

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
JULY 21, 2015**

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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 11 members present for the meeting plus, Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering, and Steve Krieger and his son- contractor for the WFW project. Art mentioned that there was a small mistake in the Tech Report in the June minutes. We need to move the last sentence in the Swank report to the last sentence in the Beldin Project Report. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Shawn Simmers was then passed accepting the June 16, 2015 minutes with this change. Ed reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry stated that he had nothing to report this past month.

Membership Committee:

There were no new memberships received this past month.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray reported that he nothing new to report. Disk stated that the recent CCWA minutes have not been in The Progress. He will try and check on that.

Finance Report:

The Dam Cleanout tickets are still available for sale. Dick is to check on a date that we could sell tickets at Layo's store.

Sales are going very slow for this ticket. Please contact any Board member if you would like to purchase or sell some tickets. Winner will be determined by a drawing at the September meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski, July 21, 2015

<i>Deposits</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Account</i>
Expenses	Mahaffey Laboratory	\$ (31.00)	Dominion Grant
	Mahaffey Laboratory	\$ (162.00)	Gen Fund Ace Drilling
	Art Rose	\$ (127.01)	Broken into KL Chitin/Beldin Proj.
	Alder Run Engineering	\$ (62.09)	Gibson
	Alder Run Engineering	\$ (1,354.92)	WFW1
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	Krieger Excavating	\$ (1,440.00)	WFW1
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(44,900.00)

Ray Hollen \$ (11.69) Gen Fund

Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Eric Davis 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.

A **motion** by Jerry McMullen and seconded by Dick Dotts was also passed “to move \$317.95 from the SGOC Fund to the Fish Fund capping it at \$4,0000 and then move the balance of the SGOC Fund into the Dysart Dam Cleanout Fund.”

Jerry mentioned that he has been in touch with Brennen Myers from Wessel & Company. Brennen clarified some of the questions about the Engagement Letter brought up at the June meeting regarding the standard language in this letter and also he will be making recommendations to the Board by means of a Management Letter.

Grant Committee:

Dan was out of town and unable to attend the July meeting. Shawn stated that he had nothing new to report.

Shawn Simmers Presentation:

Shawn reported that he had done a walk on Sunday into the WFW project. He thought the site looked good with no issues, at this time. Shawn shared a letter of support sent to CCWA from Robb Piper and the Conservation District.

There were two letters regarding MR Tuff for Ed to sign and they are to be sent to Kelly Williams. Shawn stated that he had assisted Art and Ted Coleman with the road design for the Beldin Project.

Cleanup Committee: July 12th Cleanup Results

Ed reported that we did manage to get the roadway cleanup accomplished even though we had only 11 people. We picked up approximately 20-25 bags of litter and a couple of tires. Unfortunately someone has since the cleanup dumped some drywall at a pull off area north of Dysart. We will have to meet sometime and clean this up.

Tech Committee: The following Tech Report was presented by Art Rose-Chairman of the Tech Committee: **Tech Committee Report- July 21, 2015**

Klondike Project The outflow sample in June was strongly net alkaline, and the July sample has a good pH. Members restored the flow into the slag bed. We still need to decrease the outflow elevation of the final pond so the inflow pipe is about 6 inches above the water level. The final pond has a black color, apparently because of iron sulfide in the water.

Gibson Project We await transfer of land from Bender to the Game Commission.

Beldin Project Cost data for the proposed treatment system was received from Hedin Environmental, and a proposal for funding construction was submitted to the 319 program for \$349,862. A major component is the cost of the road, owing to the several crossings of small streams and wet ground. We need to obtain agreements from the

landowners for the access road, and complete the transfer of land from Bender to the Game Commission. A quarterly report will be submitted this month.

Swank Project The CCWA lock was placed on the gate. Sampling on 7/2 for the Snapshot Program indicates continuing moderate treatment, but the lab data has not yet been received. Sampling by St. Francis students continued.

Brubaker Project A proposal for \$56,730 was submitted to the Growing Greener program for design of an active treatment plant for the Dean discharge. The proposal includes \$21,000 for investigating disposal of sludge into the old mine. The proposal makes a strong case that the iron and aluminum precipitate is the major cause of impoverishment of fish and macroinvertebrates in Clearfield Creek, and that the Cresson plant will not fix this problem. We need to contact our state legislators to promote support for this proposal, and possibly arrange a meeting with DEP personnel in Ebsenburg. A short report with illustrations is in preparation for presentation to officials. The location of a new weir at the mouth was investigated by members and will be installed. About 2 days was spent locating and staking the 2005-6 drillholes but the Game Commission does not think our stakes are permanent enough.

Amsbry Project A proposal for \$487,535 was submitted to the Growing Greener program for construction of the previously designed treatment system for Amsbry. The proposal is basically the same as the one submitted in 2014, but the justification has been strengthened and stronger statement made on maintenance of the system by CCWA.

Clearfield Creek Water Sampling We await data on samples from March and succeeding months. The data was very useful in the Brubaker proposal. July sampling is expected to be done in a few days.

Ace Drilling Project A bill for the extra flushing visits was submitted to Malcolm Crittenden. He has proposed to the Foundation that our normal payment be increased to \$285, and indicates that we should keep track of hours spent on special visits for which we will be paid on an hourly basis.

Valley Fork Project No activity.

West Ferris Wheel Project An extensive discussion was held on the WFW project. We understand that this project has been a challenge with the large amount of rain that we had lately. A major problem has developed with the removal of the timber, owned by ECS, Inc., the landowner. An on-site meeting was held on July 2nd to work through this problem. Additional problems continued to develop with the tree removal. After further discussion, a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed “to spend \$4,800 for a change order for Steve Krieger to haul all of the logs to the top of the hill for easy access by the landowner.”

Ed mentioned that he appreciated the effort of all parties involved to work through this problem.

The Following Is Michelle Merrow’s Report, Presented by Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering: July 21, 2015

Gibson- DEP and ACOE visited the site. DEP asked for a new wetland delineation of an area that was wheel ruts left by the loggers, but had standing water. ARE will do so as soon as possible but have been waiting for some of the standing water from all the recent rain to subside. We still need a landowner agreement for the Bender

portion of the property. DEP is holding the permit for the intake and outfall structures until they get a flowage easement for the Bender portion of the property, which PGC can't sign for until they own all of the property. An extension letter extending the completion deadline through 6/30/16 was presented for signature. Earthshapers still wants to start construction ASAP. When the Bender landowner issue is resolved, they could start all work except the intake and outfall structure (after they give notice to PA DOT and CCCD).

WFW- DEP and ACOE visited this site as well. A change order for \$4800 was approved last month of additional roadway drainage measures. Good progress was starting to be made with the drier weather. As noted above: the contractor is having some issues with tree removal (i.e. getting the cut trees removed off the site) with the landowner, and it was decided that the contractor will haul the trees up to the KL1 site for the landowner. All trees are to be removed from the site by the end of the month.

Data Logger: Data through 6/17/15 has been received from Bryan. No contamination is indicated. Readings should be taken the week of August 3rd.

Ace Drilling Site: Art reported that he had sent in the invoice for the extra flushing at this site. The normal payment for this testing is to increase from \$230 to \$285. Art asked that the testing crew keep track of the extra hours required for the additional flushing requested by Malcolm.

Old Business:

Website Update: Tegan reported that there were no new changes to the website. Ray provided here with the minutes for December, 2009 that she was missing.

Project Booklet: There is nothing new to report at this time.

Posts/Brochures: There is also nothing new to report on this project.

The above two projects, Project Booklet and Posts/Brochures, will be tabled for now.

New Business:

Board Meeting- The Board of Directors met prior to the regular monthly meeting on July 21st to discuss the WFW site.

Next Meeting: August 18, 2015, Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Dane Kawanaski and seconded by Ray Hollen the meeting was adjourned