

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
OCTOBER 21, 2014
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The meeting was called to order by President Elect, Ed McMullen, with the pledge to the flag. There were 15 members present for the meeting plus Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering and her son Jonathan and visitor Jeffrey G. Riley. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was then passed accepting the September 16, 2014 minutes. Ed reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that he had numerous phone calls, e-mails and meetings this past month on the West Ferris Wheel project. He was very happy that the legal documents were signed by ECS and hopefully we can get this project moving.

Jerry also read a letter from DCNR, Prince Gallitzin Park office, signed by Tim Yeager, Assistant Park Manager, thanking CCWA for their participation in the Apple Cider Festival.

Membership Committee:

There was nothing new to report at this time.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ed mentioned that there was a recent article in The Mainliner giving an update on the DEP project near Cresson. Dick had a copy of the minutes that recently appeared in The Progress. We wan't to thank The Progress for this coverage.

Finance Report:

Earl wanted to thank everyone who helped sell or purchase the dam cleanout tickets.

Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski, October 21, 2014

At this time Dane reviewed the monthly financial report.

<i>Deposits</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Account</i>
	Clean Streams	\$	
	Foundation	230.00	Gen Fund
		\$	Dysart
	Don Dimmick	100.00	Dam
<i>Expenses</i>			
		\$	
	Krieger Excavating	(22,634.50)	OSM/KL RR grant
		\$	
	Mahaffey Laboratory	(112.00)	Gen Fund
	Mahaffey Laboratory	\$ (200.00)	Valley Fork

	\$	Valley
Art Rose	(104.92)	Fork
	\$	
Alder Run Engineering	(108.38)	Gibson
	\$	
	(701.25)	Gibson
	\$	
Hedin Environmental	(4,533.00)	Beldin
	\$	
Trout Unlimited	(99.00)	Gen Fund
	\$	
Gerald McMullen	(45.50)	OSM
	\$	
	(9.25)	Gen Fund
	\$	
Ed McMullen	(15.07)	Gen Fund
	\$	
Michael Sossong	(306.25)	OSM

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.

A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Eric Davis was passed “authorizing the transfer of \$2,180.00 from the SGOC fund to the Dysart Dam Cleanout Account.”

Grant Committee:

Dan stated that he had nothing new to report at this time.

Cleanup Committee:

Earl reported that the cleanup on September 28th went very well. We were able to cleanup 9 miles of roadway and the 5 miles of stream. There were 31 volunteers present including 4 students from SFU. Approximately 50 bags of garbage were picked up. Special thanks to the volunteers and to the Alene and crew for the wonderful lunch.

Tech Committee: The following Tech Report was presented by Art Rose-chairman of the Tech Committee: **Tech Committee Report-October 21, 2014**

Klondike Project The liner repairs were made and the site seeded by Krieger to finish the Klondike Rehab project. Water was turned into the ponds about 9/29 but on 10/20 the VFP was still about a foot below flowing from the underdrain. The invoice for \$19,032 from the Quick Response grant was submitted to Malcolm Crittenden on 10/7 and sent on to WPCAMR.

West Ferris Wheel Project During the past month, Malcolm Crittenden contacted lawyers from the DEP about the problem with ECS Partnership, the new owner of the Cooney property. DEP lawyer Elizabeth Spangenberg investigated our agreement with the Cooney Trust and other aspects of the project, and contacted lawyers for ECS. She

convinced them that ECS should sign a new Landowner Agreement with CCWA. With input from Jerry McMullen, the new Landowner agreement and an addition to the Good Samaritan agreement were signed about 9/29, and recorded in the courthouse that day. We are now able to go ahead with the project. Efforts to obtain an earlier date for tree cutting with the US Fish and Wildlife Service were unsuccessful so tree cutting cannot begin until 11/15.

Gibson Project The land agreement with the Game Commission has been signed and we are now cleared for the contractor to start on this project, with tree cutting starting 11/15.

Beldin Project Subcontractor Minetech has completed obtaining property ownership and topographic mapping for the project area, and has mapped wetlands and the access road. The access road starts on Casanave property, and then crosses Johnston property and Bender Coal property before going into Game Commission property. A bill of \$4533 for this work has been received. A quarterly report is in preparation. Hedin Environmental is working on several possible conceptual designs and will discuss them with CCWA during the next quarter.

Little Laurel Run Sampling Quarterly sampling of this set of weirs is being done by Dan McMullen.

Amsbry Project We await word on our construction proposal.

Brubaker Project A visit to the Bender treatment plant indicates that the new treatment system of Compliant Technologies using ozone and caustic is being installed. We plan to send Request for Proposals for design of an active treatment system to 3 or so engineering firms, probably during next month, with a field visit in December and proposals due in January. A summary sheet on this project was prepared and sent to Smithmyer and other Board members.

Clearfield Creek Sampling Eleven sites on Clearfield Creek from the headwaters to Flinton were sampled for the 3rd time on 9/24. A crew of CCWA volunteers assisted Joe Hoy with this sampling. The results of this sampling will assist in evaluating the effect on Clearfield Creek of treating Brubaker Run.

Muddy Run Sampling The Moshannon office of DEP is planning to establish a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Muddy Run. Quarterly sampling for 2 years is required for this. Rose and Smithmyer assisted in selecting sites for this survey.

Valley Fork Project A total of 8 samples were collected on 10/13 and submitted to Mahaffey Labs. This will be the final set of monthly samples – we now have a year worth of data. A report on the project will be prepared. Earlier, the CCWA flow meter seemed to be giving erroneous readings for low flow velocities, so it was sent back to the manufacturer for repairs. They recalibrated the meter and returned it, and it was used on 10/13 with apparent success. A cost of \$104.92 was incurred for this.

Korean Visitors Min Ju Kang and Young Min Lee from the Korea Environment Corporation visited the region and were taken on a tour of our area on 10/20. We visited Klondike, Swank, Brubaker and Glasgow. They were very impressed with our totally volunteer organization.

Recording of agreements If possible, we need to record the past Landowner agreements for the Klondike and West Ferris projects (Hite family, Angels Trust, Blair County), but discussion indicates that a notarized acknowledgement from the landowners is needed. It was agreed that we need to consult a lawyer about this.

Ace Drilling Malcolm Crittenden requested that the outflow of the manganese bed be cleaned so that water flows within the limestone. Discussion indicates that the water is currently flowing within the bed for nearly all its length, and the problem may be related to black precipitate that is plugging the outflow pipe of the VFP. Rose will accompany the group for the next sampling to investigate this problem further.

The Following Is Michelle Merrow's Report, Presented by Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering: October 21, 2014

Gibson-Halstock-Mike DiMatteo, PGC, indicated that he had received a copy of the Gibson agreement from the Attorney General's office and that he would send a copy. Copy still has not been received.

A quarterly report for this project was sent to Art.

WFW Phase I and Phase II- I am preparing a quarterly report for these projects.

Data Logger – Bryan was not available for the meeting. No new information has been sent to Art, at this time.

Ace Drilling Site- The site is scheduled to be sampled in the 2nd or 3rd week of November.

Old Business:

Website Update: Rebecca Holler reported that she has been updating the website. She also reported that she has been in touch with Shawn Bartlett who owns the domain for our website and is trying to get this straightened out. She will also be updating the recent minutes on the website.

Shoff Mine Discharge: Dick reported that he has talked to Mitch Henry, President of RES Fuel. Mitch stated that they will not be stripping the A seam of coal in this area. Mitch was to attend the meeting but was out of town on business.

Project Booklet: Rebecca had a template of a project for this booklet for members present to review. Muck of the work for this project has been delayed due to the many other projects we are involved with.

Apple Cider Festival, October 5th: Special thanks to Ed, Ray and Bryan for hauling the tables and chairs, display board, brochures, membership cards, etc. for the festival. They also manned the display in the morning, Dane and Katie in the afternoon. We also want to thank Rob Piper and Bryan Rabish, Cambria County Conservation District, for all their assistance and for allowing us to set up in their tent.

New Business:

PGC Tree Order: Earl contacted Bill McCombie, PGC, and ordered 2,500 trees for next spring. Bill will assist CCWA with this tree planting.

Upcoming Elections: Just a reminder to the members present that beginning in November we will be accepting nominations for the President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Board Member.

Meet Your Legislatures Luncheon: This luncheon was attended by Earl, Alene and Jerry. It was a good opportunity to meet your legislature and the representative from Frank Burns's office, Tim Bailey. Tim agreed to a future site visit to Brubaker and to offer a letter of support from Rep. Burn's office. John Dawes, Western PA Conservancy also offered his support.

The main speaker at this luncheon was Joe Hoy, Ebensburg DEP office, talking about the upcoming DEP water treatment plant at the headwaters of Clearfield Creek.

Shawn Simmers, SFU Students: Shawn stated that as part of his class project the students will be replacing a weir at the KL-1 site. They will also be assessing the weir on Little Laurel Run at the KL-2 site.

Winter Meeting Site: Just a reminder that beginning in November we will be meeting at the Conference Room, Lower Level, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM for our winter meetings.

Sand Filter KL-I: Jeffrey G. Riley, guest, brought a sample of sand and discussed the potential usage of such for running the influent water through to capture the iron prior to the water entering this site.

Next Meeting: November 18, 2014, 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 Dan McMullen the meeting was adjourned.