

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
JANUARY 20, 2015
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The meeting was called to order by President Ray Hollen with the pledge to the flag. There were 18 members present for the meeting plus, Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering, and 2 members of the Krieger family. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was then passed accepting the December 16, 2014 minutes. Ray reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

Elections:

At this time elections were held. Listed below are the winners for each position:

President Elect- Dan McMullen

Secretary- Jerry McMullen

Treasurer- Dane Kalwanaski

Board Seat- Shawn Simmers

At this time Ray turned the meeting over to the new President beginning a 2 year term- Ed McMullen. Ed thanked Ray for the outstanding job that he had done in the past two years. A big round of applause was given to Ray.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that he had picked up the 500 membership cards for the annual mailing from Damin Printing. Jerry talked briefly about the Watershed News and the annual mailing. Watershed News is very impressive when you look at the compilation of all that we have accomplished in the past year. He thanked Art (and Dolores) for his assistance in writing of the Watershed News. Jerry did a mailing to 70 annual members, 10 business members, and 55 lifetime members.

He reviewed a letter from TU asking for renewal of our annual membership. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dave McMullen was passed "authorizing the renewal of our annual membership to TU for a fee of \$35.00." Dane will take care of this renewal.

Membership Committee:

There were 33 individual annual memberships, 4 business memberships, and 2 lifetime memberships received this past month. Jerry reminded the members present that we work very hard to maintain our membership and asked all to send in their dues and continue to solicit dues.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Dick gave Ray a copy of the November minutes that recently was in The Progress.

Finance Report:

Earl asked about the printing of the fishing derby tickets for the February meeting. Jerry stated that he had checked on them at Damin Printing but we still need the SGOC license number for the tickets. Dan is to fill out this application and give it to Jerry who will take it to the Courthouse. There was also a brief discussion on the Dam Cleanout tickets. This will be further discussed at the February meeting.

Earl inquired about the solicitation letters to various non profits asking for a donation from their small games of chance proceeds. Dane is to send these letters out.

Treasurer’s Report: Dane Kalwanaski, January 20, 2015

At this time Dane reviewed the monthly financial report.

Monthly Meeting Activity: December 2014

<i>Deposits</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Account</i>
		\$	
	Memberships	632.00	Gen Fund
		\$	
	Donation	100.00	Gen Fund
		\$	
	FF - Ashville Bass Club	200.00	Fish Fund
		\$	
<i>Expenses</i>	Mahaffey Labs	(25.00)	Klondike
		\$	
	Mahaffey Labs	(100.00)	Split 25 Beldin/ 75 WFW Ph 1
		\$	
	Gerald McMullen	(11.20)	Gen Fund
		\$	
	Damin Printing	(62.00)	Gen Fund

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

Dane also reviewed the Comparative Statement of Financial Position from calendar year 2013 to calendar year 2014.

Grant Committee:

Dan stated that he is working on two Dominion grants; one for \$616-water sampling and one for \$532- educational material.

Shawn Simmers Presentation:

Shawn, on behalf of the Clearfield Creek Watershed Association Board of Directors, conducted a permit review for the following projects: Amsbry, Gibson-Halstock, Klondike, West Ferris Wheel Phase I and West Ferris Wheel Phase II.

As Shawn noted, permitting for projects is a case by case and is dictated by the area of impact, watershed size, stream impacts, stream crossings, wetlands, proposed facility to be constructed, cultural and natural diversity impacts, endangered species, PGC rules, PennDOT regulations, etc., etc. At a minimum, two PA Code of regulations shall be reviewed for every project.

After listening to Shawn explaining the different Chapters and permits required, you can understand the frustration from the design/permitting engineers and one wonders how we get anything accomplished through all of the red tape.

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

Klondike Project The outflow sample from December showed pH 6.7 and was strongly net alkaline (-107), indicating continuing good performance of the renovated system.

The site was sampled on 1/20, but was almost completely frozen.

West Ferris Wheel Project Mobilization, cutting of trees and work on the access road was started in late December. We await the remaining permit to start major work.

Quarterly reports are due this month.

Gibson Project We await solution of the land ownership question. The contractor was given permission to start another project while we wait. A quarterly report is due.

Beldin Project A short report was received from Hedin indicating that Minetech will have the road alignment in about 10 days. A permitting meeting with Cambria County is planned for early February. A quarterly report is due.

Swank Project No activity.

Brubaker Project A field meeting with the 4 prospective bidders is scheduled for January 23 at 10:30 am, to meet at Smithmyers. Hopefully the weather will not be too bad.

Amsbry Project No activity. We received a letter indicating that our construction proposal to Growing Greener was not funded.

Clearfield Creek Sampling This sampling with CCWA assisting DEP continues monthly. Apparently only samples but not flow rates are collected; flow rates are highly desirable.

Valley Fork Project A report on the project is completed and will be sent to the donor of the funds.

Datalogger results A set of data for July-Dec. 2014 was received from Bryan and examined. July-August data for Witmer Run showed elevated conductivity, abruptly becoming low on readout of the data and starting the system anew. This is probably an instrumental problem.

Project Reports Thirteen one-page project reports have been completed, and a few more are planned. I hope to get some photos from the previous website, and will take photos of several sites.

Website Some work was done on updating the website, but difficulties were encountered with the site organization. The problem will be discussed with Rebecca Holler.

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

WFW PH 1, PH 2, and Gibson--progress reports were prepared, reviewed, and submitted electronically to DEP through the 4th qtr of 2014. A WFW Ph 1 will soon be prepared for the recent WFW invoice from Krieger's.

WFW: Krieger's had started tree clearing and work on the access road. They submitted an application for payment to be discussed and paid at the meeting tonight. Work will continue as weather permits. Stream crossing permits were received, and a change was made to increase pipe size at crossings 1 and 2 at no cost to CCWA.

Gibson: The NPDES permit was received. Comments were received from DEP on the Waiver 16, which included a flowage easement requirement. Michelle was to try to get more info from DEP on exactly what they want, and Donna Carnahan from DEP was assisting. Michelle and Shawn were to speak with Dam safety about another new permit requirement when DEP had issued a letter saying a permit wasn't needed last year (since resolved that no additional permits needed).

PGC had approached Bender Coal about permission to have the trees cut on the portion of property to be transferred from Bender to PGC. As of the last meeting, permission had not yet been received. PGC is still working to get the title issues resolved so the property can be transferred to PGC. Trees have to be down by March 31. (update-agreement resolved, cutting contractor has moved in, not sure how much progress due to the recent snow, but contractor will be done by March 31).

Data Logger –Please see Art's report above.

Ace Drilling Site- Art mentioned that he had received an e-mail from Malcolm, DEP, asking that the team flush 26a January (weather permitting), March, April, and May. They are hoping to flush the red/black goop and keep the pipe clean.

Old Business:

Website Update: Rebecca Holler explained that she has gone as far as she can go on updating the website. She has offered training to anyone who would like to receive it. CCWA will have to work out a future time for this training.

Project Booklet: Rebecca reported that she has worked on the cleanup and fishing derby pages for this booklet. She will continue to work on the booklet with Art.

New Business:

Funds for Trout Stocking: Bob Funicelli requested money for fish stocking. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed "to donate \$400 to Glendale Sportsmen for the purchase of fish to stock the Dysart Dam for the first day of trout season."

Bob stated that he had received a letter from the PA Fish & Boat Commission that, upon inspection of the Dysart Dam, they were very pleased with its' general condition.

Rachel Kester Report: The Growing Greener proposal to construct a treatment system on the Potts Run No. 3 mine discharge was denied, however, construction funding was received from the Foundation for PA Watersheds to stabilize 500-600 feet of eroding stream bank and install numerous fish habitat structures in Potts Run near Kellytown Road. That project will be completed this summer during low flow conditions.

The No. 3 mine drainage treatment proposal will be submitted to the Act 13 program. The group should consider submitting the Amsbry project to that program. Applications are due June 30.

I will also send the Watershed News out to the Foundation for PA Watersheds. Any other past funders you guys want me to send them to please let me know.

Kelly Williams Report:

Morgan Run-Funds are in hand for the construction of MR-8 treatment system this summer. Also, funding is available for treatment of additional discharges on SGL #98.

MR-8- I continue to work on the permits for this project. The construction phase for this project should begin this summer.

MR Chew- This is a bond forfeiture project. Construction should also be completed this summer on this project.

Clearfield County Conservation District Awards Banquet- Banquet to be held March 26th at the Curwensville Moose.

Clearfield 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 814-765-2629.

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

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