

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 17, 2015**

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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 13 members present for the meeting plus, Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering, and Maria Messina, a SFU environmental student. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen was then passed accepting the October 20, 2015. Ed reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that he may have to purchase a few supplies for the annual mailing. He read a letter from TU asking for a donation. After a brief discussion about the great working relationship with TU, a **motion** was made by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen "that CCWA make a donation of \$25.00 to TU's Annual Appeal." Jerry also read a thank you letter from DCNR, the Prince Gallitzin Park Office, thanking CCWA for participating in the annual Apple Cider Festival at the park.

Membership Committee:

There were no new memberships received this past month. At this time it was mentioned that Bob Funicelli, membership committee chair, and John Strittmatter were in the hospital. Jerry is to send a get well card to each on behalf of CCWA.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Dick gave Ray a recent article from The Progress about stream stabilization along Potts Run. There was a picture of Rachel Kester and her son with the article. Dick had given Ray, a few weeks ago, the October minutes that were in The Progress.

Finance Report:

Dane was reviewing the solicitation letter that is to be sent out soon.

Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski, November 17, 2015

Monthly Meeting Activity: October, 2015

<i>Deposits</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Account</i>
Expenses			
	Alder Run Engineering	\$ (10,000.00)	wfw1
	Trout Unlimited	\$ (25.00)	Gen Fund

Discussed was an e-mail request from Barbara Hartleb. Clean Streams sent a signed copy of the new contract for the Ace Drilling site to be signed by Ed and returned that Barbara has not received. Dan is to resend a copy of this contract to her.

Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dick Dotts 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 McMullen stated that he would be applying for a grant that Michelle had recently e-mailed him about. Still pending is the purchase of supplies for posts, cement, brochures, and brochure holders. Rachel stated that she had bought brochures and holders for a similar project and offered to assist Dan with this purchase.

Shawn Simmers Presentation:

Shawn Simmers was out of town and not able to attend the meeting.

Election Committee:

Ray, Dave, and Eric agreed to serve on the election committee. At this time nominations were opened for the one of the at large Board of Directors position. Dick Dotts nominated Earl for this position, Jerry seconded the nomination. Ed reminded all that nominations will be accepted at the December meeting, also.

Tech Committee: The following Tech Report was presented by Art Rose-Chairman of the Tech Committee: **Tech Committee Report-November 17, 2015**

Klondike Project The site was sampled on 11/17 and the sample submitted to Mountain Research Labs. The field pH was 6.4, indicating good treatment.

Gibson Project Permission to start the project was received from Bender, and the remaining permit was approved by DEP. The contractor has mobilized and begun work

Beldin Project No activity.

Swank Project No activity

Amsbry Project No activity

Brubaker Project Comparison of the acidity and metal loading at the mouth of Brubaker Run with the sum of the Dean Clay Mine plus upstream Brubaker Run indicates a large additional loading somewhere in the watershed. We need to repair the weirs and walk the stream to find the source of the missing loading. Available DEP data on the Bender and Cooney treatment plants has been obtained. Both plants have operated to thoroughly treat the discharges the last few months but were not completely treating in previous months.

Glasgow Project No activity.

Clearfield Creek sampling Data for August and September was received from Joe Hoy. In the last few months the stream has been more acid and metal-rich than during spring and summer.

The Following Is Michelle Merrow's Report, Presented by Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering: November 17, 2015

Gibson:

Bonds and insurance were received from EarthShapers. Copies are posted to the dropbox.

Change Order 1 was issued and executed for an extension in contract time due to the landowner issues delaying access to the site. There was no change in price.

A flowage easement was received from PGC and submitted to DEP. This was in addition to the easement granted by Bender for the other 1/2 of the project site.

A notice to proceed was presented for signature.

A letter requesting \$135,000 in working capital from DEP was presented for signature.

Start notifications were made to CCCD, and the co-permittee form was acknowledged.

Contractor has started work on the entrance and access, but was called off by DEP today for an emergency repair. They will back as soon as possible, but face restricted dates during the next few weeks for hunting seasons.

WFW--Phase 1: Final reports were sent. The CCWA Board met with the contractor on 10-28. Several field orders were issued to address concerns of both the contractor and the board. The contractor was working on Monday 11-16-15. Alder Run Engineering is to send a letter to the contractor requesting that they allocate more resources to the project. Alder Run Engineering noted that PA DEP is not making grant reimbursements until a state budget is passed, and that it is very hard on contractors trying to pay for fuel and materials and not being reimbursed for months on end.

Data Logger: Art reported that a set of data for several months shows no anomalies. Bryan stated that he would be checking on the data logger on November 18th.

Ace Drilling Site: No activity. The system is scheduled to be sampled on November 20th.

Old Business:

Website Update: There was nothing new to report this month.

Coffer Dam Cleanout: There is not much new to report. This project will be tabled at this time.

New Business:

SFU Students: A group of SFU students spent a day last week with Carolyn Itle-Sherry, Western PA Conservancy, doing a macro invertebrate study on Clearfield Creek below the bridge in Syberton.

SGOC License: Ray reminded the members that we need to complete this license application in December. We will need the number to have printed on the fishing derby tickets in January 2016.

Earl Smithmyer's Birthday: A big round of applause was given to Earl for his recent 80th birthday on November 11th. We are very thankful for all that Earl has done for CCWA over the years.

Next Meeting: December 15, 2015, Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Dave McMullen and seconded by Bryan Rabish the meeting was adjourned