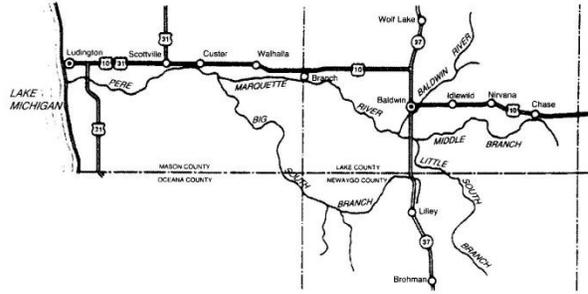


Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 212, Baldwin, Michigan 49304



Board of Directors' Meeting 9:00 A.M. September 3, 2016 Lake-Osceola State Bank, Baldwin Meeting Minutes

Administrative

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Paul Bigford at 9:07 a.m.
2. Attendance: Wayne Andersen, Paul Bigford, Jim Bos, Scott Lachniet, Mark Raven, Tom Seroczynski, Chuck Turk
Excused: Jay Barnhart, Mike Batcke, Jeff Carpenter, Marty Corson, Dave Gabrielson, Marv Hanna, Michael Hoag, John Karakashian
Absent:
Guests: Tom Mc Graw from the Pere Marquette Rod and Gun Club, Dick Schwikert
3. Minutes of the August 6, 2016 meeting of the PMWC. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Wayne Andersen and seconded by Jim Bos – minutes were approved.
4. President's Notices:
 - A. Welcome Guest: President Bigford welcomed Tom McGraw
 - B. It was noted that the banquet and C4C were again successful. The banquet and C4C raised about \$13,000. A formal report for the banquet and C4C will be made at the October meeting.
 - C. The dates for the event next year will be July 14 and 15, 2017

Old Business

5. Financial Integrity:
 - A. The treasurer's report was not available due to the absence of Treasurer Jay Barnhart
6. Watershed Restoration/ River Management:
 - A. Restoration Committee:
 - The next meeting will be 10 am August 30, 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
 - With regard to the rail road erosion site, The Flint Rainbow Club has received bids from two firms and is forming a committee to evaluate the bids. Paul Bigford will represent the PMWC on the committee. A meeting of the Rainbow Club Membership on October 18 will be used to formally accept the bid. Scope of work is to include site testing, and design and implementation of a remediation plan.
 - The PM inventory is nearly complete, with only about 6 miles to go. CRA will be submitting a proposal to the DNR's Aquatic Habitat Program for approximately \$40,000 to complete a portion of the stabilization and habitat work identified by the inventory. CRA will continue to look for funding for these projects as well.

- Improvement of road crossing of Sanborn Creek nearly complete. Tank Creek crossing project complete.
 - Coldwater Steering Committee meeting scheduled for late September.
 - No zoning review board scheduled.
 - A DEQ list of dams in the watershed was distributed and considerable anecdotal discussion ensued.
 - Electroshocking was done in August, informal observations included the presence of many small rainbows, no brown trout over 20 inches.
 - Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management
 - Hazardous waste pick up is scheduled for October 8, 2016 in Lake County.
 - Water sampling- Wayne Anderson collected and submitted a second set of water samples for phosphorus testing. Results should be available for the next meeting.
 - Future Projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - Cole Creek near Luther might be a good location for habitat improvement.
 - There are now 7 erosion sites that have been identified below the Walhalla Bridge and above Indian Bridge.
 - Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management
 - C. Natural Rivers Zoning Review Board – Nothing scheduled.
 - D. River Interns – River interns' logs received and are being reviewed.
7. Communication and Information
- A. The next issue of the Mainstream is almost ready. Mainstream newsletter is being organized by Paul Bigford to include electroshocking report and banquet summary.
 - B. The web site is operational but out of date.
8. Public Comment: Dick Schwikert reported that the Property Owners' Association is seeking 501 (c) (3) Status and is planning to explore the issue of riparian rights.

New Business

9. New business –

- A. The election of officers was postponed until the October meeting.
- B. Silt release update: Tom Mc Graw, representing the Rod and Gun Club, presented a detailed report on the Danaher Creek Dam. The Dam is scheduled for inspection every two years. The DEQ asked for this year's to include an inspection of the lower gates and an engineering plan was devised and submitted, approved by the DEQ, and permitted specifying a draw-down of 12 inches per day. At some point the club manager noticed dark silty water in the creek and slowed the discharge. The DEQ has subsequently modified the plan to decrease the rate of draw down by 50%. The long term effect on the river is felt to be minimal and any fish kill is felt to have been confined to the Danaher Pond itself. The pond level must be decreased by 3-4 more feet to complete the inspection, and this will be done with the aid of a temporary coffer dam to be placed approximately 30 feet above the current dam. Fabrication of the coffer dam will take 2-3 weeks.
The project was conducted in compliance with the DEQ permit and the unfortunate siltation event seems to represent the sometimes unpredictable consequences inherent in this type of project.
- C. The MLCDD has requested assistance for an invasive species program and consideration of this was deferred until more information is available.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM

Next meeting will be held on October 1, 2016 at the Lake-Osceola State Bank at 9:00 AM.

Minutes submitted by Scott Lachniet