

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
AUGUST 18, 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 Mr. & Mrs. Steve Krieger contractor for the WFW project. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Art Rose was then passed accepting the July 21, 2015. Ed reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

Secretary's Report: Jerry was unable to attend the meeting.

We received a letter from Wessel & Company that needs Ed McMullen's signature. Ed was going to sign the letter and send it back.

Ligonier Construction was looking for a letter of support. Ed was going to visit Earl on this matter.

CCWA's Certificate of Insurance was updated from Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers.

The contract for Ace Drilling was received and Ed needs to sign. Dan was going to return the signed contract.

We received the approved Environmental Good Samaritan Act for the Gibson-Halstock AMD Treatment System Project from DEP.

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 he talked to Julie from The Progress, she will be publishing our meeting minutes from now on. Dick gave Dan the info to forward to Jerry.

Finance Report:

The Dam Cleanout tickets are all handed out. Dick checked on a date that he and Earl will be selling tickets at Layo's store. Dick mentioned that if Earl is not able to attend that he would need another volunteer. 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 15, 2015 meeting.

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

Monthly Meeting Activity: August, 2015

<i>Deposits</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Account</i>
7/24/2015	DEP Reimbursement	\$ 4,533.00	Beldin
8/18/2015	Ticket sales	\$ 574.00	SGOC
	Clean Streams	\$ 255.00	Gen Fund
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DEP Reimbursement	\$ 67,817.50	WFW1 NEW -
Anonymous Donation	\$ 115,000.00	TBD

Expenses

Krieger Excavation	\$ (4,320.00)	
Mahaffey Laboratory	\$ (31.00)	Dominion 15a

Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month. A **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Dave 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.

Shawn Simmers Presentation:

Shawn was unable to attend the meeting. Shawn did get in contact with Jim Walters from Bender Coal Company concerning the Gibson project. Mr. Walters was willing to sign an easement agreement for the project.

Tech Committee: The following Tech Report was presented by Art Rose-Chairman of the Tech Committee: **Tech Committee Report- August 18, 2015**

Klondike Project The lab results from the July sample show a very strong net alkalinity of 105 mg/L. The system continues to perform well. The outflow was lowered by members so that the inflow water is now being aerated better.

Gibson Project We are still waiting for the land transfer from Bender to the Game Commission to be finalized. We obtained an extension of the grant.

Beldin Project No activity. We await word on our construction proposal. A quarterly report was submitted.

Swank Project No activity

Amsbry project No activity. We await word on our construction proposal.

Brubaker project A proposal for a Qualified Hydrologic Unit is being prepared. This is required to obtain funds from the Abandoned Mine land Fund, and to justify the design proposal that we submitted. When this is essentially complete, we should meet with DEP personnel in the Ebensburg office to familiarize them with the project and improve chances for funding.

Clearfield Creek Water Sampling Data for March through June was received. The stream water is more acid and metal-rich during the last few months. Seasonal periods of elevated metals may be a factor in the degradation of the biota in this stream.

Glasgow project The system continues to release net alkaline water and performs very well.

Ace Drilling No activity.

Valley Fork Project No activity.

Stream Reclassification The Fish and Boat Commission is considering a reclassification of trout streams, including several in our watershed, including Bradley Run, Potts Run, East Branch Little Muddy Run, Porter (Buck) Run, Carson Run, Cherry Run, and Dewitt Run. These streams are judged to contain reproducing wild trout populations. Unfortunately we missed the comment period, but this action indicates that streams are improving in the area.

Note: WFW Project- A lengthy discussion was held on the lack of progress at this site. Steve Krieger had pulled his equipment and was working elsewhere. He is to move back into the site the week of 8/26/15. Art and the Board Members are very concerned with the progress on the construction of Phase I and final approval by DEP by September 30th.

The Following Is Michelle Merrow's Report, Presented by Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering: August 18, 2015

Gibson--waiting for Bender to sign a landowner agreement. Earthshapers is ready to start, but we can't because PGC doesn't own the entire project site.

WFW--Contractor hasn't been working for a few weeks, because they were finishing other projects, but will be returning soon. A meeting with Donna Wagner, DEP project advisor, is scheduled for 8-26 to view the site. The current expiration date for PH 1 was 9-30-15. An extension of the OSM funding was suggested through 9-30-16.

Data Logger: Data for June into August was received from Bryan. At Witmer Run, the conductance increased during July from less than 100 to 350 units. A field check by Bryan does not indicate any problem from gas drilling, but possibly from some mined sites.

Ace Drilling Site: Nothing new to report on this site. Site is to be sampled in September. Art will need to visit the site.

Old Business:

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

New Business:

Ed asked about the progress of the Cresson Plant and would like to have an update on the project. Rebecca Holler said that they have had some delays and will talk to Joe from DEP about this.

PA Fish Commission has a list of streams running into the Clearfield Creek that they want to name as wild trout streams.

Potts Run to be habituated. Bids are in and to be awarded on August 21, 2015.

Apple Cider Festival will be October 4, 2015. Bryan will need some help in setting up.

Board Meeting- The Board of Directors met after the meeting to discuss WFW and an anonymous donation that CCWA received.

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

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