

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF**  
**FEBRUARY 21, 2017**  
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The meeting was called to order by President Dan McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 17 members present.

A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Alene Smithmyer was then passed accepting the January 17, 2017 minutes.

**Secretary's Report:**

Jerry reported that he had contacted Megan Riner, editor of The Mainliner, about putting the Watershed News in the paper. Megan did a nice article on our list of accomplishments for 2016. We want to thank her for this coverage.

Jerry stated that he had picked up the fishing derby tickets from Damin Printing. He also reported that there is a scheduling conflict with the annual field trip sponsored by CCWA for the Penn Cambria Middle School students. A rescheduled date has not been worked out.

Next, Jerry went over all correspondence: a copy of the quarterly statement from the Community Foundation and Oxford Insurance covering the CCWA investments, a request for a bond update on the Gibson-Halstock project, and a copy of the quarterly news update from the local TU chapter.

**Membership Committee:**

There were 12 memberships received this past month, plus two donations. This is the time of the year when I thank all who have sent in their membership and encourage anyone who has not done so to please do. Also, we want to thank anyone who donated to CCWA.

**Public Relations/Historical Committee:**

Dick reported that the minutes for the last two months have not been in The Progress. He will check on this. Ray had a copy of the article from The Mainliner, as mentioned above.

**Finance Report:**

Ray has the fishing derby tickets for anyone who would like to sell some of these tickets. Contact myself or any Board member if you would like to purchase some tickets via mail. This is a major fund raiser for the children's fishing derby and we ask for your support.

**Treasurer's Report: Shawn Simmers: Please see the attached ledger.**

Shawn reported that he is still in a bit of a transition as the new treasurer. He thanked Dane for his assistance. He stated that he has been able to get into the on-line banking.

A **motion** by Bryan Rabish and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed “to accept the treasurer’s report and to pay the invoices.”

**Grant Committee:**

Dan reported that CCWA did not receive a Dominion’s grant. As usual, there were more request (33) than money available. We want to thank Dan for his effort.

**Tech Committee:** The following Tech Report was presented by Art Rose-Chairman of the Tech Committee: **Tech Committee Report- February 21, 2017**

Klondike Project The lab results from January show slightly acid effluent, probably caused by the fact that the VFP was partly overflowing. We need to lower the outflow of the settling pond about 1 foot to improve aeration of the VFP outflow.

West Ferris Project Taylor sampled the systems on 2/16. All 3 systems had apparent alkaline effluent, and 32R3 had a pH above 6 but considerable suspended iron. Flow on System 2 was about 130 gpm, about twice previous flows. The south outlet of System 3 was not flowing – it is apparently plugged. Slats were removed from the outflow control box on System 1 and 2 settling ponds. We need to install the weir above System 2 and observe the flushing behavior as well as provide inflow sample ports and manhole covers. We also need a more complete final report on the project.

Gibson Project See later discussion.

Beldin Project We need to obtain landowner agreement with Bender and another owner. The outflow should be sampled in March.

Little Laurel Run We need to install a weir at Hwy. 36 and examine the discharge feeding this upstream location. Dan will visit and define a weir length. The 3 in-stream weirs and KL-2 should be sampled in March.

Swank Project No activity. The system should be sampled in March.

Brubaker Project St. Francis is scheduled to sample upstream Brubaker this month.

Amsbry Project No activity.

Glasgow Project No activity

Clearfield Creek sampling This should be done in March.

Ace Drilling This should be inspected in March.

Coal Bank Road Kevin Beltowski called and is interested in a small passive system to treat water for his pond using an AMD discharge (site 35R1 of the assessment). A small passive system was designed and a map and specs sent to him. We will discuss this with him.

**To Do** As of 2/21/17

<u>Project</u>	<u>Interval</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>Last Done</u>	<u>Do by</u>
KL1 Inspection and monitoring	Q	Art	1/17/17	4/20/17
<b>KL2 inspection and monitoring</b>	Q	Dan	12/11/16	3/15/17
<b>WF Inspection and monitoring</b>	M	Taylor	2/16/17	3/21/17
<b>Gibson insp. And monitoring</b>	M	Shawn	1/15/17	2/20/17
<b>Beldin insp. And monitoring</b>	Q	Dan	12/11/16	3/15/17
<b>Swank insp. And monitoring</b>	Q	Art	12/5/16	3/15/17
<b>Little Laurel sampling</b>	Q	Dan	12/11/16	3/15/17

<b>Clearfield Creek sampling</b>	Q	Ray	11/15/2016	3/31/2017
<b>Ace Drilling inspection</b>	Q	Ray	11/14/2016	3/31/2017
Beldin Quarterly Report	Q	AWR	1/17/17	4/31/17
<b>Gibson Quarterly Report</b>	Q	Michelle	?	1/31/2017
<b>Bender agreement-Beldin</b>		Shawn		12/31/2016
<b>WF weirs</b>		Taylor/Mem		1/15/17
WF flushing observation		AWR-MM	2/25/17	
<b>Gibson flushing observation</b>		Shawn-MM-AWR		1/15/17
<b>Gibson weir – move</b>		Shawn-Dan		2/28/17
<b>Cooney Weir and sampling</b>	Q	AWR	2/25/27	
<b>Bold</b> Due in next month	M	Monthly		
	Q	Quarterly		

**The Following Is Michelle Merrow’s Report, Presented by Shawn Simmers: February 21, 2017.**

WFW--Taylor indicated that one of the settling basins at system 3 is not outflowing, and KE will have to come out to try to get that corrected. Flow is designed to go into both basins. John Slovikosky owes us a final cost estimate and to get the additional work scheduled. Money was withheld from KE for the lids, Michelle would like to get them purchased and on the outlet structure casings, although we may allow them to dry out a bit first if weather permits.

Gibson--We received lab slips, seed slips, and stone slips from the contractor. He is planning to finish as weather permits but this is not a very good season to do the earthwork. Michelle has discussed the slope to the left of the access road with EarthShapers, and the suggestion was to place some geotextile and rip rap due to the wetness, and Mike/Malcolm have a suggestion for funding that (as it's a bit outside of what was awarded).

**Data Logger:** Data for December and January were received from Bryan. No contaminated releases are evident.

**Ace Drilling Site:** Ray reported that this site will be flushed and inspected in the next week or so for the first quarter.

**Old Business:**

**Forcey Coal, Inc.-Passive System:** Dick has no new information, at this time.

**DEP Plant-Cresson Area:** Robb Piper attended the WPCAMR meeting on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Design is complete, bid notice date was February 10<sup>th</sup>, bid opening is April 10<sup>th</sup>, construction is to start in July. We are very happy to see that plans for the construction of this plant are moving forward.

It was suggested that CCWA join WPCAMR. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ed McMullen “to join WPCAMR as a member for \$50.00” was passed.

**New Business:**

**Cleanup Dates:** The following cleanup dates were established:

April 9<sup>th</sup>- Roadway and Stream Cleanup

July 9<sup>th</sup>- Roadway Cleanup

September 24<sup>th</sup>- Roadway and Stream Cleanup

We meet at the Municipal building in Dysart at 9 AM for the cleanups. Remember that we do 9 miles of roadway along route 53 and 5 miles of Clearfield Creek. Lots of volunteers are needed so please put these dates on your calendars.

**Board Meeting-January 17, 2017:** As a matter of record the Board of Directors met on January 17<sup>th</sup> after the regular monthly meeting. The Board voted to appoint Ray Hollen to the Board of Directors taking Shawn Simmers Board member at large position.

**Coffer Dam:** Discussion was held on the cleanout of the coffer dam located above the Dysart Dam. We will need to get landowner's permission, possibly a permit and coordinate with the Fish & Boat Commission. Lots of planning.

**Next Meeting: March 21, 2017 Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM.**

**Adjournment:** On a **motion** by Dave McMullen and seconded by Dane Kawanaski the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.