

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
OCTOBER 16, 2012
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 18 members present and 3 visitors, Amy Wolfe and Rebecca Holler from TU and Dick Soldergren-President of Kettle Creek Watershed Association. Ed welcomed Dick, Amy and Rebecca to the meeting. A **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Dick Dotts was then passed accepting the September 18, 2012 minutes. Minutes were not taped due to a malfunction of the tape recorder.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that he met with Earl and finalized the seedling order. He was able to e-mail the order to Dan Yahner, PA Game Commission. He received the correct mailing address from Vaughn Lewis for the thank you card to the Safari Club. Jerry stated that he needs the address for the Mountain Top Sportsman for their thank you card. Dave McMullen is to provide such. Lastly, in an e-mail from Terry Stacey, Blair County Solid Waste Authority, it is now called Intermunicipal Relations Commission (IRC). Contact person is John Frederick. As noted by the members, we have had access through the site located near the Buckhorn for our Ferris Wheel Revegetation projects and also our tree planting projects.

Membership Committee:

Bob stated that he had nothing new to report under membership.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray stated that Dick Dotts had given him an article on our minutes that appeared in The Progress. Dick reported that he will check with the reporter at The Progress to make sure they are receiving our minutes each month.

Finance Report:

Larry was unable to attend the meeting due to a work commitment.

Treasurer's Report:

Description	Amount	Account
Deposits:		
Jack Calandra Donation	\$500.00	General Fund
Expenses:		
Gerald McMullen-cleanup supplies	\$ 72.00	General Fund-cleanup
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 66.00	Swank
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Mahaffey Labs	\$ 84.00	General Fund

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

Grant Committee:

Dan reported that he had sent in a TAG grant to TU for education and community outreach. Amy Wolfe mentioned that there are DCNR grants that CCWA should register and apply for. Pat McMullen suggested that CCWA should look at some of the local clubs that must distribute 70 % of their small games of chance for a possible donation.

Cleanup Committee:

September 23rd Cleanup- Ed reported that the final cleanup of the season went very well. We cleaned up 9 miles of roadway and 5 miles of stream. We want to thank the 26 volunteers who helped. Special thanks to the 6 students from SFU who came out to give us a hand. Jerry stated than in an e-mail with Morgan Tibbens, contact student at SFU, they will be happy to assist CCWA in the future.

Dam Cleanout Committee:

Earl reported that the committee did not have a chance to meet last month. Earl asked if the dam cleanout committee members could meet on Tuesday October 23rd at 6:30 PM, Laurel Run Sportsman in Dysart. Dan reported that he has the application and is working on the small games of chance application for CCWA. Some of the requirements are; background check for the President and Treasurer, copy of our by-laws and a copy of our 501 (c) 3 form.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was presented by Art Rose, Chairman of the Tech Committee Art Rose. **Tech Committee Report-October 16, 2012**

Klondike Project Results from September continue to show much improved treatment at the outflow, as a result of the renovation in July. There was very little flow from the Krug trib into the slag bed, in part because the flow was diverted away from the correct culvert. A report on the renovation was sent to DEP. The system was sampled on 10/16, showing good field results. There was no flow into the slag bed.

West Ferris Wheel Project Receipt of bids was delayed because of uncertainty about changes in valves.

Gibson Project The Growing Greener version of the proposal for construction funds is essentially complete. It will be submitted to DEP in the next week.

Amsbry Project After discussion with Pam Milavec of BAMR and consideration of the status of plans, it was decided not to submit the construction proposal at this time. In part the fate of this project will depend on the state of the stream after construction of the Cresson treatment plant.

Swank Project. The site was visited with a group of students from St. Francis University on 9/25. Samples show complete removal of iron and partial removal of aluminum, as before. The flow was only 25 gpm The site was sampled on 10/16.

Brubaker Project A Growing Greener proposal with Hedin Environmental for testing the drainable limestone bed technology is largely prepared, for about \$130,000. This proposal would involve CCWA members sampling the test beds every 2 weeks, and responsibility for some project management.

MUEC discharge This site near Blandburg, and the Glasgow site, was visited by a class from Penn State with Dr. Bill Burgos. The students will prepare designs for a treatment system at this site, using the detailed maps prepared with a grant from the Foundation from PA Watersheds.

Data Logger-Bryan reported that Nate will be checking the data logger on North Whitmore Run. He mentioned that he has an additional data logger and was inquiring the location of the recent gas wells being drilled between Van Ormer and Hollentown.

Ace Drilling Site-Site will be sampled for the 4th quarter at the end of November. Art mentioned that he billed DEP for the 3rd quarter sampling. Bryan mentioned that the Blair county Conservation District is doing work at this site.

The Following Was Michelle Merrow's Report: Michelle was unable to attend the meeting.

Ferris Wheel Revegetation Phase 2—No activity this month.

CCWA should keep thinking about how they want to spend the \$677.76 remaining in the sampling/education supplement. Remaining funds are \$5142.32 in the construction supplement for fertilizer, and \$677.76 for the sampling/education supplement. In the spring, soil samples should be sent to the PSU lab, and fertilizer applied to phase 2.

Note: Art mentioned that some of this money is needed for future sampling. Also noted was a field day for tree planting in the spring with Penn Cambria students. Soil in this area will also be sampled prior to the spreading of the fertilizer in the spring.

West Ferris Wheel Phase 1—After much discussion about outlet structures, it was decided to bid the project two ways with the autoflushing outlet structures, and with just valves that could be manually opened to flush the cells once per year or so. Dick Dotts worked with Agridrain, and he came up with a diagnosis of the problem with the automatic structures, and a potential solution. The solution involves basically a fuse so that the structure can be reset instead of burning out the structure. It's a very good idea, but coming up with a workable solution from the manufacturer is taking quite a bit of time. So it's also taking a lot of time to get a cost estimate. Michelle thinks it would be spring before they can design and retrofit structures to come up with a price. See email from Phil at Agridrain. Michelle spoke with him last today. Their suggestion is to bid the project with the structures as-is. If CCWA decides to go with the automatic structures, which won't be installed until the spring, and if the retrofit is available, then CCWA can issue a change order for the change in price between the original structure and the retrofit. Bidders are ready if CCWA agrees to just bid on the standard structures as opposed to waiting until spring. **Note:** a **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by

Ray Hollen was passed to use the manual flush valves on the West Ferris Wheel Project. Also discussed was the moratorium on timbering during the winter months only, because of the impact on bats, has been put on hold at this time.

ARE is working on a report to DEP. ARE needs to get Art his copies of the revised materials for the bid, which we will mail if we don't see him tonight.

West Ferris Wheel Phase 2—A revised working capital letter was sent to DEP. Michelle Merrow discussed this with Donna, and DEP will be issuing the working capital for 2nd quarter 2013, when construction should begin on that phase. A report for the quarter ending 9/30 is being prepared by Alder Run Engineering. It will go to Art for his review when it's done.

Amsbry- No activity. Michelle needs to send Art record copies of these materials, which she will try to do ASAP.

Gibson-Halstock—Growing Greener just opened, so a Growing Greener grant application will be required to be submitted as well, as a supplement to the Section 319 application that was already submitted. Michelle has worked with Art to provide him with all of the documents that were developed for the 319 Grant application in digital form. Art should have all that he needs, but Alder Run Engineering can help if he needs it.

A preliminary design was done, and sent to Art and DEP (Donna and Malcolm Crittenden). There has been no feedback from DEP. Michelle and Art discussed the sizing, and decided to try to shift the system to the west a little bit to try to reduce the cut and fill. Alder Run Engineering has identified an area of concern in the project that looks a bit like a deep mine opening, but it shouldn't really be there. ARE and Art are going to take a look at it during final design to make sure we avoid it and don't change the AMD flow in the area. **Note:** discussed at the meeting is the land issue item. Bender Coal and the PA Game Commission will need to swap land. Jerry is to e-mail Dan Yahner from the PA Game Commission.

Morgan Run

Morgan Run Ross—System is online and treating water and the grass is starting to grow. Trees will be planted sometime between December and March as they will be dug sometime after Dec. Trout Unlimited toured the site last week. There will need to be some supplemental seeding in the spring as the wind blew away the seed and mulch in some places. The lab analyses haven't come back yet. Kelly Williams collected stream data, and the stream pH is up a few points between above and below the system. This is a major improvement as we are still below the MR 7 discharges, which is the worst discharge in the watershed.

Morgan Run 7—Construction is ongoing. The contractor is starting the treatment cells, and the system will be done by winter.

Morgan Run Frog—No activity.

Morgan Run Tuff—ARE has been working to get the non-functional actuator out of the box at Tuff without digging out and replacing the entire box. Dick Dotts and Brian Merrow visited the site since the last CCWA meeting. The stoplogs in the boxes with automatic flushing valves are not a standard size, so we don't have any spares that will fit the box. We are still working with AgriDrain to get this resolved.

Old Business:

Winter Meeting Site: Earl mentioned that he had checked with the Prince Gallitzin Park office and this site is available for our winter meetings, beginning in November.

Apple Cider Festival: CCWA had a display at this annual event. Even though the weather was not the best it was estimated that 16,000 people attended the event. Special thanks to the following-Ed, Bryan, Dan, Dane and Katie for helping to make our presence a success. Dan mentioned that he talked to Mandy Smith, PA Fish & Boat Commission, about handouts for the fishing derby.

Klondike Gate: Earl mentioned that repairs have not been made yet to this gate. He is still gathering materials. Ed reported that he has some pipe to drop off to Earl for this project.

Boy Scout Event: Earl reported that the Boy Scout trip planned for October 8th did not take place. He is still waiting to hear about rescheduling this field trip.

Appreciation Dinner: Larry and Earl attended this event as representatives of CCWA. Earl mentioned that it was a real nice event. Special thanks to Jack for his most recent donation to CCWA.

Brubaker Locks: Earl reported that he had changed the lock on the Brubaker gate. We have been having trouble opening this lock in the past.

New Business:

Upcoming Elections: Beginning at the November meeting we will be accepting nominations for the following positions that will expire on January, 2013; President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and one Board Member (currently held by Dick Dotts).

Display Board: Rebecca Holler, TU, attended the meeting and met with members to discuss updating our display board. Becky offered to assist CCWA on this update.

West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition Meeting: Art mentioned that he attended this meeting in Clearfield on October 9th. The following topics were discussed: Beck Holler, TU, reported on the plans for a summer youth camp. The camp will be near Mahaffey, involve high school students who will learn about trout, mine drainage, stream health, and related topics. Camp will last 4 days and Becky is looking for sponsors to support a youth going to the camp. Amy Wolfe, TU, talked about the restoration of PA

funding from the Abandoned Mineland Fund. AML funding to PA had been decreased by \$200 million as part of the Federal Transportation bill but was recently restored after contacts by Trout Unlimited and other groups with their congressmen.

Lastly another topic at the meeting was priorities for future activities of the WBSRC.

Final Note: We want to thank Amy Wolfe for bringing Dick Sodergen to our meeting. Amy wanted Dick to see firsthand the CCWA organization. Dick was very impressed by the number of members present, the number of committees, and the many committee chair persons present to give their report.

Next Meeting: November 12, 2012, Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM. Note this is our winter meeting site.

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