

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF  
FEBRUARY 17, 2015  
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 15 members present for the meeting plus, Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering, 2 members of the Krieger family, and 2 SFU students; C.J. Spellman and Maria Messina. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was then passed accepting the January 20, 2015 minutes. Ed reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

**Secretary's Report:**

Jerry reported that he had picked up the fishing derby tickets. He also picked up the Small Games of Chance License at the Cambria County Courthouse. Discussed was the need to purchase this license in December. He reviewed a letter from TU thanking CCWA for the renewal of our annual membership. Jerry also mentioned that he updated all e-mail addresses.

**Membership Committee:**

There were 11 memberships received this past month. Jerry asked the members present to continue to solicit dues and new members. A reminder to send in your dues if you have not done so already and thanks to all of those who have.

**Public Relations/Historical Committee:**

Ray had an article that was in The Mainliner newspaper last week covering the West Ferris Wheel project. Earl Smithmyer was quoted, as a representative of CCWA, and mentioned was the \$1,000,000 in grants that we have received for this project.

**Finance Report:**

Earl discussed with the members whether we want to continue to sell the \$5.00 Dam Cleanout Ticket or would we better off to sell a \$2.00 ticket with different prizes. Earl is to draft two or three different tickets for review at the March meeting.

Dane was not able to send out the solicitation letters to the various non profits asking for a donation from their small games of chance proceeds. Dane is to send out these letters to a few local clubs.

**Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski, February 17, 2015**

At this time Dane reviewed the monthly financial report.

| <i>Deposits</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Amount</i> | <i>Account</i> |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|
|                 |                    | \$            |                |
|                 | Memberships        | 125.00        | Gen Fund       |

**Expenses**

|                       |             |           |                                     |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
|                       | \$          |           |                                     |
| Krieger Excavation    | (91,152.74) | WFW ph1   | Approved by board after Jan meeting |
|                       | \$          |           |                                     |
| Damin Printing        | (70.00)     | SGOC      | Approved by board after Jan meeting |
|                       | \$          |           |                                     |
| Damin Printing        | (125.00)    | SGOC      |                                     |
|                       | \$          |           |                                     |
| alder run engineering | (1,931.00)  | WFW ph1   |                                     |
|                       | \$          |           |                                     |
| Gerald McMullen       | (75.00)     | SGOC      |                                     |
|                       | \$          |           |                                     |
| Dan McMullen          | (20.00)     | SGOC      |                                     |
|                       | \$          |           |                                     |
| Krieger Excavation    | (13,327.00) | WFW ph1   |                                     |
|                       | \$          |           |                                     |
| Mahaffey labs         | (25.00)     | KL Chitin |                                     |

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.

**Grant Committee:**

Dan stated that he had completed and sent in the two Dominion grants. He also sent in the final report on the Valley Fork Project to the anonymous donor. Jerry had forwarded an e-mail that he had received on potential grants to Shawn, Dan, and Art for review.

**Shawn Simmers Presentation:**

Shawn reported that he continues to work with Michelle on reviewing any permits required for our projects. Presently we have a flow easement permit and the Bender Landowner agreement that are pending.

Shawn also mentioned that he was able to get back into the Klondike with two SFU students recently to check on the site. Due to the wintry conditions he was unable to do any water sampling.

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

Klondike Project The KL-1 outflow sample from January was strongly alkaline (-97) with a pH of 7.6, indicating that the system continues to treat very well.

W. Ferris Wheel Project The contractor has mobilized and cut some trees, essentially no work was able to be done in the last month. We await a permit for some aspects of the project.

Gibson Project The Game Commission is having the trees cut in their part of the project area, but for the moment not in the Bender area. For the main permit on this property,

the DEP is requiring that we need the Game Commission to sign off on an extensive easement agreement that largely duplicates the existing Landowner-Grantee agreement. Beldin Project A map showing a slightly revised alignment for the access road into the site was received from Minetech. We can now go to the property owners to obtain agreements for access.

Swank Project A manuscript by Dr. Bill Stroesnider of St. Francis discussing the value of the site for teaching and research by students was reviewed. The paper will be published in the journal Reclamation Matters. Also, a mathematical paper modeling the effectiveness of open limestone channels by a St. Francis student was received for review.

Brubaker Project A field meeting for contractors interested in the design of a Brubaker treatment system was held on 1/23. Four potential bidders attended: GAI, Tetrattech, Skelly & Loy, and Biomost. Since then, a tentative set of discharge standards has been sent to the proposers. Proposals are due Friday 2/27 at 5 pm at our mailing address. We should schedule a bid opening session. We must select a contractor by 3/31.

Glasgow Project The system continues to treat very well.

Amsbry Project DEP in Ebensburg has been contacted for information on our best future course to obtain construction funding. Possibilities are resubmitting to Growing Greener, or submitting to the Act 13 (Marcellus) Fund.

Clearfield Creek Sampling This sampling was done by CCWA volunteers with Joe Hoy in January. A set of data for December was received from Joe Hoy and entered into a spread sheet.

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

Gibson--Michelle presented a draft flowage easement, and clarified that DEP Waterways is requiring this as part of the waterways permitting. The easement draft was provided by PA DEP. Art had made suggestions to simplify the easement, and Michelle will incorporate them. The group discussed sending it to their attorney for review. Michelle was to call Donna to discuss if this easement is really necessary.

WFW--Stream crossing permits are in-hand when weather permits Krieger's to start work. A field order was issued to Krieger Excavating for the modification (increase in size) of the stream crossing pipes. Krieger Excavating asked for the amount that was not paid to them from their app. for payment no. 1 last month. Documents/progress reports to get CCWA reimbursed for contractor app. 1 were prepared.

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Data Logger – Data up to mid January for Witmer and Slatelick Runs was received from Bryan and examined. No anomalies are evident. Bryan stated that he hopes to go out to the site and pull the data logger and collect the data the first week of March, weather permitting.

Ace Drilling Site- It is impossible to sample this site with the inclement weather. The crew will have to wait until later in March for this sampling, also weather permitting.

**Old Business:**

**Website Update:** Several pages on the new website were modified, and several new pages (Gibson, Beldin, Swank, and Brubaker) were installed. More work remains to be done on other projects.

**Project Booklet:** About 14 project reports have been prepared but many lack photos. Art hope to get these when the snow goes away. The existing set was transmitted to Rebecca Holler. Ed stated that he can assist Art with the photos for these various projects.

**New Business:**

**Fishing Derby Tickets:** Ray volunteered, once again, to take care of the distribution and accountability of the fishing derby tickets. Ray mentioned that he has lots of tickets to pass out. Tickets sales are a large percentage of the approximately \$4,000 that we need to raise for the annual fishing derby. If you would like to purchase some tickets or sell some tickets please contact Ray, myself or any Board member.

**Cleanup Dates:** Listed below are the cleanup dates for 2015:

April 12<sup>th</sup>-Both a roadway (Route 53) and a stream cleanup (5Miles).

July 12<sup>th</sup>- Roadway cleanup (Route 53).

September 27<sup>th</sup>- Both a roadway (Route 53) and a stream cleanup (5Miles).

We ask you to put these dates on your calendar and please consider coming out to help. Volunteers are always needed, especially when we do both the roadway-9 miles and stream cleanup-5 miles together.

**Board Meeting-January 20, 2015:** The Board of Directors met after the regular monthly meeting. Two items were discussed: there was an opening on the Board of Directors since Dan McMullen is now President Elect. The Board voted to appoint Dick Dotts to this position. We want to thank Dick for agreeing to serve on the Board of Directors. Next the Board had to review and approve the pay app submitted by Krieger's.

**Eta Albright:** Ed said that he was contacted by Eta Albright. Eta asked CCWA to promote a presentation called Our Wildlife Heritage: At Risk in a Warming Climate presented by Ed Perry, retired aquatic biologist and the PA Outreach Coordinator with the National Wildlife Federation. When; March 25<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM at the Altoona Public Library, 1:30 PM at the Hollidaysburg Area Public Library Community Room 405 Clark St., Hollidaysburg and at 6:30 PM at the Cresson American Legion. Topics discussed are-the Rise of the Ticks and the Fall of the Brook Trout, How is climate change affecting natural systems in PA and around the world, and What can We do about it.

**Clearfield Creek Water Treatment Plant Update:** Rob Piper gave an update on the DEP plant; land acquisition for the plant has been completed, the GAI Firm is about 90% complete with design, and the plant is on track for ground breaking later in the year.

**Cambria County Conservation District Tree Sale-**The Conservation district is in the middle of their annual tree sale including shrubs, berry bushes and fruit trees. For more information contact the Conservation District at 814-472-2120.

**Next Meeting: March 17, 2015, Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM.**

**Adjournment:** On a **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dave McMullen the meeting was adjourned.