

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF  
APRIL 15, 2014  
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The meeting was called to order by President Ray Hollen with the pledge to the flag. There were 20 members present for the meeting plus Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering. Carolyn Itle-Sherry was our guest speaker. There was one new member at a meeting for the first time, Max Hawkins. Ray welcomed him to the meeting. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was then passed accepting the March 18, 2014 minutes. Ray reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

**Secretary's Report:**

Jerry reported that he had sent a thank you letter to a donor. He had a few e-mail correspondence the past month; Rachel Vasilko, a reporter from The Mainliner and Barbara Hartleb from Clean Streams.

At this time Dick gave Jerry information on the Clearfield County Conservation District Annual Award Banquet. Dick and Mabel represented CCWA at the banquet.

**Membership Committee:** We have received 53 membership cards back so far this year. Five more were received this past month and one youth membership. Once again, he thanked everyone who has sent in their membership.

**Public Relations/Historical Committee:** Ray reported that he had no new articles for the historical book. Ray stated that the historical book is up to date.

**Finance Report:** Ray stated that he has the dam cleanout tickets but did not get a chance to sort them and register the numbers. They will be available at the fishing derby and the May meeting. Pat was unable to join the finance committee at this time. Earl asked all members to think about a replacement for the next meeting

**Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski, April, 2014**

At this time Dane reviewed the monthly financial report.

Description	Amount	Account
<b>Deposits:</b>		
Montgomery Bros. Plumbing	\$100.00	Fish Fund
Memberships	\$191.00	General Account
Derby Tickets	\$ 70.00	SGOC
Clean Stream Foundation	\$230.00	General Account
Dominion 2014 Grant	\$600.00	Dominion 2014
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 25.00	Beldin
Mahaffey Labs	\$140.00	General Fund

Earl Smithmyer	\$317.50	General Fund
POWR	\$353.00	General Fund
Dane Kalwanaski	\$ 79.49	General Fund

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

At this time Dane explained that there is a program that CCWA could purchase that could be used to file our annual 990 Form. In the past we have paid a CPA firm to file this report. A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed “authorizing the purchase of the H & P program to be used to file the 990 form.”

**Grant Committee:**

Earl and Alene attended the luncheon on April 11<sup>th</sup> to receive the Dominion Grant. Earl reported it was a good meeting and people are starting to recognize CCWA. Dan stated that he is looking at a couple of grants. Dan and Jerry attended the WBSR symposium that covered possible grants for watersheds.

**Cleanup Committee- April 6<sup>th</sup> Cleanup Results:**

Dave McMullen reported that both the streams and roadway looked real good after the cleanup. Cleanup went very well- 34 people participated; we picked up 91 bags of garbage, 4 tires, 2 TVs, and 1 cooler. Now unfortunately, that is a lot of garbage. Special thanks to all the volunteers who came out to help and to Alene, Pat and all who helped with the luncheon.

**Tech Committee:** The following Tech Report was presented by Art, Chairman.

**Tech Committee Report-April 15, 2014**

Klondike Project No Activity. We need to sign a contract with Krieger for the project, and agree with him on specifications for the project. The site was visited and sampled on 4/15. It was still overflowing.

West Ferris Wheel Project No activity. Quarterly reports were reviewed and returned to Alder Run for submission.

Gibson Project. This project is ready to bid. We need to send out invitations to bidders, and schedule a field visit. The main part of the final design report was submitted but the CD with supplemental information had not yet been received by Donna Carnahan on 4/10. A quarterly report was reviewed and returned to Alder Run for submission. Some key maps and drawings are not yet in the Drop box.

Beldin Project. The grant agreement was signed and sent back to DEP last month, with a start date of 10/1/13. We can charge Mahaffey bills after that date to the grant, but earlier bills will have to be charged elsewhere. A Request for Proposal has been prepared. We are ready to send this out to selected engineering firms. A field visit is suggested for May 2.

Little Laurel Run Survey We are invited by Trout Unlimited to submit a proposal for study of fish and macroinvertebrates in Little Laurel Run, to be used for comparison with conditions at several times after the several treatment systems are operating.

Swank Project No activity

Amsbry Project The Growing Greener program is open for proposals in May and June. We need to prepare a construction proposal for this project.

Brubaker Project Hedin Environmental has largely completed an evaluation and costing of passive vs. active treatment at Brubaker, under a Trout unlimited TAG grant.

Valley Fork Project Logan Adams sampled in March and April. We need to find funds for paying for sampling in future months.

Glendale Lake Tributaries A letter from PA DEP indicates that the DEP is recommending the upgrade and the proposal goes to the Environmental Quality Board on May 21.

Ace Drilling An invoice for the recent sampling will be prepared and submitted.

**The Following Is Michelle Merrow's Report, Presented by Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering: April 15, 2014**

**Ferris Wheel Revegetation Phase 2**— A disbursement that was previously credited to Gibson was adjusted to be credited to this account, and one deposit and one disbursement were made. There are still a few adjustments for sample costs that were reimbursed through this grant but paid from the Gibson account to be made to bring the balance to \$0 and close the account. ARE is working with Dane on this. The grant is closed at DEP and no further reporting is necessary.

**West Ferris Wheel Construction Phases 1 and 2**—Quarterly progress reports have been drafted for Art's review. They are posted in the drop box. A report for OSM is due for activities up to April 30, 2014, and will be prepared for the next meeting.

Krieger Excavating has had people visiting the site about getting the trees cut. Per their request, a contract was developed for the Klondike work first-see below, to be followed by the 2 WFW Contracts.

ARE had spoken with NFWS to get the tree cutting season modified due to severe winter weather, and we anticipate this in the near future, with a modification for no cutting in April due to Indiana bats. Work is to start following the KL work, once the site dries out a little bit to allow access without extremely deep mud.

**Klondike Rehab**—Bonds were received from Krieger Excavating. Copies were posted to the drop box. The insurance info previously provided for this project has expired. ARE contacted Krieger Excavating about updated insurance with CCWA as additional insured, but we have not received it as of 4-15-14. We contacted Krieger's today and inquired about it, and they said they would check into it. (Note: we did receive new certificates in the afternoon of 4/15/14).

Draft contract documents were provided to Kriegers for their review approx. 2 weeks ago, and we have not received any comments yet.

The contract documents were posted to the drop box, including the second part containing the limestone stirring and compost info, with inspections by CCWA during these processes as requested by Art. If they are acceptable to CCWA, they are ready for signature by Krieger Excavating. We encourage this work to wait until low flows.

Krieger's are ready to start this work if the trees have been removed from the access road.

**Gibson-Halstock** – A final report was submitted to DEP. The landowner-grantee agreement was signed at the last meeting and submitted to PGC. Michelle inquired about its status today, but did not yet receive a response.

Design documents are posted to the Drop Box so all can review. There are some new materials since the last meeting including specification sections and updated drawings, with sections and profiles.

Dam Safety requested additional information, which was sent on March 25, 2014. We are still waiting for a letter from DEP Dam Safety about a waiver of dam requirements and their Jurisdictional Dam determination from the additional materials from March. The Highway Occupancy Permit from PA DOT is expected within two weeks. PA DEP has looked at the impacts to waterways created by this project, and has required that indirect or secondary impacts (i.e. the area below the weir that will see reduced flows when the treatment system is online) are still counted as impacts in the impact table (which unfortunately greatly increased the stream impacts), so documents and drawings were revised to show the increased impacts as directed by DEP SRO.

Action Items for Construction Grant:

1. Set bid dates. The terms of your Special Use Permit from PGC indicate 2 weeks notice to PGC. Upon discussion with PGC, the site can be shown potentially on 4-29 or the week of 5-5, due to the spring hunting season restrictions, and the potential for bidders (i.e. non-hunting) to be out on the site. If we can show the site on 4-29, invitations to bid are ready (with the addition of the dates), and bids could be opened on the 13<sup>th</sup>, which is about 1 week later than desired by CCWA, but still reasonable for a late spring start. The bidders list was posted, and discussed several times by CCWA.

A progress report for the grant was prepared for review by Art and is available in the drop box.

**Note:** The Board of Directors set up a meeting for May 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM at Earl's house to open the bids for the Gibson project.

**Amsbry** –No activity. Please forward copies of any correspondence to ARE. Jackie is working on the accounting file to see that all deposits were received from DEP.

**Morgan Run Ross**—Supplemental seeding and mulching and tree inspection/replacement will be done in the spring. Maintenance and sampling were taken over by CCCD last summer when the contract was completed.

**Morgan Run 7**—Samples were taken in Jan. The system was frozen during both visits in Feb, and during the March visit, the intake was clogged and was cleaned by ARE. It

was sampled in early April. The system will continue to be sampled, and some site repairs made as weather permits.

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Data Logger – Bryan reported that he had checked on the data logger today. He will be sending the recent March and April information to Art.

Ace Drilling Site- Site was sampled on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Art reported that he needs to invoice Malcolm at DEP for our sampling.

**Old Business:**

**TIC Field Day-April 9<sup>th</sup>**- There were about 70 students plus 5 teachers for the field day. It went very well with Bryan doing an excellent job, as usual. The macroinvertebrate study showed that there was an increase in the bug population found in Clearfield Creek which may indicate an improvement to the water quality of the stream.

The students released the fingerling trout they had raised in the TIC project in Beaver Dam Run and also upstream. Next the students assisted the Pennsylvania Fish Commission in stocking trout in Clearfield Creek, had lunch, and visited the Brubaker site. This site impresses upon the kids the pollution that is caused by abandoned mine drainage and the damage it does to Clearfield Creek.

Special thanks to all the many CCWA volunteers that came out to make this such a special day, especially all who helped to provide the lunch for the kids.

**Fishing Derby Tickets & Checklist**-Ray reported that there are still lots of tickets to sell. Not too many have come back yet. At this time the members present went over a checklist for the upcoming fishing derby. May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM was set to meet and cleanup around the Dysart Dam. We will be stocking trout on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM.

**Website Update**- Dan and Rebecca Holler-TU, have been in touch about a TAG grant and Rebecca will be working on switching our website.

**Tree Planting**- Earl reported that we will be planting the trees on the Ferris Wheel Reveg Phase 2 site at the Buckhorn in the next week or so. He will take care of notifying the Recycling Center and organizing the volunteers for the tree planting.

**Thank You Card**- Jerry is to send a thank you card to the Prince Gallitzin Park Office thanking them for letting us use their conference room for our winter meetings.

**WBSRS-April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**- As mentioned above, Jerry and Dan attended the session on April 10<sup>th</sup> covering possible grants for watershed groups. Ray and Jerry attended the symposium on April 11<sup>th</sup> and setup our display board. Art was one of the speakers. It was very informative and, once again, was a great opportunity to inform those attending of all the great things that CCWA is working on. We cannot thank Trout Unlimited, Amy Wolf and her staff-Rebecca and Rachel- enough for their hospitality and for inviting us to the symposium.

**New Business:**

**Summer Meeting Site-** Just a reminder to all members that beginning in May we will be meeting at Laurel Run Sportsman's located in Dysart, same time 6:30 PM.

**Board Meeting-March 18<sup>th</sup>-** It was noted, as a matter, of record that the Board of Directors met after the March meeting to discuss the Gibson-Halstock project.

**PA Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference-**Conference is scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, Ramada Inn, State College. Shawn Simmers will be one of the presenters. His presentation will link power generation with the beneficial use of ash and waste coal pile removal/reclamation for Cambria Cogen and Colver Power Project. Shawn will be mentioning the use of fly ash as part of the reclamation at the Ferris Wheel Phase 2 site.

**Carolyn Itle-Sherry- Guest Speaker-** Carolyn Itle-Sherry, Watershed Scientist from the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, attended to conduct watershed outreach. Western Pennsylvania Conservancy has secured grant monies to complete stream resource conservation in sections of Cambria County. Please contact Carolyn with possible sites, further programmatic information will be discussed, and a site review will be conducted to determine eligibility.

- RKM Riparian Restoration
  - Riparian revegetation with tree and shrub species. Existing riparian buffer on either side of the stream must be less than 35'. Most watersheds in the larger, West Branch of the Susquehanna watershed qualify. Sites will be reviewed.
- CFA Chest Creek Conservation Projects
  - Sediment reduction conservation projects on two specific branches of Chest Creek. Sites will be reviewed.

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy looks forward to developing a presence in these watersheds and working connections with watershed associations

**Next Meeting: May 20, 2014, Laurel Run Sportsman's, Dysart, 6:30 PM.**

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