

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
MARCH 19, 2013
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The meeting was called to order by President Ray Hollen with the pledge to the flag. There were 16 members present for the meeting plus Jackie Williams from Alder Run Engineering. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was then passed accepting the February 19, 2013 minutes. Ray reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry stated that he had very little to report this month. He had an earlier conversation with Dick who had contacted Dianne at The Progress. Jerry had some concern that Dianne was not receiving the monthly minutes. Fortunately, Dianne has been receiving the minutes and has had recent articles covering such in The Progress.

Membership Committee:

Special thanks to Dick who has been soliciting membership from local businesses- totaling 7. Jerry reported one new membership that he had received. Although still down a few, total is getting very close to year 2012.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray reported that Dick had given him a total of 5 articles that appeared recently in The Progress newspaper covering the cleanup dates and the minutes. Special thanks to Diane, the reporter for The Progress. Ray also had an article announcing the recent DEP grants which included the CCWA award for the Gibson-Halstock project.

Finance Report:

Larry was unable to attend the March meeting due to a work commitment. After a brief discussion, it was decided that Jerry is to order the Dam Cleanout tickets and have them available for the April meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski

Description	Amount	Account
Deposits:		
Memberships	\$157.00	General Fund
Donations-K of Columbus	\$ 25.00	Fish Fund
Expenses:		
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 25.00	KL-2
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 44.00	Swank

Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month. A **motion** by Ed McMullen 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.

Grant Committee:

Dan mentioned that he has been notified by Dominion Peoples that CCWA has received an \$850.00 grant. The money is to be used for general expenses, operating supplies and sampling. Earl and Alene volunteered to attend the award dinner being held on April 10th. Dan stated that he had sent in the final report for the 2012 Dominion Peoples grant.

Dan also reported that CCWA did not receive the Western PA Environmental Award grant that the committee had applied for. We want to thank Dan, Shawn and Tegan for their hard work on the grant committee.

Dam Cleanout Committee:

Earl stated that John Slovikosky has not had a chance to replace the large rocks that had washed out above the dam. With the melting snows and spring rains we have been assessing the coffer dam.

Cleanup Committee:

Dave McMullen, from this committee, reminded the members present that the first cleanup of the year is being held on Sunday, April 7th, 9 AM, meeting at Laurel Run Sportsman's Club in Dysart. Lunch will be served. Bring your hip boots if you can help do a section of the stream. Lots of volunteers are needed since this is both a roadway and stream cleanup.

Jerry is to pick up the cleanup supplies from PennDOT. Art is to contact Bill Strosnider at SFU for student volunteers

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was presented by Art Rose, Chairman of the Tech Committee Art Rose: **Tech Committee Report- March 19, 2013**

Klondike Project The road was snowed in on 3/19. A new gate made it much easier to get in.

W. Ferris Wheel Project We opened bids on 3/8/13. There were two bids, from Ligonier Construction and Krieger Excavating. Krieger was much lower, at \$849,965.50, but Krieger later said they made a mistake and needed an additional \$98,000. We are negotiating with them.

Gibson Project We received word from the DEP that they are recommending our project to EPA for \$535,000 of construction funding, which will probably be granted. We also received word from the Game Commission that they and Bender are in agreement on a land swap that will give the Game Commission the land for the Gibson system. Legal papers on this are in preparation. Possibly we can go ahead with this in 2013. Final designs await a visit with Brian Merrow to check out a possible mine entry in the area of the treatment ponds.

Swank Project Amanda Conrad is planning a tracer test on the limestone channel for this weekend, to establish a retention time for water in the channel. The system continues to have high flow, and to treat the water partially.

Amsbry Project No activity.

Brubaker Project No activity.

WBSRC Meeting At a meeting on 3/12, managers from the DEP presented the plans for the Act 13 Funding Program. This program can fund design and construction of AMD projects in a manner similar to Growing Greener, but with generally more flexible administration. They will have about \$29 million to distribute in 2013. We may want to apply to this program for future projects, such as Amsbry. The River Researchers Camp for students was also discussed

Van Ormer An iron rich discharge from a pumping station on the new sewer system at Van Ormer was sampled earlier. Analyses by the DEP lab indicate that the water is net alkaline with only about 5 mg/L iron. It is probably not a significant threat to Clearfield Creek unless it changes with time, but it looks terrible and will attract attention.

Data Logger Bryan Rabish was at a training seminar and thus unable to attend the meeting. Art reported that he has not received any new information from Bryan.

Ace Drilling Site-Site will be sampled in late March, as the weather permits.

Audit- Dane reported that he had met with Wessel & Company and the State of PA does not require an audit of our grant for the West Ferris Wheel Construction project.

The Following Is Michelle Merrow's Report, Given By Jackie Williams, Alder Run Engineering:

Ferris Wheel Reveg 2

There is money remaining for fertilizer. Earl is going to see that soil samples are collected in multiple locations. Jackie has maps of Phase 1 and Phase 2 so they can show the locations of the samples (approx. locations) on the map so we know which areas need what fertilizer. Earl should please try to get a sample from the two different soil mixture areas on Phase 1 (i.e. the mushroom compost and the leaf compost).

We will need to get quotes on the fertilizer and fertilizer application since this is grant money. We should get 3. Here are ARE's suggestions. Does CCWA have any more?

Fertilizer	Application
1. Cresson Feed	1. John Slovokosky
2. Tyrone Feed	2. ??
3. Curwensville Feed	3. ??

Earl is to check with some local contractors to see if they are available for the fertilizer application.

Also, does anyone know the status of the sale of the facility, and have any contact with the new owner?

Jackie and Dane are working to get the reimbursement figured out from last fall.

West Ferris Wheel AMD Treatment

Bids were received on March 8. The CCWA Board of Directors is reviewing both bids, bidder's quals, etc., and a decision should be made soon. Two bids were received, with Krieger Excavating from Saxton as the low bidder.

Amsbry

Michelle and Art met and discussed. ARE needs to get Art a copy of the final report. ARE has been very busy with bid issues relating to WFW, so we will do this as soon as possible.

Gibson Halstock

Art and Michelle met and discussed the project and looked at layout versus seepage/mine areas. Brian and Art are to meet as soon as there is no snow to look at this before finalizing the design. Permit applications for construction are here for signature as time is of the essence if you want to construct this fall.

ARE provided a DEP report and app for reimbursement for Art's signature.

MR Ross

MR Ross is done except for the tree planting, which will be done soon. CCWA is the permittee. There is a Waiver 16 issued for the project, so there are no reporting or closeout requirements for the wetlands/waterways permit. There was no NPDES permit by agreement between CCCD and DEP, so there are no closeout requirements for it. There is a GP7 for a minor road crossing (driveway pipe) that will be transferred to the landowners. A copy of the transfer form is here for signature. CCWA will be sent an executed copy when it is signed by the landowners.

MR 7

The system will be brought on line and seeded as soon as weather permits.

Note: A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Dane Kalwanaski was passed authorizing President Ray Hollen to sign the permit applications for the Gibson-Halstock and MR projects, the general information form and the joint proposal.

Old Business:

Display Board: Rebecca Holler was unable to attend the meeting. Art reported that he had sent Rebecca pictures for the display board and other projects that she is working on for CCWA.

TIC Project: Jerry reported that he had recently talked to Mr. Baird. Fingerlings are getting big. They have several hundred Brown and Rainbow trout from the certified eggs that the school had purchased. Once again, Mr. Baird invited anyone in to the school for a visit to see this project.

Field Trip – April 5th: There will be approximately 80 children and 6 adults on 2 buses for the field trip. Buses will be arriving at approximately 8:30. Schedule is same as last year-macroinvertebrate study under the direction of Bryan Rabish, release the fingerling trout, help the PA Fish Commission stock trout, lunch and then a visit to the Brubaker site. Earl & Alene will be purchasing supplies for the upcoming events.

Fishing Derby Tickets: Ray told everyone to keep selling tickets. It is a key fundraiser for the fishing derby. Jerry is to send a letter to the VFW Commander in Ashville asking for a donation. Remember if you would like to purchase some tickets or could sell some, please contact us.

New Business:

Dam Cleanout Ticket: Jerry is to get these tickets ordered at the printers and have them for the April meeting.

Clearfield County Annual Awards Banquet: Dick and Mabel Dotts will be representing CCWA at this banquet being held on April 4th in Curwensville. Kelly Williams is the principal speaker.

Klondike Gate Repair: Earl reported that repairs were made to this gate. Special thanks to Jim Smithmyer for a job well done. We may need to install a gate in the future for the Gibson-Halstock project.

Board of Directors Meetings: The Board of Directors met on March 8th and March 17th to discuss the bids for the West Ferris Wheel Project.

Bender Property: Earl mentioned that the Laurel Run Sportsman's is continuing their discussion with Eddie Bender about a piece of property near the dam.

Next Meeting: April 16, 2013, Conf. Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM.

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