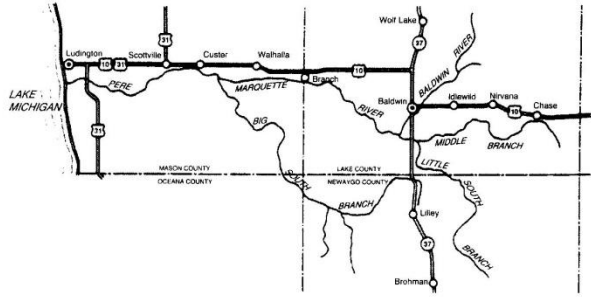


Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 212, Baldwin, Michigan 49304



Board of Directors' Meeting 9:00 A.M. October 1, 2016 Lake-Osceola State Bank, Baldwin Meeting Minutes

Administrative

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Paul Bigford at 9:08 a.m.
2. Attendance: Paul Bigford, Jim Bos, Jay Barnhart, Mike Batcke, Jeff Carpenter, Dave Gabrielson, Michael Hoag, Mark Raven, Tom Seroczynski
Excused: Wayne Andersen, John Karakashian, Marv Hanna, Scott Lachniet, Chuck Turk
Absent:
Guests:
3. Minutes of the September 3, 2016 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:
 - B. The dates for the C4C and banquet event next year will be July 14 and 15, 2017

Old Business

5. Financial Integrity:
 - A. The treasurer's report indicated that as of September 30, 2016 we had \$93,002.07 available and that depending on when the RR crossing erosion site engineering report gets done, we will be on budget for the year. Jim Bos moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Tom Seroczynski – motion passed
6. Watershed Restoration/ River Management:
 - A. Restoration Committee:
 - The next meeting will be 10 am October 25, 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. CRA will be submitting a grant to Healing our Waters Great Lakes Association for \$15,000 to assist with the engineering study.
 - The PM inventory is complete. 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. The CRA has received a \$850,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for continued work to improve Sanborn Creek.

- - 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.
 - 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
 - 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 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:

New Business

9. New business –

A. The election of officers was as follows Paul Bigford, President; Tom Seroczynski, Vice-president; Jay Barnhart, Treasurer; Dave Gabrielson, Secretary. The motion for approval was made by Jim Bos and seconded by Jeff Carpenter – motion passed. Following the election of officers, there was a vigorous discussion regarding creating a position of assistant secretary with unanimous support for Scott Lachniet getting this honor. A number of members stated that they believed that Scott was gifted in his ability to craft and accurate rendition of our meetings. No formal motion was made due to the feeling that Scott should be present to defend himself.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM

Next meeting will be held on November 5, 2016 at the Lake-Osceola State Bank at 9:00 AM.

Minutes submitted by Dave Gabrielson, Secretary