

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
JANUARY 15, 2013
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 13 members present for the meeting and one visitor, Jackie Williams from Alder Run Engineering. Ed welcomed Jackie to the meeting. Jerry mentioned that he had an e-mail from Rob Piper with a clarification and correction to the December minutes: it is Topper Run not Copper Run at St. Michaels discharge site and the approval was for their NPDES discharge permit from the treatment plant. The plant had been approved as part of the deep mine permit amendment. Ray mentioned under the Tech Report that it is Amanda Conrad not Angela. A **motion** by Dane Kalwanaski and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was then passed accepting the December 18, 2012 minutes with these changes. Ed reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

Elections:

At this time Ray passed out the ballots for the election and member voted on the following positions: President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Board Member.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that he had copies of the Watershed News run off at Copy Tech-\$27.00, had purchased stamps-\$90.00, and purchased ink cartridges and paper for both Dane and himself at Staples-\$228.51, and picked up the small games of chance license at Cambria County courthouse-\$10.00. Jerry mentioned that he had sent out the annual mailing including the Watershed News and a letter to both the annual members and lifetime members. Jerry reported that we had about 115 CCWA members in 2012 and that he mailed approximately 125 letters.

Jerry mentioned that since hunting season is nearly over that we should e-mail Dan Yahner for an on-site meeting at the Gibson-Halstock project. Art said that he would take care of this. Next Jerry shared with the members a couple of e-mails congratulating CCWA for an impressive list of accomplishments in 2012. Jerry mentioned that there is a seminar on the changes to the small games of chance at the Cresson Fire Hall in Cresson, 6 to 8 PM on February 7th. This meeting is open to the public. Jerry had a sample of the color for the fishing derby ticket to be printed and available for the February meeting.

Rachel Kester e-mailed Jerry with the idea of possibly forming a Potts Run subcommittee to the CCWA in lieu of forming a separate watershed group for the stream. Members present thought this was a good idea. Potts Run is below Madera in Clearfield County and we are happy to offer our support for this area. Rachel also mentioned that she is trying to arrange a public meeting regarding Potts Run for February or March.

Election Results:

At this time Ray reported the election results: President Elect-Ed McMullen, Secretary-Jerry McMullen, Treasurer-Dane Kalwanaski and Board Member-Earl

Smithmyer. Ed congratulated the successful candidates and, at this time, turned the meeting over to the new President, Ray Hollen.

Ray thanked Ed for his service the past two years as President and congratulated the other elected officers. A big round of applause was then given thanking Ed and for the recently elected officers.

Membership Committee:

There were 25 membership cards at the meeting and Jerry mentioned that he had received an additional 14 in the mail for a total of 39. We want to thank the members who have already sent in their membership and remind those who have not to please send in their membership for 2013.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray reported that he had put the 2012 Watershed News in the historical book. He also mentioned that he would like to continue to take care of the historical book.

Finance Report:

Larry was out of town on business and was unable to attend the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Description	Amount	Account
Deposits:		
DEP, Ace Drilling	\$230.00	General Fund
Memberships (2Business)	\$540.00	General Fund
Donations	\$130.00	General Fund
Expenses:		
Mahaffey Labs	\$200.00	Reveg 319 Fund
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 50.00	Swank Fund
Mahaffey Labs	\$112.00	General Fund
Gerald McMullen	\$ 75.51	General Fund
Gerald McMullen	\$270.00	Dominion 2012
Gerald McMullen	\$ 10.00	Fish Fund

Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month. A **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Dan McMullen 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 Dane went over the Annual Financial Statements: The Statement of Receipts and Expenditures, the Comparative Statement of Financial Position (2011 to 2012), the Grant Account 2012 Ledger, the General Account 2012 Ledger and the Notes to the Financial Statements. These are very comprehensive financial statements and we cannot thank Dane enough for a job well done.

As Dane pointed out "in keeping with the mission of CCWA, in the year 2012 we spent \$233,582.26 on stream restoration. This is over \$100,000.00 more than was spent in 2011." That is pretty impressive for a small group of volunteers.

Grant Committee:

Dan mentioned that he would like to apply for the Governor's Environmental Excellence Award. He thought the Ferris Wheel Revegetation project would be an excellent project. Dan had talked to Jackie-ARE and Tegan Schott for assistance with the Award application. We want to thank Tegan for offering to serve on the Grant Committee.

Dan is also considering applying for a \$5,000.00 Western PA Environmental Award grant sponsored by Dominion Gas Company and the PA Environmental Council. The grant is due on February 15th. You may nominate an individual or group. He would like to nominate CCWA and take much of the information off the CCWA website for this grant.

Dam Cleanout Committee:

Jerry had a copy of the sample ticket that we will be selling to raise funds for the Dam Cleanout Project.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was presented by Art Rose, Chairman of the Tech Committee Art Rose. **Tech Committee Report-January 15, 2013**

Klondike Project The site was visited on 1/15 and sampled. The flow was high, about 45 gal/min, and the treatment pond was overflowing, leading to lower pH and less treatment of the effluent. Lab results from 12/14/12 indicated a continuation of the previous good treatment.

West Ferris Wheel Project No bids were received, owing to postponement because of bidder questions, according to Alder Run Engineering. Lab data from 12/14 for the two discharges and for Little Laurel Run are similar to previous data.

Gibson Project The site was visited and sampled on 1/15. More timbering had been done uphill from the discharge. Flow was very high.

Amsbry Project No activity

Swank Project Lab analyses from 12/18 show continued partial treatment. Additional data was acquired by Amanda Conrad of St. Francis U. on 1/1/13. Flows exceeded 300 gpm at these times.

Brubaker Project No activity, except for continuous recording of flow.

Muddy Run MUEC site Design reports by Penn State students were completed in December and will presumably be sent to us soon.

Data Logger Bryan Rabish was unable to attend the meeting due to another obligation but sent the following e-mail report. "There have been no changes to the data logger. Nate (the District's AmeriCorps) will be going out tomorrow to North Witmer Run and Slate Lick to take the data logger readings and I will send them to Art."

Ace Drilling Site-Site will be sampled later in the quarter due to the inclement weather. Earl mentioned that he had talked to Jim Eckenrode, Watershed Specialist, Blair County Conservation District. Jim mentioned that they had raised the pipe up on pond #26A but could not see where the water was seeping over the vertical flow pond.

The Following Report Was Given By Jackie Williams, Alder Run Engineering:
Ferris Wheel Revegetation Phase 2—No project activity. Financial info was sent to Shawn Simmers from ARE at his request. A DEP report was prepared.

ARE shows no charges to this project since the June 2012 application for reimbursement. If there are charges for education or sampling, please give ARE copies of the receipts so we can get CCWA reimbursed by DEP.

There is approx \$670 remaining in this grant for education and sampling relating to Little Laurel Run, and approx \$5600 for application of fertilizer to be done in the spring.

West Ferris Wheel Construction Phases 1 and 2 - Bids were not submitted due to requests for additional information. It will be addressed so we can receive bids ASAP.

We also need any receipts that anyone might have for charges to these projects. An application for reimbursement will be completed once all receipts have been turned into ARE. In the meantime a DEP quarterly progress report has been prepared for each project and both needs a signature.

Gibson-Halstock - Final design plans were worked on, and volume calculations prepared for the earthwork. If Art does not have any comments with relation to the seeps/potential mine entries, we can finalize the design.

We also need any receipts that anyone might have for charges to this project. An application for reimbursement will be completed once all receipts have been turned into ARE. In the meantime a DEP quarterly progress report has been prepared and needs a signature.

Amsbry - No activity.

Morgan Run Tuff--The broken actuator in the vfp outlet structure was removed and sent back to the manufacturer. Spare stoplogs were installed to keep the system online until the new actuator can be replaced. ARE just received it, and will get it installed as soon as possible.

Morgan Run Ross—Treatment system is online and working well. Effluent pHs are over 7, and pH in Morgan Run is up over 1-2 pH points. As-built drawings and O&M plan were done. Remaining activities are post-construction monitoring and tree planting.

Morgan Run 7—Infrastructure is mostly completed. Compost needs to be put in, then systems can be brought on line. Work has stopped for a while as it is too wet to work or access site. Work will resume as weather permits.

Old Business:

Klondike Gate: Earl reported that they have not had a chance to do any repairs to this gate. This project may have to wait until spring time.

Display Board: Rebecca Holler was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following e-mail. "Please let everyone know that I need photos of the projects you would like to highlight. Specifically Klondike, Ferris Wheel and West Ferris Wheel, Fishing Derby and the Dam Cleanout, as well as any others you would like."

Rebecca is working on the display board and a booklet listing the many projects CCWA has done over the years. Members present at the meeting discussed that Rebecca may have many of these photos in the box of material that was given to her when she began to work on the display board. Also, Dane has some photos on a flash drive. Dan is to contact Rebecca to assist her with this project.

New Business:

TIC Project- Jerry mentioned that he had recently talked to Jeff Baird, Principal of Penn Cambria Middle School located in Gallitzin. Jeff has once again offered an open invitation to the CCWA members to stop in to the school and see firsthand the TIC tank with the developing fish and the learning environment in this classroom. The school also has a 150 gallon tank with 500 brown and 500 rainbow trout fingerlings. Please call the school ahead of time to make an appointment so as not to disrupt a class. Phone number is 814-886-4181.

Facebook Friends-Dane mentioned that Dan and Shawn are now facebook friends.

Letter- At this time Ray read a letter addressed to CCWA from Peter Smith, Clearfield, PA. Mr. Smith has recently been elected to the Board of the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership and he is encouraging CCWA to contact this organization as a possible useful resource. Enclosed also was the 2012 Partnership's Progress Report.

Next Meeting: February 19, 2013, Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM.

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

Board of Directors Meeting: The Board of Directors met after the regular meeting to fill an empty seat on the Board. Ed McMullen is the Past President and also the President Elect. Since he cannot serve both positions, the Board needed to appoint someone to serve on the Board of Directors. On a **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Dan McMullen the Board voted to appoint Dick Dotts to this position. This is a two year term.