Mark Raven, Tom Seroczynski, Chuck Turk  
Excused: Mike Batcke, John Karakashian  
Absent:  
Guests: No guests
3. Minutes of the November 5, 2016 meeting of the PMWC. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Bos and seconded by Jeff Carpenter – minutes were approved.
4. President's Notices:
  - A. Welcome Guest:
  - B. Jim Bos and Paul Bigford will be attending a meeting of the Michigan Resource Stewards at Jay's Sporting Goods in Clare MI. the purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the recent interest expressed by the MUCC in overturning the recent chumming ban.
  - C. The Nestle bottled water facility in Evert is asking to increase the water use from 250 gallons per minute to 400 gallons per minute. There will be public hearings to listen to area resident's concerns.

### Old Business

5. Financial Integrity:
  - A. The treasurer's report indicated that as of November 30, 2016 we had \$92,728.81 available and that depending on when the RR crossing erosion site engineering report gets done, we will be on budget for the year. Jeff Carpenter moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Chuck Turk – motion passed
6. Watershed Restoration/ River Management:
  - A. Restoration Committee:
    - The next meeting will be in February 2017, but no date has been set.
  - B. PMWC project planning document
    - Wayne Anderson passed out the PMWC project planning and progress summary.
      - Current Active projects
        - River Improvement Projects
          - Various parties are meeting to finalize documents and clarify matters regarding the engineering study. CRA has obtained a grant from the Healing our Waters Great Lakes Association for \$15,000 to assist with the engineering study. \$9,000 will be for the engineering work and \$6,000 will be for project management.
          - The habitat survey of the PM from the Forks to M-37 that TU will assist with is anticipated to be undertaken in 2017. Paul Bigford will invite Paul Kogelschatz, from CRA, and Jeremy Geist, from TU, to the February 2017 meeting to discuss coordination of the project.

- Public comment is being taken on the Lower Branch access site that, as proposed, follows the 2008 River Plan. Comments can be submitted online at [http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=48386](http://data.ecosystem-management.org/nepaweb/nepa_project_exp.php?project=48386)
- Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management
  - No zoning review board scheduled.
  - Electroshocking was done in August, informal observations included the presence of many small rainbows, no brown trout over 20 inches. Final data are not available.
  - Engineering firms are looking at bank stabilization near the Chinnery site near PM Lake.
- Future Projects
  - River Improvement Projects
  - Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management

C. Natural Rivers Zoning Review Board – Nothing scheduled.

D. River Interns – River interns' logs received and are being reviewed. River interns will be encouraged to spend more time talking with people at launch sites regarding responsible behaviors and enforcement issues.

7. Communication and Information

A. The next issue of the Mainstream is ready. The Mainstream newsletter is being organized by Paul Bigford to include the banquet summary and forms for the foundation and membership renewals.

B. The web site is nearly operational. Michael Hoag and Kim Engebretsen have looked at the site and made modifications to make the site more intuitive and easier to manage. Kim Engebretsen will managing the site once the scope of the site is determined and a budget is set.

8. Public Comment: No public comment.

**New Business**

9. New business –

A. A committee has been formed to look at using the AmVet club in Baldwin for the 2017 annual banquet. Jay Barnhart moved and Paul Bigford seconded a motion that the PMWC spend up to \$500 to rent the facility if the committee (Mike Hoag, Paul Bigford, Wayne Andersen, and Jay Barnhart) decided to reserve the building – motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM

**Next meeting will be held on February 4, 2017 at the Lake-Osceola State Bank at 9:00 AM.**

Minutes submitted by Dave Gabrielson, Secretary

Schedule of meetings for 2017:

January – no meeting

February 4, 2017

March 4, 2017

April 1, 2017

May 6, 2017

June 3, 2017

July 15, 2017 – note that the July meeting is held during the evening of the annual banquet

August 5, 2017

September 9, 2017 – note that this is the second Saturday due to Labor Day being on the 4<sup>th</sup>

October 7, 2017

November 4, 2017

December 2, 2017