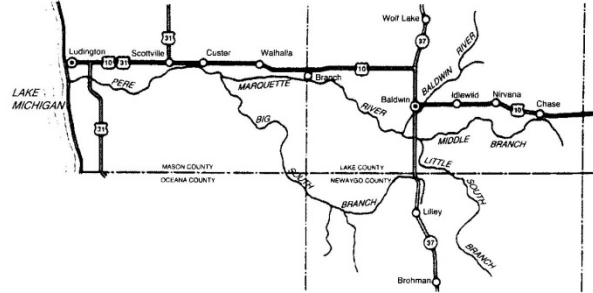


Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.

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Board of Directors' Meeting 10:00 A.M. May 2nd, 2020 Wenger Pavilion, Baldwin, MI Meeting Minutes

Notes:

1. *The April Board meeting was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic, hence there are no minutes.*
2. *The May 2nd, 2020 meeting was scheduled for the Executive Committee (PMWC officers) but all Board members were invited. Because a quorum was present the meeting constituted an official Board meeting as reflected in these minutes.*

Administrative

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Bos at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance: James Bos, Tom Seroczynski, Jeff Carpenter, Paul Bigford, Jay Barnhart, Dick Schwikert, John Karakashian, Jason Hackney, Ian Davison.

Excused: Scott Lachniet, Mark Raven, Mike Batcke, Mike Hoag, Matt Jacobson, Mark Anderson, Marv Hanna.

Guests: None.

2. The minutes of the February 1st, 2020, Board of Directors' meetings were approved (motion Barnhart, seconded Carpenter).
3. President's Notices:
 - a. Annual banquet. In view of the uncertainty regarding public gatherings and difficulty in obtaining donations for the raffle, it was decided to cancel the banquet scheduled for July 11th, 2020 (motion Barnhart, seconded Carpenter). This decision will be communicated in the newsletter.
 - b. C-4-C. The decision about the Cast for Conservation will be made at the June 2nd, meeting.
 - c. Railway Embankment Erosion Project:
 - i. Kim Balke of the Conservation Resource Alliance (CRA) has submitted multiple grants to support the project; decisions on these have been delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

- ii. The railroad has once again changed hands. However, the local representatives appear to be the same. It is unclear if the transfer of ownership will affect access to the erosion site.
 - iii. Final design and engineering work are in progress. PMWC has been invoiced approximately \$10,000 for the work completed to date.
- d. Baldwin Hatchery Dam: There was considerable discussion about the Stevenson property on 8th Street and the possibility of removing the dam. It is difficult to develop a concrete plan because there are too many unknown elements. The following points appear to be accurate but could change in future.
 - i. DNR and CRA are supportive of removing the dam.
 - ii. The dam may be a liability issue discouraging potential buyers of the property.
 - iii. The executors of Dave Stevenson's estate (his brother and nephew) may be willing to allow PMWC and CRA to remove the dam; this is complicated because the property is listed for sale with a realtor in Reed City.

At this point PMWC and CRA will continue discussions with the executors of Stevenson's estate with the goal of reaching a resolution that will allow the removal of the dam without PMWC buying the property.

Old Business

- 4. Financial Integrity:
 - a. There was no Treasurer's Report:
- 5. Watershed Restoration/River Management:
 - A. Railroad project: see President's notices.
 - B. Watershed Restoration Committee. No meetings.
 - C. Natural river zoning review board. No update; meeting was cancelled.
- 6. Communication & Information:
 - A. Mainstream Newsletter: The multi-page newsletter will be amended prior to mailing to include information about cancellation of the annual banquet.

New Business

- 7. There was no new business.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Ian Davison Secretary

Remaining 2020 Meetings:

June 6th
 July 11th Annual Banquet and meeting – Banquet is cancelled meeting may be rescheduled.
 August 1st
 September 12th

October 3rd
November 7th
December 5th