

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 19, 2013
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The meeting was called to order by President Ray Hollen with the pledge to the flag. There were 14 members present for the meeting plus Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen was then passed accepting the October 15, 2013 minutes. Ray reminded all present that we were taping the minutes, although we did have some problem with the tape recorder.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that he received a postcard announcing the 7th West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Symposium. CCWA has participated in this symposium in the past. Jerry also had an e-mail from TU asking CCWA to renew their membership. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dave McMullen was passed "to renew this annual membership at a cost of \$35.00".

Discussed also was the Press Release on the Ferris Wheel Revegetation-Phase 2 Project. Jerry had a list of e-mail addresses for Michelle who will be sending this out on CCWA letterhead. Jerry mentioned that he and Larry had attended the presentation at SFU on passive treatment systems by Bob Hedin. There was some discussion as to the applicability of this system at the Brubaker site.

Finally, Jerry read a letter received from Tim Yeager, Assistant Park Manager, Prince Gallitzin State Park, thanking CCWA for their participation in the Apple Cider Festival.

Membership Committee: No new memberships received this past month.

Public Relations/Historical Committee: Ray reported that he did not have any new articles for the historical book.

Finance Report: Earl asked the members present their thoughts on selling the Dam Cleanout tickets again next year. It was profitable, although a lot of work.

Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski

Description	Amount	Account
Deposits:		
DEP Reimbursement	\$3,298.80	WFW Phase 1
DEP Reimbursement	\$6,595.26	WFW Phase 2
Expenses:		
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 25.00	Beldin
Alder Run Engineering	\$6,924.27	Gibson
Trout Unlimited	\$ 35.00	General Fund
Dan McMullen	\$ 26.54	General Fund

Transfers:

Dam Ticket Take-In	\$2,065.00	SGOC
Proceeds Transfer	\$2,065.00	Dysart Dam Fund

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

A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Alene Smithmyer was passed "to transfer the balance of \$2,065.00 from the SGOC Fund into the Dysart Dam Cleanout Fund".

Grant Committee:

Dan reported that the Dominion Grant is out and due by December 14th. He may apply for money for testing and water sampling. Art has a PSU student studying Valley Fork Run, the last tributary on Clearfield Creek. Also, the Governor's Environmental Educational Grant is due by December 30th. This grant money can be used for educational material, TIC, etc.

Rachel reported two grants open in addition to the ones that Dan mentioned; Cora L Brooks Foundation and Coldwater Heritage Partnership.

Election Committee-Nominations:

One Board of Directors seat is up for election. It is a three year term presently held by Dan McMullen. One nomination was received; Dan McMullen, nominated by Dick Dotts and seconded by Art Rose.

Tech Committee: The following tech report was presented by Art Rose, Chairman of the Tech Committee Art Rose: **Tech Committee Report-November 19, 2013**

Klondike Project We await funding from OSM and contracting to renovate the compost layer. The outflow was sampled on 11/19 and continues relatively low iron, but with slight overflow of the VFP and no flow into the slag bed.

W. Ferris Wheel Project We await funding from OSM and contracting to start construction on this project.

Gibson Project This construction is ready to bid when we receive the bidding documents from Alder Run engineering. An agreement with the Game Commission was submitted to them in October.

Beldin Project The site was sampled on 11/19. It continues the relatively less acidic chemistry recently recorded.

Amsbry Project No activity

Swank Project A draft of a poster report was received from Amanda Conrad and Bill Strosnider. A published report is planned.

Valley Fork Project Student Logan Adams has installed 5 weirs and the site was sampled on 11/12, with samples submitted to Mahaffey Labs. One discharge in the headwaters is iron-rich but net alkaline; others are highly acid but relatively small. We

would like to obtain funding for analyses of samples after Penn State money runs out the end of 2013. Information will be sent to Dan McMullen to apply for such funds.

Brubaker Project A permit application was submitted to the Game commission.

Glasgow project The passive system continues to do an excellent job of treating the discharge.

Glendale Lake Tributaries A large amount of information on macroinvertebrate sampling was obtained from DEP. We may need to update sampling for one or two sites. The petition for upgrading requires the biotic and chemical data, plus information on permitted or potential discharges in the watershed, development, and municipality contacts.

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

Ferris Wheel Revegetation Phase 2—A final report was reviewed by Shawn and Art, and submitted to DEP with a CD containing all project info. CDs were distributed to Shawn and Art at the meeting for CCWA's files. Final disbursements are expected from DEP, and the account can be closed after the final disbursements are received, which will take the account balance to 0. Items remaining to be done include submission of the press release, which was developed by ARE and CCWA, and reviewed by BSCWA, and application of fertilizer which is stored by John Slovikoski in the spring.

West Ferris Wheel Construction Phases 1 and 2—A grant for \$100,000 was awarded from OSM from funds from the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013. The paperwork is in the Pittsburgh OSM office for processing. Funds were awarded, but contract documents aren't done yet.

Krieger Excavating will honor their bid as long as it takes. They have been working elsewhere, and are wrapping up that work. They prefer not to start now with winter setting in, and would like to start in the spring. ARE has some concerns about working through the winter as well. A solution may be to allow them to get started and do the KL work if the weather holds, with opening the WFW site to occur in the spring.

Since OSM funds were awarded, ARE is waiting for Krieger's response on the payment for cutting versus bulldozing the trees, and can then finalize the budget.

A letter was sent to the National Fish and Wildlife Service due to lack of response to the question about the tree cutting limitations.

As soon as a contract is received from OSM, CCWA will be ready to go into contract with Krieger Excavating.

Klondike Rehab— Same as above.

Gibson-Halstock— A final billing and status report will be prepared through 9/30/13.

Highway occupancy permit info was prepared. A copy is provided for Art's review. A copy was provided to PGC as it involves shifting the entrance slightly to obtain the necessary sight distance, which means cutting a few more trees.

CCWA should expect permit-related documents in the mail this month for Gibson.

CCWA should think about bidding of the project. ARE will send Art copies of bid documents to review, and anyone else who would like them. A bidder's list was developed based on CCWA's prior lists, contractors provided by Dan, and by Malcolm Crittenden. ARE suggests that mid December (weather permitting-i.e. no snow) would be appropriate after hunting season to show the site, with bids potentially due at the January meeting, so the project could start in the spring as weather permits.

Amsbry – Permit coordination was ongoing, and CCWA should expect permit correspondence from DEP, etc. Please forward to ARE if anything is received. The consultant doesn't always get copies any more even though they might be listed as a cc on the letter.

Morgan Run Ross—Treatment system is online and working well. Some supplemental seeding and mulching and tree inspection/replacement will be done in the spring. CCCD flushed this system since the last meeting.

Morgan Run 7—Modifying the water surface elevation in settling basin 1 has apparently modified the mine pool elevation, and we have some unexpected flow that didn't exist prior to construction. ARE is working with the contractor to see if we can fix the new flow issue with the left over funds. The contractor is going back out to make some repairs to the materials disposal area and doing some reseeding as weather permits. Settling basin 2 may have a small leak, although no leakage is visible inside or outside of the basin. It will be observed until there is actually flow into the basin to determine what needs to be done. The system is under warranty.

MR Tuff—CCCD identified a maintenance issue with the final settling basin outlet structure. ARE looked at the issue, and the stoplogs were removed and installed backwards, which prevented them from sealing. CCCD also feels that there is an issue with the pipe connection to the inlet structure, which would no longer be under warranty. ARE will reexamine the connection after Kelly Williams and Carl Undercoffler get the debris cleaned out of the structure. It may be as simple as a new fitting, but the fitting wouldn't be under warranty. The outlet was connected to a wooded dock several years ago to help fight floatation and prevent stress on the fitting/separation of the pipe.

Data Logger –Bryan stated that he had pulled the data logger today, November 19th, and will be analyzing the data.

Ace Drilling Site- Dick had a copy of the Special Use Permit for the members listed on this site. Tentative date for the sampling of this site is December 18th, meeting at Earl's house at 8AM.

Old Business:

Brochure and Poster update: Rebecca Holler was unable to attend the meeting but had mailed to Jerry an updated draft of the CCWA brochure that she is working on. Members present reviewed some of the requested changes. After a few minor changes we should be ready to have the new brochure printed.

Board Retreat: Rachel asked if the Board Members had made a decision on attending the Chesapeake Bay capacity building board retreat offered with assistance by TU. She also mentioned that there is a Status Report and Internal Assessment Survey that is to be filled out by the Board Members. Rachel offered her assistance with this survey.

Chitin Project: Earl reported that he and Dick had installed new intake pipes and cleaned out the piping. This piping was almost blocked solid with iron. Dick made a special tool to be used to clean out this piping. We want to thank Dick who donated the cost of the materials for this tool.

Website Update: Art asked if he need to add any items to the website to keep it updated. Dane reported that Katie has recently been working on the website and it should be current.

New Business:

Rachel Kester Report: Potts Run CHP plan is complete with the full restoration plan to be done by the end of March. WBSRC meeting is December 10 in Lock Haven... Christmas party followed by talk by our habitat coordinator, Jake Tomlinson, about efforts to expand brook trout habitat statewide.

Next Meeting: December 17, 2013, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, Conference Room, 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.