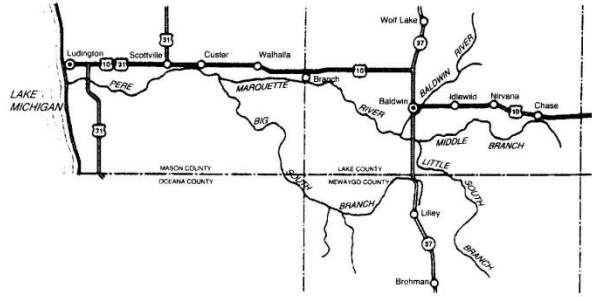


Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 212, Baldwin, Michigan 49304



Board of Directors' Meeting 10:00 A.M. August 4, 2018 Lake-Osceola State Bank, Baldwin, MI Meeting Minutes

Administrative

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Paul Bigford at 10:04 AM
2. Attendance: Paul Bigford, Jay Barnhart, Jim Bos, Jeff Carpenter, Dave Gabrielson, Michael Hoag, John Karakashian, Mark Raven, Tom Seroczynski
Excused: Mike Batcke, Ian Davison, Marv Hanna, Troy Harrison, Scott Lachniet, Chuck Turk
Absent:
Guests: Dick Schwikert, Matt Ostrowski
3. Minutes of the June 2, 2018 meeting of the PMWC. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Bos and seconded by Tom Seroczynski— minutes were approved. Minutes of the July 14, 2018 meeting of the PMWC. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jeff Carpenter and seconded by Jim Bos – minutes were approved.
4. President's Notices:
 - A. Welcome Guest: President Bigford welcomed the guest in attendance
 - B. President Bigford shared a notice from Paul Kogelschatz of the CRA regarding a visit from US Senator Gary Peters. Senator Peters will be at the Baldwin/White Cloud Ranger Station at 9 am on August 10th for a meet and greet. The Senator will tour two areas, the Sanborn Creek road/creek crossing stabilization site and the PM railroad erosion site. One to three people from each organization are invited to attend.

Old Business

5. Financial Integrity:
 - A. The treasurer's report was presented by Jay Barnhart. The PMWC has a total fund balance of \$105,375.68 which includes \$78,911.90 in the general fund with the remaining assets in four different dedicated funds. It is estimated that the PMWC will have another \$12-\$13,000 in revenue due to the income from the C4C and annual banquet. Jay will report on endowment income at a future meeting. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Jim Bos and seconded by Tom Seroczynski— report was approved.
6. Watershed Restoration/ River Management:
 - A. Restoration Committee: The next PM River Restoration Committee meeting will be held August 28th at 10 a.m. at the Lake Osceola State Bank. The AECOM preliminary engineering study will be discussed at the meeting. The preliminary study presented three stabilization options with estimated costs.
 - Option 1. This plan called for a woody debris structure to stabilize the bank and a 15 foot wide flat buffer zone between the bank and the woody debris. The inside bend of the stream would be moved a corresponding width to accommodate the buffer zone. Estimated cost was \$270,000.
 - Option 2. This plan called for rock armoring of the bank and flattening the slope to enable vegetation of the slope. The inside bend of the stream would be moved a corresponding width to accommodate the flattening of the slope. Estimated cost was \$209,500.
 - Option3. This plan called for sheet steel piling and rock armoring of the bank in its existing location. The inside bend of the stream would not be moved. Estimated cost was \$355,000.

- An informal survey of the PMWC Board members in attendance showed a preference for Option 2 (24 points) followed by Option 3 (17 points) and Option 1 (11 points)

A motion for the PMWC to go on record as favoring option 2 was made by Jim Bos and seconded by Jay Barnhart. – motion passed

B. PMWC project planning document

- PMWC project planning and progress summary.
 - Current Active projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - Railroad Erosion site – see previous statement in the minutes.
 - 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.
 - The letters were sent by registered mail and we are still waiting for responses.
 - Future Projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - Policy, Legal, and Engineering Projects

C. Natural Rivers Zoning Review Board –. No meeting in August

D. There was a general discussion about how to begin early planning for the annual banquet and C4C in 2019. Preliminary dates have been set. July 12, 13 for 2019 and July 10, 11 for 2020. The date that the PMWC filed its original articles of incorporation was September 20, 1971. Restated Articles of Incorporation were filed on March 5, 1993. The PMWC will be fifty years old in 2021 if the original filing of the Articles of Incorporation are used as the starting date for the organization.

7. Communication and Information

- Two new directors were added to the PMWC Board.
 - Ian Davison – 2 year replacement term
 - Troy Harrison – 3 year term
- The following members were reelected to three year terms
 - Jim Bos
 - John Karakashian
 - Scott Lachniet
 - Mark Raven

8. Public Comment – Matt Ostrowski spoke about his appreciation for the work that the PMWC was doing. He is concerned about the sand levels in the Middle branch. A neighbor of his on the Middle Branch had invited him to the banquet. Matt's comments led to general discussion about how to reach more people with news about the banquet and fund raising auction. Dick Schwikert recommended the book Cold Running River as a good read regarding the issues we face on the PM.

New Business

9. New business –

- A. the following officers were unanimously elected for the 2018/2019 term.
- Jim Bos – President
 - Tom Seroczynski – Vice President
 - Jay Barnhart – Treasurer
 - Dave Gabrielson - Secretary

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM

Minutes submitted by Dave Gabrielson, Secretary

Schedule of remaining meetings for 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