

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
APRIL 21, 2015

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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 15 members present for the meeting plus, Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering, and Steve and Sue Krieger- contractor for the WFW project. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was then passed accepting the March 17, 2015 minutes. Ed reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

At this time Ed mentioned that Earl Smithmyer has been in the hospital and wished Earl the best of luck in a speedy recovery. He also mentioned the many years of dedicated service Earl has committed to CCWA. Ed had a get well card for the members to sign.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reviewed the solicitation letters that CCWA had received in the past month. One of these letters was from the Ashville Pirates Baseball Organization asking for a donation. After a brief discussion it was decided that we did not want to make a donation, at this time.

Jerry had sent a sample of the logo for the T shirts that CCWA is ordering from Damir Printing to Dane's laptop computer. The members present agreed on a logo and Jerry will order the T shirts. Jerry also mentioned that he had the small games of chance license laminated for display at the fishing derby.

Dick Dotts gave Jerry a copy of the agenda for the Annual Awards Banquet sponsored by the Clearfield County Conservation District. Dick and his wife Mabel attended the banquet as representatives of CCWA.

Lastly, at the March meeting it was agreed to send two people to the Business Hall of Fame Dinner recognizing Jack Calandra. Due to a conflict the two people were not able to attend. Jerry had a card and will be purchasing a small gift to be presented to Jack Calandra in appreciation of his support of CCWA.

Membership Committee:

There were 12 memberships received this past month. As mentioned earlier, memberships are coming in quite well these past few months. Special thanks and a round of applause was given to Dick Dotts for all of his hard work in soliciting many past and new memberships.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray reported that he had an article that gave CCWA very good coverage with photos of the TIC field day. Dick had also given Ray an article. Both will be placed in the historical book by Ray. We want to thank The Mainliner for the great coverage of the field day.

Finance Report:

Ed mentioned that he knows Earl has been working on getting the Dam Cleanout ticket printed. We will have these tickets available for the fishing derby.

Ray reported that he has lots of fishing derby tickets. Please contact any board member if you would like to purchase or sell some tickets.

Treasurer’s Report: Dane Kalwanaski, April 21, 2015

Monthly Meeting Activity: April, 2015

<i>Deposits</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Account</i>
	Dominion '15 A	\$ 500.00	new
	Dominion '15 B	\$ 500.00	new
	Memberships	\$ 285.00	Gen Fund
	Loretto Legion Donation	\$ 250.00	Gen Fund
	Gibbons Funeral Home		
	FF	\$ 100.00	Fish Fund WFW
	DEP Reimbursement	\$ 106,410.00	ph1 WFW
	DEP Reimbursement	\$ 2,662.37	ph1
 <i>Expenses</i>			
	Ray Hollen	\$ (242.37)	Gen Fund
	Bob Funicelli	\$ (617.77)	Fish Fund
	POWR Insurance	\$ (353.00)	Gen Fund
	Hedin Environmental	\$ (1,585.20)	Beldin
	Mahaffey	\$ (100.00)	25 Beldin/75 Little Laurel
	Mahaffey	\$ (31.00)	KI rapid Response
	Mahaffey	\$ (140.00)	Gen Fund Ace

At this time Dane reviewed the monthly financial report. Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed “authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Please see attached Treasurer’s report for the General and Grant Accounts.

At this time the timeline for any pay application from the contractor, Krieger’s, was discussed. It was decided that this pay app must be sent to Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering, by the first Tuesday of each month. This will give her time to review the app and make a recommendation for payment at the monthly meeting on the third Tuesday of the month.

Grant Committee:

Dan reported that Delores and Art represented CCWA at the Dominion's luncheon and picked up the plaque and checks presented to CCWA. CCWA received two \$500 grants, one for water sampling and another for brochure holders along Clearfield Creek.

Dan said that he is also looking at an ARIPA grant of \$5,000.00, due June 6th, that could be used to treat AMD and AML. Art and Dan are to see if there is a project that we could use this grant for.

Shawn Simmers Presentation:

Shawn stated that he had nothing new to report about permits, SFU students, etc. He did check on the summer internship through SFFU. He is still waiting to hear from the college about all of the details for this program.

Cleanup Committee:

We are happy to report that the first cleanup of the year on April 12th went very well. We were able to clean up the 9 miles of roadway and 5 miles of stream with approximately 25 volunteers. Thanks to the SFU students who came out to help. Special thanks to all who provided the great luncheon- Margie, Pat, Ray and Nancy.

Tech Committee: The following Tech Report was presented by Art Rose-Chairman of the Tech Committee: **Tech Committee Report-April 21, 2015**

Klondike Project The site was visited and sampled on 4/21. Effluent pH was 5.1. The sample collected on 3/17 was strongly net alkaline with a lab pH of 6.9 indicating continuing good treatment.

West Ferris Wheel The trees were cut by April 1, and construction is underway.

Gibson Project We await resolution of the Bender-Game Commission land transfer.

Beldin Project Planning for the design is underway and construction costs should be available in the next month. The landowners have been contacted regarding access agreements. A quarterly report is due.

Swank Project No activity.

Amsbry Project No activity.

Brubaker Project The question of added cost for investigation of disposal boreholes into the underground mine is under discussion with Skelly. Two minor changes proposed by CCWA in the contract have been discussed and appear to be acceptable to Skelly. These are an extension from 30 to 60 days before a 1.5%/mo late charge is added to invoices, and a clause indicating that work will not begin until CCWA receives a grant for the design. Dan McMullen suggested that a letter of intent was more appropriate than a contract.

Clearfield Creek Sampling A set of data for samples of 2/26 was received from Joe Hoy.

319 Program meeting This meeting was attended on 4/7. Talks on a variety of topics regarding stream restoration were presented. Growing Greener proposals are reported to be due in July.

Snapshot sampling The Snapshot Program is a sampling of many dozen passive systems throughout the state that has been carried out every few years. We have agreed to sample KL1, KL2, Swank and Glasgow for this project.

Valley Fork No activity

Abandoned Gas Wells Genevieve Elsworth of Penn State contacted us about encouraging members to report the location of abandoned gas and oil wells in the region. There are estimated to be more than 200,000 such wells in Pennsylvania from the early period when locations were not recorded. These wells can allow contaminated water to rise to the surface and contaminate shallow water wells. If you know of such old wells, she is compiling such records. She may attend a future meeting.

The Following Is Michelle Merrow's Report, Presented by Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering: April 21, 2015

Gibson-Halstock--PGC indicates that the title issues have been cleared up, and Bender Coal is doing a subdivision plan to divide off the pieces that will be given to PGC from the larger tract. The HOP has been renewed by PGC for the new entrances. Should be a June/July start depending on the subdivision plan.

WFW--The trees are down, and the E&S has been fixed from over the winter. The stream crossings will be installed as weather allows, but flows have been very high still. An app for payment was submitted by Kreiger Excavating.

Gibson, WFW1, and WFW2, quarterly reports were prepared for CCWA review The OSM report is also coming due, and will be prepared for CCWA review (note: now done and submitted to the agencies).

Data Logger: Bryan is hoping to get out and collect the data from the data logger the week of April 27th. Art has received some recent data from Bryan.

Ace Drilling Site: The sited was sampled on March 27th for the first quarter. Ray and Chuck flushed 26-A on April 21st and will continue to flush this location for the next two months, at Malcolm's request.

Art received a set of sampling data from Mahaffey Lab. He also received a report from Ray. Art will submit a reimbursement request to the DEP office in Ebensburg.

Old Business:

Special Activities Permit: Ed reported that he had sent in and CCWA had received this permit, required by the PFC for the annual fishing derby.

Website Update: Art had done a little map of Clearfield Creek for the website. Rebecca further updated the map and placed it on the website. Rebecca stated that she continues to update the website. She will be taking the information from our project booklet and add to the website. She will also be placing the minutes on the website.

Project Booklet: Rebecca had four copies of the project booklet for the members to review. There was a nice summary of 17 projects that CCWA has or continues to work on. Photos are still needed for the Gibson-Halstock, Beldin, and Ace Drilling sites.

Field Day – April 8th: The field day for the Penn Cambria Middle School students went very well, the students were well behaved. There were 66 sixth grades students and 3 students from 8th grade. We want to thanks Bryan Rabish, Cambria County Conservation District, for his assistance with the first activity of the day- the macroinvertebrate study. Next the students helped the PFC stock trout in both Clearfield Creek and Beaver Dam Run.

After lunch, provided by CCWA, the students visited the Brubaker site and also the Bender treatment system near this site. Special thanks to the many volunteers who helped provide and cleanup after the lunch; Nancy, Ray, Margie, Herm, Homer, Dick, Pat Miller and Pat McMullen. We also want to thank Dean township for letting us use their Municipal building.

New Business:

Tree Planting: Ray has been in touch with Bill McCombie, PGC, about the approximately 2,500 seedling that CCWA has ordered. The trees are to be available for pickup on April 28th. We are still looking for assistance from Bill and his crew in the planting of these trees.

Fishing Derby Checklist: At this time the members present reviewed a checklist for the upcoming fishing derby.

Meeting Site: Jerry reminded the members that we will continue to meet each month at the Prince Gallitzin Park Office (please see the note below).

Next Meeting: May 19, 2015, Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM. Note: We will NOT be meeting at Laurel Run Sportsman's during the summer months but will be meeting year round at the Prince Gallitzin Park site.

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dane Kalwanaski the meeting was adjourned.