

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
APRIL 18, 2017**

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The meeting was called to order by President Dan McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 13 members present plus Phil Thomas from TU. There were two changes to the March minutes. Under the Treasurer’s Report, the \$400.00 paid to Glendale Sportsmen should come out of the Fish Fund not the General Fund, under Old Business- Forcey Coal, Inc.-Dick wanted to ask RES Coal LLC not Forcey Coal.

A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was then passed “accepting the March 21, 2017 minutes with the changes.”

Secretary’s Report:

Jerry reported that he had purchased an ink cartridge for the printer. He had received an e-mail from Bryan Rabish stating that Bryan will be unable to attend the meetings for the next few months due to another commitment. Bryan is also working on the permit from the PA Fish & Boat Commission for the Wounded Warriors fishing derby. Jerry read a letter from Ben Watt, Penn Cambria Middle School science teacher, asking for a donation to support the science classroom.

Dick gave Jerry information from the 2017 Clearfield County Conservation District Annual Awards Banquet. We want to thank Dick and Mabel for attending this banquet and representing CCWA.

Membership Committee:

There were 3 individual and 3 business memberships received this past month. Thanks to all who have returned their membership.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray had an article for the historical book from Dick that was in The Progress. It was also noted that Megan Riner, editor for The Mainliner, did put our cleanup date in the local paper.

Finance Report:

Ray reported that he still has lots of fishing derby tickets for anyone who would like to purchase/sell some of these tickets. Earl had a copy of a ticket called Cold Hard Cash to replace the Dam Restoration ticket. This ticket will give away \$500.00 and will benefit the Children’s & Veteran’s Fishing Derby’s. Jerry is to take this ticket to Damin Printing so the ticket is available at the May meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: Shawn Simmers: April 18, 2017

Deposits:

Penn Cambria Middle School Science Program the class room project	\$250	General Fund – trout in
Memberships	\$105	General Fund

Business Donation	\$200	General Fund
Expenses:		
Mountain Research water samples	\$125	Grant account – Beldin
Fishing derby reimbursements – Ray Hollen	\$263.86	Fish Fund
Clean up reimbursements – Ray Hollen	\$13.12	General fund

Due to tax season, there was no activity reported from Wessel & Company. Shawn noted that May 15th is our tax Form 990 deadline. Shawn will continue to work with Wessel to ensure this is completed. In addition, Shawn will be working with Wessel & Co. to finish setting up our accounts in the Quikbooks software. Finally, Shawn will be meeting with Michelle to review the Gibson and WFW project accounts and prepare for final close out.

A **motion** by Dane Kawanaski and seconded by Alene Smithmyer was passed “to accept the treasurer’s report and to pay the invoices.”

Grant Committee:

Dan stated that he had nothing new to report. Art and Shawn reported that they did attend the EPA 319 meeting held at the Patton Township Office building in State College. See Art’s note under Tech report.

Cleanup Committee-Cleanup Results:

Our first cleanup of the season was very successful thanks to the many volunteers who came out to help. We were able to pick up the 9 miles of roadway and 5 miles of stream Dan reported the following cleanup results: 80 bags of trash, 15 tires, 1 couch, 2 chairs, and some carpet and padding and a mattress were picked up (that is a lot of trash). There were 32 volunteers including 10 SFU students. Special thanks to Earl and Alene for the coffee, donuts and great lunch. Also thanks to PennDOT who picked all the litter up on Monday.

Dan read a letter to the members present from Linda Saxon, PennDOT, “expressing the sincere appreciation to Clearfield Creek Watershed Association for your long-standing participation in the clean-up efforts in the Adopt A Highway Program.” Discussed also was whether we want to pick up the litter along the section of roadway from the Buckhorn to Beldin Hollow Road. This would be done some time in the near future.

Tech Committee: The following Tech Report was presented by Art Rose-Chairman of the Tech Committee: **Tech Committee Report- April 18, 2017**

Klondike Project The outflow was sampled on 4/18 and submitted for lab analysis. Water was flowing through the slag bed – a minor pipe repair was made. Questions about the test of Metal Removal Units were answered by Colin Lenox.

West Ferris Wheel Project The sites were sampled by Taylor Hochbein on 3/23/17 and analyses received from Mountain Research Labs on 4/15. All systems are treating well but acid and metal-rich water is leaving the site at 32R3 weir. Also, not all suspended sediment is being removed in the wetlands. We still need sampling ports for the inflow

to System 3 and covers for manholes, plus weir installation for the inflow to system 2 and restoration of flow of the south outlet of System 3. The weir will be installed by St. Francis students this weekend. We have not yet received the complete final report on the project, including O&M procedures. Art will sample these sites for this month. Dan volunteered to sample in the future and he and Art will review the sites in the field.

Gibson Project Shawn sampled these sites in early March. So far, a copy of the lab results has not reached Art Rose. The systems are treating satisfactorily. Earthshapers has started work on the remaining tasks, including revegetation.

Beldin Project The project was discussed with Donna Wagner on 3/24. It was decided to apply for an extension to the Design Grant for another year and continue attempts to obtain landowner permission from Bender. Hedin Environmental was informed and will not proceed with completion of design or permitting until we obtain landowner permission. If we are unable to obtain this permission, the remaining funds of the grant can be used on other work on Little Laurel Run.

Cooney discharges Installation of a weir will be done by St. Francis students this coming Sunday.

Clearfield Creek Sampling This was done on 3/27/17 by Ray, Dick, Jerry, Chuck and Ben Dumm. Some results were received from DEP but 5 samples are yet to be reported.

Swank Project The sites were sampled on 3/29 and submitted to Mountain Research. No lab results have yet been received.

Brubaker Project The sampling was discussed with Kelsea and others of St. Francis. They plan to do one more sampling in June and then prepare a report on the 4 quarterly sample sets.

Amsbry Project No activity

Glasgow Project Analyses up to 2/16 were received from DEP showing good treatment. A discussion with Bill Gongaware indicates that the only current problem is a deteriorated flushing valve on VFP1.

Coal Bank Road Mr. Beltowski may use part of the compost left at Klondike.

EPA 319 meeting Art and Shawn attended this meeting. Most of the discussion was on nutrients and sediment control, but one talk covered fish restoration.

Website Art has been unable to contact Tegan about access to the website.

To Do As of 4/25/17

<u>Project</u>	<u>Interval</u>	<u>Person</u>	<u>Last Done</u>	<u>Do by</u>
KL1 Inspection and monitoring	Q	Art	4/18/17	7/31/17
KL2 inspection and monitoring	Q	Dan	2/26/17	6/30/17
WF Inspection and monitoring	M	Art	3/23/17	4/30/17
Gibson insp. And monitoring	M	Shawn	3/x/17	4/30/17
Beldin insp. And monitoring	Q	Dan	2/26/17	6/30/17
Swank insp. And monitoring	Q	Art	3/29/17	6/30/17
Little Laurel sampling	Q	Dan	2/26/17	6/30/17
Clearfield Creek sampling	Q	Ray	3/27/17	6/30/17
Ace Drilling inspection	Q	Ray	3/8/17	6/30/2017
Beldin Quarterly Report	Q	AWR	1/17/17	4/30/17
Gibson Quarterly Report	Q	Michelle	?	1/31/2017

Bender agreement-Beldin		Shawn		12/31/2016
WF weirs, KL2 Weir		St F		1/15/17
WF flushing adjustment		AWR		4/30/17
Gibson flushing observation		Shawn-MM-AWR	1/15/17	
Gibson weir – move		Shawn-Dan		2/28/17
Cooney Weir and sampling		St F -AWR		4/30/17
Brubaker sampling	Q	St F	2/18/17	6/30/17
Bold Due in next month	M Monthly			
	Q Quarterly			

The Following Is Michelle Merrow’s Report: Presented by Shawn Simmers

West Ferris Wheel: Steve Krieger has the lids for the project. Michelle is to meet with John Slovikosky to get him to schedule some work at this site. Michelle would like to flush the ALD sometime soon, if it works with Art’s sampling schedule. Dave Hamilton from OSM will be coming on May 2nd for a close out visit for the grant.

Gibson-Halstock- Mike Lepley is working on some of the punch list items, has seeded and mulched. The vegetation should be taking off soon with the warmer weather. Michelle sampled the site in April- results are pending. March results seem good with effluent Ph >6.5, iron and aluminum below 1 mg/l for the most part.

Data Logger: Bryan stated via e-mail to Jerry that he will be sending Art all updated information as it becomes available.

Ace Drilling Site: This inspection was conducted on March 8th by Ray and Chuck. Art sent the report in to DEP.

Old Business:

Forcey Coal, Inc.-Passive System: Dick presented an updated e-mail from John Mital-DEP. The DEP recently received a new proposal from Forcey Coal to chemically treat the two discharges, P4 and P9.

DEP Plant- Cresson: DEP is set to open bids on April 6th, award the contract in May with a notice to proceed being June 17th.

Classroom Trip Date: Jerry had recently spoken to Ben Watt. The classroom trip is scheduled for May 24th. We will be meeting outside of Ashville for the macroinvertebrate study, proceed to Laurel Run Sportsmen’s dam in Dysart for some fishing, have lunch and they visit the Brubaker site.

New Business:

Eta Albright: Eta spoke about the need to be informed about the many environmental issues that could affect our area, as an example the new underground pipeline that will be installed through our area. It will transfer shale gas from Western PA to Philadelphia. She invited the members to attend the Sustainable Economy Summit on April 21st in Indiana, PA.

Fishing Derby Check List: At this time, the members present reviewed the lengthy check list for the upcoming fishing derby.

Phil Thomas- Project Update: Phil gave an update on the pending stream improvement project on Killbuck Run. Project is scheduled for September 5th- 8th. He emphasized the co-operation between the PGC- trees and equipment, Prince Gallitzin Park- excavator and operator and the County providing stone. Staging area will be at the parking lot near Killbuck Run. Volunteers are also needed for this project.

Weir Installation: Dan mentioned that we have possibly 4 weirs to install. He set up a workday for Sunday, April 23rd, 1 PM. Several SFU students will be available to assist with the installation of the weirs at Rte. 36 and above the intake on system 2. Dan had purchased rebar for the weir installation projects.

Next Meeting: May 16, 2017 Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Dane Kawanaski and seconded by Earl Smithmyer the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.