

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
OCTOBER 17, 2017**

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The meeting was called to order by President Dan McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 8 members present. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dave McMullen was then passed “accepting the September 19, 2017 minutes.” Dan reminded all present that the minutes were being taped.

Secretary’s Report:

Jerry was unable to attend the meeting. The following is his report given by Dan McMullen: Jerry and Dan attended the Meet the State Representative Breakfast hosted by the Cambria County Conservation District. Dennis Simmers, the primary speaker, spoke about the value of waste coal power plants. Dan and Jerry spoke to the representative from WPCAMR who requested our support for future projects and funding. They have supported us in the past with funding. Jerry received a call from the law office of the buyers of the property presently owned by ECS, landowners of the WFW site. They were inquiring about the transfer of the landowner/grantee agreement from this site.

Membership Committee:

There were no new memberships received this past month.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray stated that he had nothing new to report.

Finance Report:

Nothing new to report.

Treasurer’s Report: Shawn Simmers: October 17, 2017

Expenses:

Earl Smithmyer-cleanup supplies	\$ 48.35	General Fund
ARE- Gibson project	\$5,000.00	Gibson Account

Revenue:

No deposits the past month.

A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dane Kawanaski was then passed “to accept the treasurer’s report and pay all invoices.”

Grant Committee:

Dan reviewed a correspondence from the Community Foundation of the Alleghenies. The Dominion Grant for 2018 will cover entry ways/access for canoe/kayak users. Dan had been contacted by Donna Wagner, DEP Office Harrisburg, about the

WFW #4 proposal and the use of the Beldin grant money. Dan, Art, and Shawn are working with Donna on these plans.

Cleanup Committee:

The cleanup on September 24th went very well. There were 24 volunteers present. We were able to clean up a section of both route 53 and route 36, Clearfield Creek from Ashville to Dean, and a section of Beldin Hollow Road. We picked up a total of 36 bags of trash, and 1 tv along route 53 and 25 bags and 9 tires along route 36. Now that is a lot of trash. Special thanks to the many volunteers, including the SFU students, and the great lunch provided for the cleanup.

Election Committee:

One open seat on the Board of Directors will expire on January, 2018. This seat is currently held by Ray Hollen. Nominations for this seat will be held at both the November and December meetings. Election will be held at the annual meeting in January.

Tech Committee: Art was unable to attend this meeting. Art's Tech Report, presented by Shawn, is listed below: **Tech Committee Report- October 17, 2017**

Klondike Project The KL-1 and KL-2 outflows were sampled by Dan on 9/24. Both outflows were net alkaline with low metals. The KL-2 outflow needs a new weir.

W Ferris Wheel Project Eight inflows and outflows were sampled by Dan on 9/24. All 3 treatment systems are releasing net alkaline water. Iron and aluminum were low on Systems 1 and 2, but some iron was in the effluent of System 3.

Gibson Project Samples of the outflows collected on 9/29 by Michelle Merrow show net alkaline chemistry and low metals. Unfortunately, no flow values were recorded.

Little Laurel Run Samples were collected of the outflow from the Cooney site and from 3 downstream sites along Little Laurel by Dan on 9/24. The samples of the downstream sites had low acidities with loading similar to recent samples. Unfortunately, the weir at 32MS4 (Cooney) is leaking and needs repaired so no flow is available.

Swank Project Samples collected on 9/24 by Ray and Chuck show appreciable treatment but incomplete treatment of aluminum, similar to previous samples.

Brubaker Project Louisa Lytle, Penn State Student, accompanied by Art Rose conducted sampling at Brubaker on 9/28. The Clay Mine discharge was acid and was not being neutralized by Bender sludge as it had been the last few months. Upstream of the Clay Mine, the stream had only very low acidity but appreciable metals, apparently because of effective operation of the Bender and Cooney treatment systems. Flows at 3 sites in upper Brubaker were very low to dry, with low acidities and metals. Louisa will be sampling these sites for a senior thesis. Weirs are needed on the two upstream tributaries, though she can probably use the flowmeter temporarily.

A request was submitted to Trout Unlimited for macroinvertebrate analyses of Clearfield Creek downstream of Brubaker Run. As yet no response has been received, apparently because Amy Wolfe is out of town.

To Do As of 11/1/17

<u>Project</u>	<u>Interval</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>Last Done</u>	<u>Do by</u>
KL1 Inspection and monitoring	Q	Art, Dan	9/24/17	12/31/17
KL2 inspection and monitoring	Q	Dan	9/24/17	12/31/17
WF Inspection and monitoring	M	Dan	9/24/17	12/31/17
Gibson insp. And monitoring	M	Shawn,Michelle	6/1/17	6/30/17
Beldin insp. And monitoring	Q	Dan	Suspended	
Swank insp. And monitoring	Q	Ray, Chuck	9/26/17	9/30/17
Little Laurel sampling	Q	Dan	9/24/17	12/31/17
Ace Drilling inspection	Q	Ray	9/18/17	12/31/17
Beldin Quarterly Report	Q	Art	7/18/17	9/30/17
Gibson Quarterly Report	Q	Michelle	?	1/31/17
Bender agreement-Beldin		Shawn	Suspended	
KL2 Weir		St F, Dan		5/31/17
Gibson flushing observation		Shawn-MM-AWR		1/15/17
Cooney Weir and sampling	M	AWR-Dan	9/24/17	10/30/17
Brubaker weirs & sampling	M	Louisa, CCWA	11/1/17	11/30/17
Bold Due in next month	M	Monthly		
	Q	Quarterly		

Ace Drilling Site: The new contract has been sent to CCWA from DEP. There are a few items in this contract that are a concern for the members who monitor the site and also the Board of Directors. Dan McMullen and Shawn Simmers have been in contact with DEP to clarify these items.

Data Logger: Nothing new to report.

Old Business:

Apple Cider Festival: Dan, Ed, Ray, Dane, Katie, and Bryan all worked the CCWA booth. They reported that they were very busy all day. CCWA received a thank you letter from the Prince Gallitzin Park thanking us for our participation. Estimated attendance was approximately 19,000 people.

DEP Plant, Cresson: Construction activity seems to be low at the site. The contractor is running the water line to the homes along Vampire Road.

New Business: None

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

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Dane Kawanaski and seconded by Dick Dotts the meeting was adjourned.