



West Michigan Watershed Partners (WMWP)

January 15, 2026

Meeting Notes

Attendance: Garry McKeen, JoAnn Barrett, Ray Schinler, DJ Shook, Julia Place, Grayson Kosak, Chris Bobryk, Jack Epstein, Tonya Lewandowski, Rich Pugsley, Emma Waatti, Kathy Evans, John Stiver, Paul Haan, Armas Soorus, Erin Kuhn, Amanda Snyder, Carl Ruetz, and Fallon Chabala

1. WMSRDC/NFWF Resilience Planning for Drown River Mouth Systems
 - See attached ppt presentation from ECT
 - WMSRDC will be reaching out to the contacts for the top projects. Reminder that the other projects on the list are not forgotten. This list can be looked at for other sources of funds which have different sets of priorities.
2. Watershed Updates
 - White: Updated of the website for WRWC (whiteriverwp.org)
 - Little Flower Creek: No update
 - Stony: Planning a disabled veterans fishing tournament next year.
 - Pentwater: Looking forward to outcome of watershed council funding proposal for watershed awareness days and other educational/outreach efforts. County is working on options for Crystal Valley Dam.
 - Mona Lake/Black: No update
 - Muskegon: Update on projects from MRWA. Update on projects from MLWP and a delisting celebration is being planned for late summer.
 - Duck: Working on management of invasive species.
 - Pere Marquette: Baldwin Dam meeting regarding sea lamprey barrier
 - Manistee: Update on EAB project. LMWCC is working on multiple grant applications.
 - Lincoln: Submitted a watershed management planning proposal and planning on water quality sampling next spring.
3. Other:
4. Next Meeting Dates:
 - April 16, 2026
 - July 16, 2026
 - October 15, 2026