

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
AUGUST 20, 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 Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Alene Smithmyer was then passed accepting the July 16, 2013 minutes. Ray reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that, in the past month, he had received several e-mail correspondences: from Robb Piper thanking CCWA for giving the outstanding service award to Bryan Rabish (Bryan works for the Conservation District headed by Robb); from Sean Bartlett reminding us that our website name registration is coming due, cost-\$113.97 for three years; from Dan Yahner, PGC, who was upset with the verbage of the July minutes describing the SFU student being accosted by a Game Commission person. As explained by Mr. Yahner, the student was not accosted but rather the officer was only doing his duty. The Board of Directors will be setting up a meeting with Dan to discuss permits required and what is expected of our volunteers when we are on PA Game Commission property, etc.

Jerry also reviewed the timber report sent by Noll's Forestry Services, Inc. Paul, after a couple of attempts, was able to assess the value of the timber on the Ferris Wheel West Construction site. Paul provided CCWA with a very professional and thorough report of the type, amount and value of timber at this site. We want to thank Paul for his time and the great timber report. Paul is a CCWA member and provided this service at no cost to CCWA. Special thanks also to Earl, Ray Dick and Pat for their assistance.

Membership Committee:

There was one membership received this past month.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray reported that he had nothing new to report for this month. Dick said he will check, once again, with The Progress on their coverage.

Finance Report:

Larry reported that he and Katie Kalwanaski have been working on the solicitation letter to be sent out. A copy of a similar letter had been sent to him by Pat McMullen. Larry had a copy of the letter to be mailed and a list of potential organizations to receive the letter for the members present to review.

A discussion was held on updating CCWA's website before the letter is sent. We want to thank Katie for agreeing to take over this task. Letters will be mailed pending this update of the website.

Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski

Description	Amount	Account
Deposits:		
Clean Streams Foundation	\$ 230.00	General Fund
Donation	\$ 10.00	General Fund
Ticket Sales	\$ 638.00	SGOC
Expenses:		
NeoNexus	\$ 19.95	General Fund
Alder Run Engineering	\$3,436.46	Amsbry
Alder Run Engineering	\$ 50.84	Gibson
Alder Run Engineering	\$ 563.75	Gibson
Alder Run Engineering	\$ 137.96	Reveg
Cresson Feed Mill	\$ 758.00	Reveg
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 125.00	WFW Design WFW Phase I
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 56.00	Swank
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Mahaffey Labs	\$ 25.00	Dominion 2013 Grant
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 60.00	Dominion 2013, KL-2
Earl Smithmyer	\$ 7.59	KL-Chitin
Shawn Bartlett	\$ 113.97	Gen Fund- Website Reg.

Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Larry Sutton 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.

Dane also reported that he had registered CCWA with the Federal Government-SAM Registration in order to receive the OSM money.

Grant Committee:

Dan stated that he had nothing new to report. He continues to look at potential grants for CCWA.

Dam Cleanout Committee:

Earl mentioned that we are down to crunch time on the Dam Cleanout ticket sales. Dan did send out an e-mail that had a picture of the ticket to be sold. We did have a few responses from members who wished to purchase some tickets. Ray thanked Earl and Dick for their efforts of selling approximately 130 tickets in front of Layo's Market.

Earl reported that the coffer dam repair is pending and this work should be done before September 15th.

Cleanup Committee:

This is a reminder to all that our final cleanup for 2013 is on Sunday, September 29th, Laure Run Sportsman's, Dysart beginning at 9 AM. This is both a roadway and stream cleanup so lots of volunteers are needed. Lunch will be provided.

Tech Committee: The following tech report was presented by Art Rose, Chairman of the Tech Committee Art Rose: **Tech Committee Report-August 20, 2013**

Klondike Project A water sample of the outflow in July showed only 1.5 mg/L Fe and 65 mg/L acidity, which is better than it has been, probably because of alkalinity from the slag bed. However, about 20% of the flow is still overflowing the VFP. The site was visited on 8/20 and is not overflowing. We await word on approval of funds from OSM.

West Ferris Wheel Project We await word on approval of the OSM funds. Apparently they have not yet received the legal opinion from DEP, and also information about our CCR account and a budget form. We need to get this to them in the next few days to qualify for this year's federal budget. I have heard nothing about negotiations with Krieger.

Gibson Project A Good Samaritan application and an application to the Game Commission were prepared several weeks ago, but are awaiting maps of the site from Alder Run Engineering before submission. An agreement with the Game Commission in 2009 gives us rights to enter the property for design and acknowledges that we will be installing a treatment system.

Beldin Project The acidity continues to be lower than in 2002-3. A sample from 7/16 has pH about 6, an acidity of 20 mg/L, and Fe of 20 mg/L. A sample from 8/7 is slightly lower in field pH. A design and permitting proposal for \$42,350 was sent to the EPA 319 office of DEP. An application for access during design was submitted to the Game Commission.

Little Laurel Run Malcolm Crittenden has proposed studies of the stream recovery.

Swank Project The Game Commission changed the lock on the gate, so St. Francis students have had to walk in to the site for sampling. An application for access was sent to the Game Commission and the permit was received a few days ago. A list of 9 people is authorized to drive to the site, if they have the permit document with them. I assume we will get the combination of the lock on the gate soon.

Glasgow Project This site is being sampled by a contractor for the DEP. The system continues to perform very well, despite very bad water quality.

Amsbry Project No activity. We have received cost estimates and design information from Alder Run Engineering.

Brubaker Project The report from Potesta Engineers has to be finalized. A conference with Bob Hedin is planned for the near future on a project to recommend a way forward on this site.

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

Ferris Wheel Revegetation Phase 2—An application for reimbursement and status report through 8/15/13 is presented to CCWA for signature and submission tonight for the extra fertilizer purchase. All funds on this application are payable to Cresson Feed Mill. There are several applications for payment to DEP that were submitted and will be paid now that DEP has the final application.

The extra fertilizer was purchased from Cresson Feed Mill. John Slovokosky was called so he will pick it up this week, and store it for CCWA until it is needed.

Art provided the water data obtained using the \$1000 supplement. ARE is working on final reports for the main grant and the \$1000 supplement which will be presented to Art for review prior to submission.

West Ferris Wheel Construction Phases 1 and 2 –Eligibility determinations for both sites were approved by the DEP. ARE forwarded them to OSM, as DEP did not forward them for some reason.

Michelle spoke with David Hamilton today to make sure they have all they need, and OSM is trying to have the grant awarded by the end of August. They still need a CCR (now SAM) number for CCWA. CCWA did have a CCR number in Feb 2011, but ARE tried to look it up on the Federal website, but couldn't find it. CCWA will need to register in SAM.

Krieger Excavating will honor their bid as long as it takes, but are understandably wanting to get started. ARE has some concerns about working through the winter, and with Krieger Excavating wanting to split the contract so they don't have to bond the entire site at once. A solution may be to allow them to get started and do the KL work, with opening the WFW site to occur in the spring.

Any information on permits for the KL site when it was constructed (as it should contain a provision for maintenance) and what CCWA wants to do with the trees would be helpful.

ARE is working on project reports for DEP which will be presented to Art for review.

Klondike Rehab— All documents for the OSM grant were previously submitted. A brief set of specifications for the work was developed so they are ready when the work will start. A copy of these documents is available for Art to review and comment, especially with respect to the compost materials to be put back into the system.

Gibson-Halstock – The design was finalized based on discussion with the Board of CCWA. The final design is slightly different than presented at the Board meeting in that the elevations were raised by 2'. The reason for this was to “lose” excess excavated materials in the berms, and reduce excavation to minimize the amount of material to be exported from the site. Approximately 5400 cy will need to be disposed of.

Maps for the PGC Special Use permit were emailed to Art. Permit applications were completed and are presented for signature tonight. They can be submitted after they are signed.

A status report and invoicing through 6/30/13 and an application for reimbursement to DEP was reviewed and signed by Art and submitted to DEP. Copies were provided to Dane and Art.

Amsbry – The site design was discussed at a Board of Directors meeting, and it was decided to go with the larger system. Plans were finalized to reflect the larger system, and permit applications were updated. The applications are presented for signature tonight, and can be submitted as soon as they are signed.

Morgan Run Ross—Treatment system is online and working well. Final products CDs were submitted to the Clearfield County Conservation District and DEP.

Morgan Run 7—The system has been brought online. Water levels have been adjusted several times, and water samples collected. Some reseeding will probably be necessary in the fall. As soon as the site has a little better vegetative stabilization, final paperwork will be submitted.

Data Logger – Bryan had nothing new to report on the data logger. He stated that he should be out next week checking on it.

Ace Drilling Site-Ray, Dick and Earl agreed to meet at 8 AM on August 29th at Earl's place to sample this site.

Old Business:

Office Equipment Purchase: Dan stated that the purchase of the office equipment is still pending.

Tax Exemption Certificate: Jerry reminded Dane that we still need to check on the current status of our certificate. Both Jerry and Dane are to check on this file.

New Business:

Board of Directors Meeting: the Board of Directors and Art Rose held a special meeting on July 23rd with Michelle Merrow. It was a very informative meeting in which the drawings of the Amsbry, West Ferris Wheel and the Gibson-Halstock projects were reviewed and discussed. As mentioned in Michelle's report above, several decisions were made and we are looking forward to getting these projects started.

Thank You Letter: It was suggested that a special letter or e-mail of thanks be sent to Paul Noll Forestry for his timber service and report to CCWA.

Next Meeting: September 17, 2013, Laurel Run Sportsman's, Dysart, 6:30 PM.

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