

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
February 19, 2013
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The meeting was called to order by President Ray Hollen with the pledge to the flag. There were 20 members present for the meeting and one visitor, Rob Rowles, a volunteer who is helping Rachel Kester. Ray welcomed Rob to the meeting. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was then passed accepting the January 15, 2013 minutes. Ray reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that he had picked up the fishing derby tickets from Damin Printing and had given the invoice to Dane. He also attended the Small Games of Chance meeting on February 7th. As usual he had a couple of e-mail correspondences this past month.

Membership Committee:

There were 8 membership cards at the meeting and Jerry mentioned this brings the total annual dues for 2013 to 51. We are still down from 2012 and Jerry encouraged all members to try and solicit new members. 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 Dick had given him 3 articles on the minutes that appeared in The Progress newspaper. Dick said he is checking with Diane the reporter for The Progress and she is getting our monthly minutes.

Finance Report:

Larry said that he had nothing new to report- no new projects or suggestions, at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski

Description	Amount	Account
Deposits:		
Memberships	\$255.00	General Fund
Donations	\$ 5.00	General Fund
Expenses:		
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 25.00	Gibson
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 25.00	KL-2
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 50.00	Swank
Damin Printing	\$108.00	Fish Fund
Penn Cambria-TIC	\$250.00	General Fund

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.

Penn Cambria Teacher-Ben Watt:

At this time Ben, a teacher from the Penn Cambria Middle School, reported the following: they had a decent hatch from sac fry to swim fry about 140, now about 57 have survived (the PA Fish Commission reported that there was a higher than normal mortality rate in the sac fry this year). The school also purchased certified eggs of both brown and rainbow trout. About 500 of these have survived and they will also be released with the brook trout. They have begun to move these into the tank with the brook trout. Predation is not a problem at this time.

The field trip is scheduled for April 5th. Buses will leave the school at about 8 AM. Ben thanked CCWA for their past support to the TIC program and asked for a donation to support the program in 2013. Any donation will be used for general supplies in the classroom for this program. Ben also invited the members in to his classroom to see how hard the kids are working on monitoring the fish tanks. On a personal note, Dan, myself and my son stopped in a couple of weeks ago to see the fish tanks. Pretty impressive indeed.

The following **motion** was passed: "a motion by Eric Davis and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed to donate \$250.00 from the General Fund to support the TIC program at the PC Middle School. If the Co-Gen plant does not make a donation to pay for the field-trip busing, CCWA will pay for it out of the Reveg 319 Fund."

Grant Committee:

Dan mentioned that he had applied for two grants- the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence and a Western PA Environmental Award grant. For the latter grant he nominated CCWA and used the Ferris Wheel Reveg project. We want to thank Robb Piper for a very nice letter of support from the Cambria County Conservation District.

Dan also reported that he has been notified by Dominion's Peoples that we will be receiving a grant from them. Dan also had a press release from the State listing CCWA as one of the recipients of a grant totaling \$535,733.00 for the Gibson Halstock project. We want to thank Art, Michelle, Earl and anyone else who has helped with this project.

Dam Cleanout Committee:

Earl stated that he had nothing new to report. At this time discussion was held on the changes to the small games of chance regulations and the meeting attended on February 7th. Earl and Jerry discussed some of these changes with the members present. CCWA will be able to meet these regulations with a few changes to the way we are use to doing things.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was presented by Art Rose, Chairman of the Tech Committee Art Rose.

Tech Committee Report-February 19, 2013

Klondike Project As reported in January, the treatment pond was overflowing and the outflow was relatively acid and iron-rich (27 mg/L Fe), pH 3 with a high flow. Field measurements on 2/19 showed continued overflow, but the field chemistry was better.

West Ferris Wheel Project Bidding was again postponed.

Gibson Project As reported in January, the flow was very high (237 gpm) but with slightly less metals and acidity than at lower flow. An email from Dan Yahner of the Game Commission indicates they are negotiating with Bender to acquire a 50 acre tract (Deer Pen area) including the area of the treatment system. The road into their area comes off Beldin Hollow Rd.

Swank Project The site was sampled twice by Amanda Conrad. Flow was very high, and treatment was only partial. On 2/19 I examined the channel – flow was moderate, and most iron was being removed.

Brubaker Project A report outlining the plans for the tracer test and the technology evaluation was received from the contractor on 2/15. It was forwarded to our consultant, Bob Hedin, who has submitted an outline of his comments. Both Hedin and I think the proposed work needs to be revised considerably if the project is to produce useful results. These comments have been sent back to the Corps and discussions are ongoing.

Amsbry Project No activity.

W. Ferris Wheel: A lengthy discussion was held concerning this project. Members present were once again disappointed that bids had not been received. Jackie Williams, ARE, updated the members on the following: Jackie had 3 copies of the documents, the project manual and a CD with the drawings (32 pages total). Jackie reviewed the status of the project and the project documents.

It was agreed that the bid documents would be sent to 5 bidders in the next few days. Bids are to be returned to CCWA c/o Earl Smithmyer, 216 Beldin Hollow Road by USPS, UPS or FedEx. Bids are due by 5 PM on March 8th. Members of the Board of Directors, Art and Michelle will meet at 7 PM on March 8th to open the bids at Earls' house. Art is to get a copy of all documents. Brian Merrow will be the field person for ARE on this project.

We want to thank Jackie for her presentation and answering all members' questions. We should be able to move forward with this project in the next several weeks.

Data Logger Bryan Rabish was unable to attend the meeting due to another obligation but sent the following e-mail report. "The data logger is doing fine and Nate is supposed to go out next week, weather permitting. Art reported that Bryan had sent to him information from the data logger covering to about the end of January.

Ace Drilling Site-Site will be sampled in March, as weather breaks.

The Following Report Was Given By Jackie Williams, Alder Run Engineering:
Ferris Wheel Revegetation Phase 2—No project activity. Info was sent to Dan for a governor's award project.

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. In the meantime a DEP quarterly progress report was prepared last month 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. Permit applications have been prepared for signature.

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 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:

Display Board: Rebecca Holler had a copy of the updated brochure for members to look at. She had made a few changes to give the brochure a better layout-Klondike project thus ended up as a full page. Rebecca also had a copy of the stream map and a list of the projects associated along the stream. Art was to review and we intend to add a few more projects to this map.

Rebecca reported that she had received lots of pictures and stored them on her computer. She continues to work on the booklet that is a compilation of the projects that CCWA has worked on in the past. Once again, we cannot thank Rebecca enough for her hard work on these various projects.

New Business:

Field Trip – April 5th: As reported earlier this is the field trip for the Penn Cambria students to release their fingerlings that they have been raising. There will be approximately 90 children, 2 bus loads. Next they will assist the PA Fish Commission

with trout stocking in Clearfield Creek, have lunch, and review a couple of the AMD discharge sites at Brubaker and Dean.

Fishing Derby Tickets: Ray, once again, volunteered to take care of the fishing derby tickets. He passed them out to the members present. If you can help sell some tickets or would like to purchase a few tickets please contact Ray or myself. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Cleanup Dates for 2013: There is a change to the cleanup schedule this year. We will only be doing 3 cleanups rather than 4. Listed below are the dates for the 2013 cleanups:

April 7th – Route 53 and stream cleanup

July 14th- Route 53

September 29th Route 53 and stream cleanup

Please Note: Cleanups begin at 9AM, Laurel Run Sportsman's in Dysart. Lunch will be provided for the April and September cleanups. Also, we do 9 miles of roadway and 5 miles of stream. Lots of volunteers are needed, please put the above dates on your calendar.

Glendale Valley Municipal Authority-Eric Davis mentioned that the sewer plant, that is part of the large sewage project in this area, has gone on line. This should help reduce any sewage inflow into Clearfield Creek.

Rachel Kester Report:

Morgan Run-Kelley Williams is working with Little Clearfield Creek Watershed Association to do a habitat improvement project along this stream. She is also looking at a habitat improvement project along Clearfield Creek.

Potts Run Assessment- Potts Run Watershed Assessment is well underway. Macro invertebrate study and habit assessment of the Potts Run tributaries will be done between March 19-21, weather permitting. A public meeting will be held late March or early April to update folks on the project.

March 12th Meeting-there is a meeting of the West Branch Restoration Coalition at the Clearfield County Conservation District, 6:30 PM. Guest speakers from DEP & DCED will be on hand to give a presentation about the new Act 13 Marcellus Legacy Funds programs

April 5th-6th-The Foundation for PA watersheds is hosting the 2013 Pa Watersheds Conference on April 5-6 in State College. All are invited to attend. Contact Rachel at RKester@tu.org for more information.

Thank You: As reported last month, the Board of Directors appointed Dick Dotts to fill the one empty Board seat. Ray thanked Dick for his past service and for accepting this appointment.

Next Meeting: March 19, 2013, Conf. Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM.

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