

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
May 19, 2015**

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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 12 members present for the meeting plus, Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering, and Steve Krieger and his son- contractor for the WFW project. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Art Rose was then passed accepting the April 21, 2015 minutes. Ed reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reviewed the solicitation letters that CCWA had received in the past month: Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraiser, Atlantic Broadband Business, and LDG Environmental Design Group. Next he discussed the letter inviting CCWA to the annual Conservation Banquet sponsored by Cambria County Conservation District.

Jerry mentioned that the purchase of stamps and an ink cartridge is pending.

Membership Committee:

There were 2 memberships received this past month. One of these was a former resident of Dean, now living in the Harrisburg area, who sent in a lifetime membership with a note thanking CCWA for all of their hard work.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray reported that Dick had given him an article from The Progress on our minutes (Michelle writes a summation of the CCWA minutes and sends it to The Progress for their publication). We want to thank The Progress for this coverage.

We also want to thank Megan Riner for covering the fishing derby on Saturday and look forward to her article in the upcoming Mainliner Newspaper.

Finance Report:

The Dam Cleanout tickets are now available for sale. Special thanks to Lorie Clauto for printing these tickets for CCWA. We have 1,200 tickets to sale. Ticket price is \$2.00 and there is one winner for each of the five \$100.00 gift certificates. Winner will be determined by a drawing at the September meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski, May 19, 2015

Monthly Meeting Activity: May, 2015

<i>Deposits</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Account</i>	<i>Invoice</i>
	Memberships	\$ 110.00	Gen Fund	
	Allegheny SCI	\$ 500.00	fish fund	
	Bob Burgoon	\$ 20.00	fish fund	
	Paul Kenner	\$ 25.00	fish fund	

Montgomery Bros		
Plumbing	\$ 100.00	fish fund
Derby Tix	\$ 2,745.00	SGOC
Food Sales	\$ 377.25	fish fund
50/50	\$ 167.00	SGOC
Chair Raffle	\$ 72.00	fish fund

Expenses

Vale Wood Farms	\$ (37.57)	Gen Fund
Damin printing	\$ (250.00)	Gen Fund
Alder Run Engineering	\$ (114.47)	WFW Ph 2
Alder Run Engineering	\$ (1,023.75)	WFW ph 1
Dan Donahue	\$ (250.00)	SGOC
Nancy Makdad	\$ (150.00)	SGOC
Bob Keller	\$ (100.00)	SGOC
Bob Funicelli	\$ (869.43)	Fish Fund
Green Springs Trout Farm	\$ (1,766.50)	Fish Fund

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.

Grant Committee:

Dan reported that CCWA has received a TAG grant from TU. The grant is to be used for a macroinvertebrate study at 4 sites along Clearfield Creek below Brubaker stream. Art wants to look at the data from this study to see just how badly Brubaker does degrade Clearfield Creek.

Jerry presented to Dan information on a grant of up to \$25,000.00 from New PIG Corporation for non-profits that are doing environmental work. Dan is to review this grant.

Shawn Simmers Presentation:

Shawn reported that the Highway Occupancy Permit- HOP has been renewed by Michelle for the Gibson project. The property ownership issue between the PGC and Bender Coal Company for this project has not been resolved. This has held up the waiver16 permit for this project but all other permits are in place. Michelle stated that there is a set of plans on file for the Amsbry project.

Tech Committee: The following Tech Report was presented by Art Rose-Chairman of the Tech Committee: **Tech Committee Report-May 19, 2015**

Klondike Project Samples collected for the Snapshot Survey on 5/5 showed strongly alkaline effluent from KL-1. However, outflow from KL-2 was slightly net acid, as have the last several samples. We may have to consider renovations on KL-2.

W. Ferris Wheel Project The contractor has started work but will need to move fast to finish before our Phase 1 grant expires in August.

Gibson Project A photo of the discharge was taken to illustrate the website and the project report booklet. We await resolution of the property situation.

Beldin Project Hedin personnel are preparing plans and cost data for use in a construction proposal for the July deadline. A meeting was held Minetech with Cambria County Conservation on permitting.

Swank Project On attempting to get access for sampling recently, it was found that the lock had been changed and we could not use the road. The Game Commission was contacted and says that the lock was stolen and the gate left open, so they changed the lock. Dan McMullen agreed to check with Earl Smithmyer to see if we have a lock and to furnish one of our locks to Mr. McCombie at the PGC. Also, our access permit has expired and I applied for a new one. The St. Francis students are conducting a sampling study and are walking in from the other access road.

Brubaker Project Preparation of a proposal for design of an active treatment system is underway, with a due date of July 10 for Growing Greener. We need to put in a new weir at the mouth of Brubaker in order to get good data on flow to go with chemical sampling. Ed McMullen and others will work on this weir. A request for several macroinvertebrate samples was prepared with Trout Unlimited, and will be used to help justify the cost of the system. A letter of Intent to contract with Skelly and Loy was prepared for consideration. It includes \$21,000 for investigating sludge disposal into a drillhole, because this would save \$70,000 in construction costs and \$50,000 per year in operating costs, based on estimates by Skelly..

Glasgow System The site was sampled on 5/12 for the Snapshot Project. The system is performing very well.

Amsbry Project A proposal for construction will be prepared for the July submission for Growing Greener.

Valley Fork Project No activity.

Clearfield Creek Water Sampling This monthly sampling continued. Measurement of flow on Little Laurel and Brubaker is strongly recommended.

Ace Drilling An invoice for sampling in March was submitted to DEP. Hollen and Dotts visited the site in May and flushed the treatment pond. They also repaired a discharge pipe that had been disassembled. An invoice will be sent to DEP for this visit.

Watershed Association meeting, Pine Creek An invitation to a meeting of West Branch Watershed groups was received. Shawn Simmers agreed to try to go.

The Following Is Michelle Merrow's Report, Presented by Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering: May 19, 2015

Gibson--PGC is waiting for Bender Coal to submit a subdivision plan to divide off the parcel to be given to PGC from the rest of their lands. CCWA will be permitted to remove any wood remaining after the PGC's timber harvest, and EarthShapers has expressed an interest in taking it for firewood with a price to be negotiated with CCWA. ARE is working on a change order for price adjustment since EarthShapers no longer has to remove the marketable timber and stack it for PGC use.

EarthShapers has proposed the use of an alternate excess materials disposal area, and permitting for that area is being discussed with CCCD.

WFW--Work is progressing on the site access and stream crossings. Work is going slower than anticipated due to wet conditions (i.e. a very small amount of rain makes for very difficult site conditions due to clay near the ground surface), and the contractor needs low flow days to install the permitted stream crossings. ARE has been pleased with the work so far, and the contractor is keeping up with seeding, E&S, etc. Krieger Excavating will be adding more equipment and personnel once excavation starts. An application for payment was presented to CCWA for work done through the end of April.

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:

Website Update: The members present discussed the continuing updates that need to be made to the website. Ed asked Tegan, and she agreed to assist with the updating of our website.

Project Booklet: Work on this booklet is continuing, at this time.

Tree Planting: Ray reported that the approximately 2,500 trees donated by the PGC were planted on May 8th. Special thanks to Bill McCombie and his crew from the PGC who used their equipment to plant the trees for CCWA.

Fishing Derby Wrap up: We had a very successful fishing derby; 93 children participated, a lower turnout than normal. We had very good weather and fish were being caught the whole way around the dam. There were a total of 171 fish measured. We want to thank the many, many volunteers who helped, the ladies who baked and ran the concession stand, Rebecca Holler from TU for her educational/interactive display for the kids, The Mainliner for their coverage and especially Bob Funicelli who is

instrumental in the success of the fishing derby each year. Lastly we want to thank the many sponsors and people who donated to the fishing derby.

Posts/Brochures: We are still planning on installing the posts and brochures at 4-5 locations along Clearfield Creek. Volunteers will be needed for this project so we will keep you posted.

New Business:

Board Meeting-April 21, 2015: Just as a matter of record, the Board after the April 21st regular meeting to discuss and review the updates on the WFW project.

Support Letter: Rachel Kester had asked for a letter of support from CCWA for a project that she is working on with the PA Fish & Boat Commission.

Next Meeting: June 16, 2015, Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM.

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