

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
July 19, 2016

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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 12 members present, plus Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering, and Steve and Clayton Krieger from Krieger Excavating. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was then passed accepting the June 21, 2016 minutes.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that CCWA had received from Cambria County Conservation District a copy of the General Permit Acknowledgement Notification for the West Ferris Wheel project. Also received from the Clearfield County Conservation District was a letter stating that the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan was approved for the Morgan Run-8 Culvert Replacement, GP-7 Minor Road Crossing.

Jerry also stated that he had dropped off the check to the Community Foundation of the Alleghenies for the CCWA Endowment Fund but has not received any additional paperwork. Jerry will contact the Foundation for this additional information.

Jerry showed the members present the laptop computer that was recently purchased for the secretary.

Membership Committee:

No new memberships were received this past month.

Public Relations/Historical Committee: Dick had two articles from The Progress; an article on the CCWA minutes and an article on work being done by Rachel Kester on Potts Run.

Finance Report:

Earl reported that he will be mailing out the dam cleanout tickets next week. He also will be giving Patty and Shirley 200 tickets to sell.

Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski, July 19, 2016

Monthly Meeting Activity: June, 2016

Expenses:

| Description | Amount | Account |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Alder Run Engineering | (868.75) | Gibson Construction |
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| EarthShapers | (73,400.14) | Gibson Construction |
| Earthshapers | (34,908.00) | Gibson Construction |
| St. Francis | (350.00) | Valley Fork |
| Kamzik Septic | (79.50) | Fish Fund |

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| Mountain Research | (125.00) | General Fund |
| Earl Smithmyer | (16.80) | General Fund |

Deposits:

| Description | Amount | Account |
|---------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Clean Streams - ACE | 285.00 | General Fund |
| DEP Reimbursement | 114,080.40 | Gibson Construction |

Transfers:

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|-----------------------------|------------|--|
| Fish Fund Cap/SGOC Transfer | | |
| From SGOC Fund | (2,373.00) | |
| Into Fish Fund | \$1,818.80 | |
| Into Dysart Dam Fund | \$ 554.20 | |

A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Alene Smithmyer was passed “to accept the treasurer’s report and to pay the invoices.”

Grant Committee:

Dan was unable to attend the meeting. Shawn stated that the committee had nothing new to report.

Shawn Simmers Presentation:

Shawn reported that he had recently participated in a DEP webinar about the \$30 million dollars of federal money that is being spent on 14 statewide projects. Locally is the project in Ehrenfeld in Cambria County. This is a 3-year project involving the removal of the bony pile that is on the hillside overlooking the town.

The webinar was spearheaded by the DEP office in Ebensburg. Shawn also mentioned the La Jose and Brubaker projects during the webinar.

Cleanup Committee-July 10th Cleanup Results:

Cleanup on July 10th went well. We had 15 participants and picked up 30 bags of litter plus a few additional items. Pat McMullen found a wallet and it was returned to a Shippensburg resident. We want to thank all volunteers who came out and helped.

Tech Committee: The following Tech Report was presented by Art Rose-Chairman of the Tech Committee: **Tech Committee Report- July 19, 2016**

Klondike Project The outflow of the settling pond was lowered by members to provide more aeration of the inflow and better treatment. Field tests on 7/19 indicate the system is working well (pH 6.5, alkalinity >200).

West Ferris Wheel project See later discussion.

Gibson Project The DEP says that the discharge adjacent to the treatment system is not a legal responsibility of Bender Coal.

Little Laurel Run Sampling The last sampling was last fall. We need to get a series of samples before startup of the W. Ferris treatment system. Shawn will contact Dan regarding this. Possibly it was sampled in early spring.

Beldin Project A letter and documents regarding landowner permission were sent to Jim Walters of Bender Coal. We expect information on road costs will be received soon from

Minetech so that we can submit a construction proposal to the 319 program. We received an extension of the design and permitting grant to 6/30/17.

Brubaker Project On 6/21 I met with Kelsey Palmer of St Francis at Brubaker and started a sampling project on upper Brubaker Run. We sampled 4 sites together and then she and her fiancé walked Brubaker Run and sampled 7 more inflows into the run. She has sent a report on this assessment. The acidity load from upper Brubaker is about half of that from the clay mine, and we can account for about half of that, but about a quarter of the upper Brubaker load is yet to be identified. I plan to apply to the Found. For PA Watersheds for a grant to support the St. Francis and lab expenses of this work, to supplement the funds available from the Valley Fork Project. I have an invoice for \$1314 from St Francis for a set of 4 quarterly samplings at Brubaker. We should pay 25% of this bill now.

Swank Project Compilation of the water chemistry indicates that the main control on effectiveness of the limestone channel is the flow: At low flow it is relatively effective, but at high flow its effectiveness declines. Given this pattern, the channel is about as effective as in the first year. So I think we should sample to see if this pattern continues, rather than trying to stir it to improve effectiveness. The system was sampled on 7/19.

Amsbry Project No activity.

Glasgow Project This continues to treat well. An inquiry about an experiment on low pH iron removal has been received.

Clearfield Creek Sampling Ray and Chuck sampled 13 sites along Clearfield Creek and turned the samples in to the state lab. We await the lab results.

Morgan Run 8 We received a permit for culvert replacement.

Funding for sampling The following funding sources are suggested for small sampling projects:

| <u>Project</u> | <u>Fund Source</u> | <u>Amt. Remaining</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Klondike and L. Laurel | Chitin | \$541 |
| Swank | Swank | \$203 |
| W. Ferris to Bru.) | Valley Fork, Penn State | \$976 + 500 (less \$350 |
| Brubaker | Proposal to Found.PA Wat. | \$2400? |

We may need to find additional funds for W. Ferris.

The Following Is Michelle Merrow's Report, Presented by Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering: July 19, 2016.

Gibson-CCWA received a bond status inquiry, which ARE completed. A contract time extension was granted. The contract amendment for additional funds from DEP was received. The contractor estimates 3 more weeks of work, and work has been slowed due to stone truck availability. The contractor wanted CCWA to be aware that it is a bad time for seeding, and he may have some seeding work later in the fall when conditions are more favorable, but he will get it taken care of.

WFW--The road improvements to the KL access road were installed and completed. The contractor has made good progress since last month. All stone was in treatment system 2, and compost is on site. Compost and wood chips are being delivered. The 3rd system has been excavated and flows are higher than expected. Substantial completed is expected in mid-August.

Data Logger: Bryan reported that he had sampled the data logger on July 18th and will be reviewing the data next week.

Ace Drilling Site: The site will be sampled in the next few weeks for this quarter. Dick is to renew the permit with the Pennsylvania Game Commission for this site.

Old Business:

Website Update: The website is updated except for the recent minutes. Tegan has requested any pictures of the fishing derby be e-mailed to her and she will put them on the website. Jerry is to contact The Mainliner to see if we can get these pictures.

Dick Dotts- Dumpsite Cleanup: Dick had nothing new to report on this site.

Forcey Coal, Inc.-Passive System: Dick stated that he has not received any sample report from John Mital, DEP. He will follow up with John.

Posts/Brochures: Shawn is to check on the status of the installation of the posts and brochures that were to be installed at a few sites along Clearfield Creek. All materials for this project have been purchased.

New Business:

Cambria County Conservation District: Bryan reported that Mark from the Conservation Office has money for stream bank stabilization projects at Prince Gallitzin Park. He is still finalizing the project and funding. Bryan, on behalf of the Conservation District, asked if CCWA would be willing to make a donation to this project, if there is a funding short fall.

Next Meeting: August 16, 2016, Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM.

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