

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF  
DECEMBER 17, 2013  
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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. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dave McMullen was then passed accepting the November 19, 2013 minutes. Ray reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

**Secretary's Report:**

Jerry reported that he has been working on the Watershed News and the annual mailing letters that are to go out in December. He also reported that the membership for 2013 was 54 Lifetime Members, 55 Annual Members and 11 Business Members for a total of 120 members.

**Membership Committee:** We did receive two new membership cards this past month. These will be applied to the 2014 membership year.

**Public Relations/Historical Committee:** Ray reported that he copies of the Press Release that was in The Mainliner, The Progress, and the Tribune Democrat. We want to thank each of these newspapers for their fine coverage.

**Finance Report:** As reported last month, there was discussion on selling of the Dam Cleanout ticket in 2014. Members present at the December meeting agreed that we will sell the ticket in 2014. We would like to start selling the ticket a month earlier than last year.

**Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski**

Description	Amount	Account
<b>Deposits:</b>		
Patton Sportsmen	\$ 25.00	General Fund
Cresson Sportsmen	\$ 25.00	General Fund
DEP Reimbursement	\$17,709.44	FW Reveg
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Earl Smithmyer	\$ 106.47	General Fund
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 25.00	Beldin
Alder Run Engineering	\$14,041.25	Gibson

Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Eric Davis 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 the Dominion Grant requesting \$800.00 for general operating expenses. He also has been working on a grant to the Cora L. Brooks Foundation. Dan requested \$2,700.00 for water sampling, etc. on the Valley Fork Project. Rachel mentioned that there was a DEP environmental education grant opportunity open.

### **Election Committee-Nominations:**

Ray opened the floor for the one Board of Directors seat. No new nominations were received in December. At this time a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was passed closing the nominations.

Elections will be held at the annual meeting in January 2014.

**Tech Committee:** The following tech report was presented by Art Rose, Chairman of the Tech Committee Art Rose: **Tech Committee Report-December 17, 2013**

Klondike Project CCWA is still waiting for the paperwork for the OSM funds to renovate the KL1 system.

W. Ferris Wheel Project CCWA continues to wait for the paperwork for the OSM funds.

Gibson Project This project is ready to be bid.

Beldin Project Samples in November and December continue to show lower acidity and iron than 2003 samples.

Swank Project A poster and a paper on the Swank results are in preparation for the 2014 national meeting of the American Society of Mining and Reclamation, by Dr. Bill Strosnider, Art Rose, and Amanda Conrad.

Amsbry Project No new activity on this project.

Brubaker Project An access permit for the Brubaker site was received from the PA Game Commission.

Valley Fork Project A second series of samples was collected on 12/12. A proposal for funding of samples in 2014 was sent to Dan McMullen.

Glasgow Project The passive system continues to release satisfactory effluent.

Glendale Lake Tributaries DEP indicates that the data they sent us should be adequate to prepare the petition for upgrading the classifications. We will work on this petition in the near future.

### **The Following Is Michelle Merrow's Report, Presented by Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering: December 17, 2013**

**Ferris Wheel Revegetation Phase 2**— CDs of final project files were distributed to Shawn and Art at the meeting for CCWA's files. Final disbursements were sent by DEP on Dec. 11, 2013. The account can be closed after the final disbursements are received, which will take the account balance to 0. The press release was submitted, and a copy of the article in the Progress was sent by ARE to CCWA. The only remaining item is application of fertilizer which is stored by John Slovikosky, in the spring. This will be the last report for this project unless some new items come up.

**West Ferris Wheel Construction Phases 1 and 2** –A grant for \$100,000 was awarded from OSM funds from the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013. The paperwork for the award has finally arrived.

Krieger Excavating will honor their bid as long as it takes. They would like to get a contract for the KL rehab, to be done as weather permits, followed by the larger project contract. 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. They indicated that they would give CCWA a credit of \$2500 for the trees if they were allowed to remove with a bulldozer as opposed to cutting them all. Trees will need to be removed by the end of March unless special permission is given by NFWS, but that doesn't seem to be forthcoming.

**Note:** A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed to accept the Krieger Excavating offer of \$2500 credit for the trees on the West Ferris Wheel Construction Project.

**Klondike Rehab**— Same as above.

**Gibson-Halstock** – Final billings and reports were prepared for the design grant, to be reviewed by Art. If there are any sample receipts not given to ARE yet, this is the time to do so, so they can be reimbursed.

CCWA should expect permit-related documents in the mail this month for Gibson. We are waiting for a letter from DEP Dam Safety about a waiver of dam requirements, which is necessary for the remaining permits to be issued.

CCWA should think about bidding of the project. During Federal permitting, the same bat issue as WFW has come up, with recommended tree cutting before March 31. This does not apply to PGC doing the cutting. We need to think of either bidding the project, bidding the cutting, or having the cutting done under the cover of PGC.

The seeding changes requested by Dan Yahner were coordinated with PGC last month, but we don't have a final decision from Jeff Painter, which is holding up ARE from issuing a final drawing for bid (sheet 17 of 20 with seeding list). We probably could issue the dwg and revise seeding if needed. Michelle Merrow spoke with Nate Havens and Mike Dimatteo from PGC prior to Thanksgiving, and they indicated that PGC was working on the seeding and the landowner agreement, that they would be slow over hunting season, and would get to these items as soon as they could.

**Amsbry** – Permit coordination was ongoing, and CCWA should expect permit correspondence from DEP, etc. Please forward to ARE if anything is received.

**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.

**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. The contractor is going back out to make some repairs to the materials disposal area and doing some reseeding in the spring. 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. We think maybe an unknown 3<sup>rd</sup> party fixed the pipe connection issue, so ARE didn't see it, but put the stoplogs in backwards.

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Data Logger – Art reported that he has not received any new data recently from Bryan.

Ace Drilling Site- Site sampling will not be done on December 18<sup>th</sup> due to pending inclement weather. Sampling will be done on December 23<sup>rd</sup>, meeting at Earl's house at 8 AM.

**Old Business:**

**Brochure and Poster update:** Rebecca Holler brought a copy of the final version of the new brochure. There was a small change requested. Rebecca will make the change and send the final draft to the printer.

Rebecca recommended to the members that we use a heavier resume type paper for the posters that we are working on.

**Board Retreat:** Rachel mentioned that plans are being finalized for the Board Retreat to be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Raystown Lake Conference room. She thanked Jerry for completing the Status Report of the River Network Survey. She also had copies of the internal assessment survey for the members. Jerry mentioned that Rachel was a huge help in assisting him with the Status Report.

**Web Host:** CCWA is still seeking a new web host. Dane is to look into a couple of web host providers and report for the January meeting.

**New Business:**

**Board of Directors Meeting:** as a matter of record for the minutes, The Board Members present at the regular November meeting met afterwards to discuss the pending Board retreat. A **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Dick Dotts “to agree to attend the Board retreat offered by TU, tentative date March 8, 2014” was passed.

**Fishing Derby Ticket:** Discussed by the members was the printing of the fishing derby tickets. We would like to have them available for the January meeting. We do need to get our SGOC license renewed prior to getting the tickets printed. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer “to authorize the printing of 3,000 fishing derby tickets for the January meeting, if possible” was passed.

**Rachel Kester Report:** Over the last two years, TU has completed fishery surveys on nearly all of the unassessed waters in the Clearfield Creek watershed. A number of streams have already been added to the PFBC's wild trout list, offering greater protection from development to the streams and associated wetlands. It is anticipated that additional streams that were identified this past summer will also be added to the wild trout list pending approval by the PFBC.

Also, TU applied for funding from the Coldwater Heritage Partnership to complete aquatic organism passage assessments and begin addressing sedimentation issues in the Potts Run watershed. Dan and Earl worked with Ray to get us a letter of support. Thanks!

**Next Meeting: January 21, 2014, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, Conference Room, 6:30 PM. Note this is our winter meeting site.**

**Adjournment:** On a **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Ed McMullen the meeting was adjourned.