

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 18, 2014
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The meeting was called to order by President Ray Hollen with the pledge to the flag. There were 14 members present for the meeting plus several visitors, Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering, Bob Hedin-Hedin Environmental, 4 members of the Krieger family, and Mitch Harvey, President of RES Coal. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ed McMullen was then passed accepting the October 21, 2014 minutes. Ray reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that other than the normal e-mail correspondence he had very little activity this past month.

Membership Committee:

There was one new business membership, thanks to Dick. This will be applied to the 2015 dues.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray had received one recent newspaper article. He stated that it will be put in the historical book.

Finance Report:

Earl had nothing to report at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski, November 18, 2014

At this time Dane reviewed the monthly financial report.

Monthly Meeting Activity: November 2014

<i>Deposits</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Account</i>
	Membership	\$ 25.00	Gen Fund
	DEP	\$ 120.53	Beldin
<i>Expenses</i>			
	Mahaffey Laboratory	\$ (75.00)	Dominion 2014 Valley
	Mahaffey Laboratory	\$ (200.00)	Fork
	Mahaffey Laboratory	\$ (108.00)	Dominion 2014
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	Earl Smithmyer	\$ (105.02)	Gen Fund
	Michael Sossong	\$ (481.25)	WFW Ph 1

Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month. A **motion** by Dick Dotts 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 stated that there are two grants open at this time for which he is going to apply; the DEP Environmental Educational Grant and the Dominion Grant. Jerry is to get Dan information on a possible Hallmark grant.

Nomination Committee:

Dave McMullen and Eric Davis agreed to serve on this committee. At this time Ray opened the floor for nominations. The following nominations were made by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen:

President Elect- Dan McMullen, Board Member- Shawn Simmers, Treasurer- Dane Kalwanaski, and Secretary- Jerry McMullen.

Nominations will also be accepted at the December meeting. They will then be closed and elections will be held at the annual meeting in January, 2015

Tech Committee: The following Tech Report was presented by Art Rose-chairman of the Tech Committee: **Tech Committee Report-November 18, 2014**

Klondike Project The KL1 treatment pond filled and has been overflowing for much of the past month. An outflow sample collected by St. Francis students on 11/10 was strongly net alkaline (acidity -153 mg/L) with iron of 3.5mg/L. This is the first time that net alkaline water has been recorded at KL1, and the iron will rapidly precipitate under these conditions. These results indicate that the rebuilding was very successful. We hope for continuing values of this sort. Shawn Simmers indicated that data for samples collected by St. Francis students will be furnished to CCWA. Additional samples collected on 11/18 showed pH of 5.9. A report was submitted to OSM covering their share of the renovation work on KL1.

Gibson Project Work was scheduled to start on this project but it was discovered that the Game Commission has problems with the transfer of title from Bender Mining, so the start of construction has been deferred. We have contacted Game Commission personnel and hope this transfer can soon be completed, or we can obtain permission from Bender to go ahead with construction.

Beldin Project See the discussion by Hedin above. The property transfer from Bender to the Game Commission ultimately affects this project like Gibson, but it is assumed that the ownership will be settled before it delays work at the site. A quarterly report was prepared and submitted through the Treasurer.

Amsbry Project We await word on our proposal for construction at this site.

Brubaker Project A Request for Proposal for design of an active treatment system has been prepared and will be sent to 3 engineering firms. A field visit is scheduled for December or early January.

Clearfield Creek Sampling Another month of sampling was completed by Joe Hoy and a group of several CCWA volunteers.

Muddy Run Sampling Rose and Smithmyer assisted DEP Moshannon personnel in locating sites for sampling in the Curtis Run area, and sampling was started by DEP.
Valley Fork Project An assessment report on this project is in progress.

The Following Is Michelle Merrow's Report, Presented by Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering: November 18, 2014

WFW- the OSM report was submitted to Sheilla Hartless.

Gibson-Halstock project- A quarterly report has been submitted. I was in contact with Mike Dimatteo of the PGC regarding the "clear title" issues to the Bender transfer to the PGC. The PGC board approved the transfer quite a while ago, but the attorneys are having difficulty with the actual paperwork. Mike was meeting with the chief counsel and is trying to find out the exact title issue so it can be resolved. The PGC has made arrangements for a tree cutter to cut and haul the trees, and they were hoping to have it done ASAP as they are working in the general area. CCWA may have to consider a separate agreement directly with Bender to get the trees cut before the transfer, but it may not be feasible if Bender doesn't have clear title to the property. The PGC understand the urgency for the cutting in relation to the Indiana bat hibernacula.

Hedin Environmental Report: Bob Hedin presented to the members an update on progress for the design of the Beldin Mine project. Bob had several maps for the members to review. Members present suggested changes to the design and placement of the ponds at the site.

Data Logger – Bryan reported that he had sent the recent information in October. Art is to check on this. Bryan will be on-site gathering the information from the data logger later this week.

Ace Drilling Site- The site is scheduled to be sample by the regular crew plus Art on Wednesday, November 19th meeting at 1 PM at Earl's house.

Old Business:

Website Update: Dane reported that he and his wife, Katie, have been working on updating the website. They are having problems with the Google calendar. Art suggested that the directions to the meetings need to be added to the website. We also need to update the minutes on the website. Much work needs to be done but at least we are up and running with this new website. Special thanks to Rebecca Holler, TU, for her assistance.

Shoff Mine Discharge: Mitch Henry, President of RES Fuel, stated that they will not be stripping the A seam of coal in this area. Mitch reported that the Shoff Mine discharge is from the Brookville seam which is approximately 250 feet below his mine site. Mitch also offered to send his sampling data that was done on Clearfield Creek. We want to

thank Mitch for taking the time to attend our meeting and explaining his various mine operations to the members present.

Project Booklet: Art stated that he will, at some point, be working on this project. He will be talking to Rebecca about the template sample that she had drafted. Ed is to look for pictures for the various projects.

New Business: There was no new business, at this time.

Next Meeting: December 16, 2014, Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM. Note: this is our winter meeting site.

Final Note: The Board of Directors met prior to the regular meeting on November 18th to discuss the awarding of the West Ferris Wheel contract. After a lengthy and sometimes contentious discussion the Board voted to award the contract to Krieger Excavating. Michelle, Alder Run Engineering, is to draft all paperwork for the awarding of this contract.

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