

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**

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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 16 members present for the meeting plus, Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering, Steve and Sue Krieger, contractor for the WFW project, two students from the Environmental Department- SFU, and Brennen Myers from Wessel & Company. Ed asked the students from SFU to introduce themselves and welcomed them to our meeting. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Art Rose was then passed accepting the August 18, 2015. Ed reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry had nothing new to report under the secretary's report but a few items for later on the agenda.

Membership Committee:

There was one new membership received this past month in the mail. This membership will be applied to the 2016 dues.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray was out of town and unable to attend the meeting. Dick reported that the August meeting minutes were in The Progress recently, a real nice article. Jerry stated that he had added the new e-mail address for The Progress to his list. We want to thank Julie and The Progress for this coverage.

Finance Report:

Earl stated that he had nothing new to report under finances. All of the Dam Cleanout tickets were added to the large drum for the drawing of the winning ticket. The winner of this ticket was Rusty Wilkinson from Altoona.

Earl mentioned that two ladies, Patty Hilyer and Shirley Fudulski had sold over \$400.00 of tickets for this drawing for CCWA. Earl requested that we purchase a \$25.00 gift card from Hoss's for each of them to show our appreciation.

Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski, August 18, 2015

Monthly Meeting Activity: September, 2015

<i>Deposits</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Account</i>
	DD ticket Sales	\$ 2,068.00	SGOC
	Membership	\$ 10.00	General Fund
<i>Expenses</i>			
	Earl Smithmyer	\$ (150.00)	SGOC
	Dane Kalwanaski	\$ (400.00)	SGOC
	Hedin Environmental	\$ (2,118.44)	Beldin

Mahaffey Labs	\$ (31.00)	Dominion 15A
Krieger Excavating	\$ (3,600.00)	WFW1

A brief discussion was held on the procedure for using Mountain Research Company from Altoona to do our water testing, Tegan was to e-mail Art some information and will also bring in some sample bottles at the October meeting.

Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month. A **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Dan McMullen 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 had nothing to report on any new grants. A discussion was held on the use of the funds from the Dominion Grant; including the purchase of supplies for posts, cement, brochures, and brochure holders that will be placed along Clearfield Creek. We will also be purchasing some new testing instruments- PH meter, conductivity meter and liquid for calibrating this equipment.

Shawn Simmers Presentation:

“ Shawn Simmers reported that two St. Francis professors (Bill Strosnider and Doug Daley) met with Art Rose at the Ferris Wheel Revegetation site. Bill and Doug will be submitting a grant application to conduct research on abandoned mine reclamation sites. They are interested in the West Ferris Wheel site. The research will include but not limited to determining the proper soil characteristics required or needed to be designed in abandoned mine reclamation projects. The purpose of the meeting was to understand the scope and reason for the Revegetation project. “

Cleanup Committee:

CCWA’s last cleanup of the season is on Sunday, September 27th. We will be meeting at the Municipal Building in Dysart, 9 AM. This is both a roadway and stream cleanup. Dan is to check on any supplies needed which Jerry will pick up at the PennDOT building in Ebsenburg.

SFU will be sending some students to assist with this cleanup.

Tech Committee: The following Tech Report was presented by Art Rose-Chairman of the Tech Committee: **Tech Committee Report- September 15, 2015**

Klondike Project The system continues to treat water to strongly net alkaline condition. The sample in August was pH 7.3 and alkalinity 224. Field measurements on 9/15 showed pH of 6.6 and alkalinity 240.

Gibson Project We await transfer of the property from Bender to the Game Commission. An inquiry to Malcolm Crittenden about including Bender in the Good Samaritan agreement indicates that this can be done relatively simply, but we are waiting for the property transfer to take place.

Beldin Project An invoice was received from Hedin Environmental for their work mainly in preparing design and cost information for the construction proposal. A map of the access road was modified for inclusion in the agreements with property owners.

West Ferris Wheel Project Essentially no work was done until at least the week of 9/7. We hope that work will accomplish most of the Phase 1 tasks by the end of September.

Ferris Wheel Project Dr. Strosnider and a visiting Professor toured Ferris Wheel with Art Rose and Brian Merrow to obtain information for a research proposal on the different soil treatment used in revegetation. They are submitting a proposal for research at the site. The vegetation is growing very successfully, but few trees have survived.

Swank Project The site was sampled by students from St. Francis.

Brubaker Project A report proposing that Clearfield Creek below Brubaker Run should be designated a Qualified Hydrologic Unit (QHU) is largely prepared. This report will be submitted to the DEP and if successful will allow funding from the federal Abandoned Mineland Fund. We need to obtain current data on the smaller discharges in the watershed, as well as continuing to obtain chemical and flow data at the mouth. We plan to meet with DEP in Ebensburg to discuss the QHU and our plans for Brubaker.

Amsbry Project No activity.

Glasgow Project No activity.

The Following Is Michelle Merrow's Report, Presented by Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering: September 15, 2015

Gibson

Subdivision plan will be reviewed by Dean Township at their November meeting.

A quarterly report is due.

If Bender Coal doesn't sign a temporary construction agreement, we may not be able to break ground this year depending on weather.

WFW

An agreement for hauling of logs by Allegheny Wood Products was submitted to CCWA.

A change order in the amount of \$3600 was presented by Krieger Excavating for work associated with seasonal groundwater seep, and this is still within the remaining budget.

Donna Carnahan visited the site on 8/26/15 to view progress. A schedule was given to Krieger Excavating through the end of September to finish up items to close out phase 1, and they have been adhering to that schedule and making good progress. ARE inspected the sediment forebay and it meets plan dimensions.

CCWA asked the contractor to be careful to clean up garbage and debris around the site.

Data Logger: Art reported that no new data has been received.

Ace Drilling Site: The site is to be sampled in September. Art Rose will visit the site during the next sampling to investigate why the Mn bed is not removing much Mn.

Old Business:

Website Update: Tegan reported that there were no new changes to the website.

Clean Stream Contract: The contract for the continued water sampling at the Ace Drilling site was received and needs to be signed and returned.

New Business:

Apple Cider Festival: October 4th: Arrangements were made for picking up the tables and chairs and workers for our display at this event.

Coffer Dam Cleanout: Discussion was held on permits needed, procedure and time frame to clean out this area. Bryan and Ed are to check on permit requirements.

PGC Tree Sale: Jerry received an e-mail from Dan Yahner about the PGC annual tree sale. It was decided that we are not going to order any trees at this time.

Solicitation Letters: Earl inquired about the solicitation letter that CCWA has sent out to nonprofit clubs asking for a donation. He asked that we review the wordage in the letter before it is sent out again.

Thank You: Earl thanked all present for the many cards, phone call, etc. that he received during his recent surgery and recovery.

Next Meeting: October 20, 2015, Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dane Kawanaski the meeting was adjourned