

**Meetings of the  
Iron County Watershed Coalition**

**April 7, 2026, 4:00 pm  
Conference Rm., West Iron District Library**

*“ICWC works to ensure the highest possible water quality in Iron County lakes, streams and wetlands by educating and engaging our communities in projects that will restore and preserve our watersheds for future generations.”*

Call to Order at 4:05

**Attending:** Bette, Rich, Doug, Don Lintner and Becky Jorgensen, Laurie and Charlie Jackson, Dodi Felger, David Martwick. Guest: Jim Bond

Approval of March meeting minutes; moved by: Dave; supported by Rich; motion passed

Approval of Treasurer’s report; moved by Rich; supported by Dodi; motion passed

Approval of Agenda; moved by: Dodi; supported by: Dave motion passed

**Old Business:**

- Cook’s Run update:
  1. Highlights of comments at March BOC mtg, March 10: Bette, Don, Becky, Dodi, Rich all gave comments and read letters from concerned neighbors. 10 min
  2. Breakdown of IC Reporter article, March 25th (submission March 19th) Reported that the bridge and timber harvest plans will need to be changed. Bridge installation is not allowed on public land. Brock stated that a harvest can still go forward with a bridge supplied by logger. 10 min
  3. School Districts meeting with County Forester, March 23rd. WIC decided not to manage the property. Forest Park showed interest. 3 min
  4. Higher Ed. response to Rhia’s outreach. NMU and MTU staff indicated interest
  5. Other contacts made re: proposal: interested replies from Roger Labine, Purdue, Seth Waters. 3 min
  6. Sara Basso: VanOss BMP presentation to landowners, WIDL, Thurs, April 9th. 5 min
  7. Sara also spoke with DEGLE re wetland permits. Bette learned that the Forestry Industry in MI isn’t required to have wetland permits. 5 min
  8. Status of RFPs: Steering Committee’s RFP reflects that ICWC will corroborate by working with research and educational institutions on data collection through a moratorium of timber harvest. Names of individuals from organizations represented on Steering Committee need to be added to the RFP before June 3rd Submission. Discussed other possible candidates to contact. Don and Rich will work together on a trail map for the RFP appendix. 5 min
  9. FOIA direction: We need to have complete documentation of communications and plans regarding Cooks Run, in the event a MEPA suit is necessary. 5 min

10. MEPA. (Michigan Environmental Protection Act) tabled action for now. 3 min

11. Petition logistics: Write petition language based on RFP proposal and get copies to distribute for signatures as an appendix to the RFP. 3 min

- Facebook page, other media. Members will be notified to join, interact and share. 3 min
- ICWC website: View additional changes (Doug) Board Members asked to preview it to give Marla the go-ahead. 10 min
- Scholarship selection (Doug) All applications were considered. Rich moved that Ferron Rice be awarded based on her application satisfying our criteria for studying environmental field; Dave supported; motion passed. 10 min
- Rich updated progress on the canoe ramp, latrine, and signage to be installed at Paint River shelter.
- Purdue students to present data on May 22nd at Annual Member meeting.

**New Business:**

- Annual meeting: program: ICWC introduction with watershed video and a word about the work of ICWC date, venue. 10 min
- Update on John Reed 5 min

Meeting adjourned at: moved by Dave, supported by Rich and passed.

Next meeting: May Annual Meeting...Friday, May 22 at the Windsor Center at 5:30.