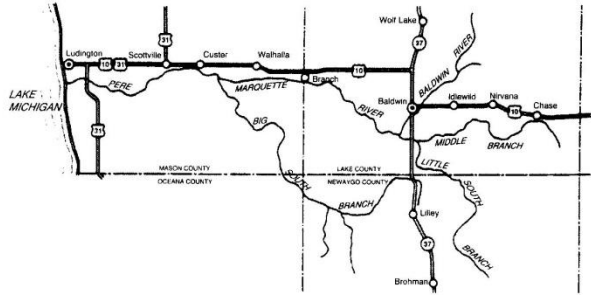


Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 212, Baldwin, Michigan 49304



Board of Directors' Meeting 9:00 A.M. June 4, 2016 Lake-Osceola State Bank, Baldwin Meeting Minutes

Administrative

1. Meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Tom Seroczynski at 9:04 a.m.
2. Attendance: Wayne Andersen, Mike Batcke, Jim Bos, Jeff Carpenter, Marty Corson, Dave Gabrielson, Marv Hanna, Michael Hoag, Scott Lachniet, Mark Raven, Tom Seroczynski, Chuck Turk
Excused: Jay Barnhart, Paul Bigford, John Karakashian
Absent:
Guests: Jason Hackney
3. Minutes of the May 7, 2016 meeting of the PMWC. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Chuck Turk and seconded by Wayne Andersen – minutes were approved.
4. President's Notices:
 - A. Welcome Guest: Welcomed Jason Hackney who is the nephew of Michael Hoag. Jason is a management major and as a project for college will be doing a management plan for the PMWC.
 - B. A TU fundraiser will occur at the PM River Lodge on June 4, 2016. A private company has been hired to run their online auction.
 - C. Jeff Carpenter reported that the C4C is full, however, one team is short a member. Dave Gabrielson volunteered to fill out the team.
 - D. Michael Hoag Wayne Andersen, and Tm Seroczynski from the banquet prize committee said things were well underway, but they could use a few more live auction items.

Old Business

5. Financial Integrity:
 - A. Due to the excused absence of Jay Barnhart, there was no treasurer's report.
6. Watershed Restoration/ River Management:
 - A. Restoration Committee:
 - No meetings have been held since March. The next meeting will be 10 am June 28, 2016 at the Lake Osceola State Bank in Baldwin.
 - B. PMWC project planning document
 - Wayne Anderson passed out the PMWC project planning and progress summary.
 - Current Active projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - Right-of-way trimming from M- 37 launch, to Bowman Bridge landing was a success. Pam Repp from the USFS was able to go with the group.
 - Lower Branch Launch Site-A decision on what action to take will be made based on the 2008 River plan and implementation will take place in 2017. Comments on the project can be sent to Kathy Bietau of USFS. Her email address is: kbietau@fs.fed.us
 - Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management

- Water sampling-Wayne Anderson took water samples at 13 locations along the river during high water. Very low levels of phosphorus were detected. The highest readings came from the Black Creek tributaries from agricultural runoff. Wayne reported the river temperature is more important than phosphorus levels for alge bloom. We now have baseline data. Wayne will sample again in the middle of the summer\mid August during low clear flow. The cost of resampling is \$250.
- Future Projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - The upper Baldwin project may need for someone like the CRA to make recommendations.
 - There may be a problem with phosphorus levels in the Canon Ranch area as indicated by the presence of atypical vegetation in the water.
 - Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management
- C. Natural Rivers Zoning Review Board – There is a proposal for the construction of a cabin on the Irvine property. The DEQ needs to make an assessment first since there is an area in the 100-year flood plain that will require a culvert where the entry road is planned.
- D. River Interns - Paul Bigford will send out an email with summer intern names and their starting date.
- 7. Communication and Information
 - A. The next issue of the Mainstream is almost ready. It will include updates on the railroad site, phosphorus testing, summery of Natural River Permits, and PMWC banquet.
 - B. Mike Batcke reported on the website progress. Mike has updated some information but PFD's and photos are missing from the website. The person managing our website has been ill and not able to keep up with changes. Paul Bigford, Dave Gabrielson and Mike Batche will meet with the webmaster to try to restore lost content with a memory stick of information from past secretary of PMWC.
- 8. Public Comment: None

New Business

- 9. New business –
 - A. The following motin was made by Jim Bos and seconded by Wayne Andersen: The PMWC Board of Directors supports a Sate-wide ban on chumming on all designated trout steams in Michigan. Passed unanimously. There will be a public hearing in Gaylord at Jay's Sporting Goods on June 9th, 2016 at approximately 4 pm. Public comment will be made there.
 - B. Vicki Sawicki is is putting together a grant proposal to purchase and support washing stations to try and help control the New Zealand Mud Snail. She is looking for multiple partners to support the grant initiative. Jim Bos moved and Jeff Carpenter seconded a motion that the PMWC add our names in support fo the grant. Motion passed

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM

Next meeting will be held during the annual banquet on July 16, 2016 at Fin and Feather Club in Scottville at approximately 7 PM.

Minutes submitted by Dave Gabrielson