

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
JANUARY 19, 2016**

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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 16 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 December 15, 2015. Ed reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that he had several e-mail correspondences this past month: from Carolyn Itle-Sherry stating that she could not make the January meeting but perhaps February. Carolyn had done sub sampling on the upper Clearfield Creek (near Syberton) for an education outreach event with several SFU students. Carolyn would like to present the results: from Bob Eyers, Wessel & Co., about setting up a meeting to put money into the endowment fund set up several years ago by CCWA; from Brennen Myers about assisting Dane in setting up Quicken to assist with the keeping of the financial records.

Jerry reported that he had also heard from Rob Piper, Cambria County Conservation District, thanking us for our support and congratulating CCWA on another good year. Lastly, Jerry had talked to Jeff Baird, principal of Penn Cambria Middle School, to remind us to visit the science classroom and look at the fingerling trout being raised by the students.

Membership Committee:

There were 36 new memberships received this past month. I want to thank everyone who has sent in their membership for 2016 and this is the time of the year when I remind you to please send in your membership, if you have not done so.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray was unable to attend this month's meeting. Dick had an article about the health of the small mouth bass in the Susquehanna River- getting lesions on their body and also many are dying. Clearfield Creek is a large tributary to this river.

Finance Report:

Dane had sent out the solicitation letters and we have received donations from a few of these organizations. These donations will be deposited into the General Fund.

Dan is to finish the SGOC license application and give it to Jerry so he can take it up to the Cambria County Courthouse for renewal. Jerry needs the SGOC license number for the printing of the fishing derby tickets that we hope to have available for the February meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski, January 19, 2016

Deposits:

DEP - \$154,528.00 - WFW PH 1
DEP - \$135,000.00 - Gibson Const.
Ashville VFW - \$500.00 - General Fund
Cresson Legion - \$25.00 - General Fund
Memberships - \$590
Donations - \$150

Expenses:

Mountain Research:

\$25 - Beldin
\$100 - KL Chitin
\$75 - Valley Fork (Brubaker)
\$100 - General Fund (Ace Drilling)
Earth Shapers - \$28,444.5 - Gibson Const.
Earth Shapers - \$24,570.00 - Gibson Const.
Krieger Excavation - \$30,875.00 - WFW 2
Dane Kalwanaski - \$169.51 - Dominion 15B
Dan McMullen - \$171.00 - Dominion 15B
Gerald McMullen - \$95.25 - General Fund-office supplies

Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month. A **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed "authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the Treasurer's Report."

We want to thank the organizations who have sent in donations to CCWA and also those individuals who gave a donation with their membership renewal.

Grant Committee:

Dan McMullen reported that he and Dane had purchased the balance of the supplies from the 2015 Dominion grant. He also had ordered additional brochures and posters from this grant money.

Dan stated that he would be applying for a Dominion's grant totaling \$1,300.00 that is due by December 18th. He will ask for money for \$700.00-water sampling, \$480.00-new meters, and \$120.00 for solution.

Shawn Simmers Presentation:

Shawn reported that the WFW project will need approximately 100 tons of alkaline material. Donna Wagner had give permission to use fly ash material from the Co-Gen plant. Shawn will work with Steve Krieger on supplying this material.

Shawn stated that he is working with DEP and a contractor to remove a pile of refuse coal, approximately 120,000 tons, from a site near Gallitzin. This pile is near a tributary that runs into Bradley Run and eventually Clearfield Creek. This is one smaller step to cleaning up the environment around Clearfield Creek.

Gibson-Halstock- there is some recent permit activity. DEP has asked for additional information that Michelle has sent in. This will not hold up the contractor, Earth Shapers, on this project.

Election Committee:

The election was held for the one open Board of Director's seat. Earl Smithmyer was unanimously elected to this position. Special thanks to Earl for his continued dedication to CCWA.

Tech Committee: The following Tech Report was presented by Art Rose-Chairman of the Tech Committee: **Tech Committee Report-January 19, 2016**

Klondike Project No activity

West Ferris Wheel Project See later discussion.

Gibson Project Construction underway.

Beldin Project We await signed access agreements from 2 landowners. Detailed land information for the Bender-Game Commission transfer has been requested from the Game Commission. A quarterly report was sent to DEP.

Swank Project St Francis students are compiling data for a summary. A set of data was sent to them and to the Datashed website.

Amsbry Project No activity. We await word on our construction proposal.

Brubaker Project The CCWA-B weir above the Clay Mine was repaired. The BBC-9 weir needs work, and a weir at the mouth is desirable. We need to establish the source and significance of the acid and metals upstream of the Clay Mine using these weirs. We also need to sample tribs 45 and 51 into Clearfield Creek to justify the Qualified Hydrologic Unit status of this section of Clearfield Creek.

Clearfield Creek Sampling Joe Hoy has left DEP. I am trying to find out what the current status of sampling is. I have discussed with Dave Leiford of DEP that CCWA can continue the Clearfield Creek sampling

Ace Drilling Project A report and invoice were sent to DEP for the sampling on 11/19.

Glasgow Project No activity.

Valley Fork Project No Activity.

The Following Is Michelle Merrow's Report, Presented by Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering: January 19, 2016.

Gibson--a quarterly report was filed. Materials have been delivered to the site. A few additional trees were cut for access, and stacked for PGC use. The trees stacked near the entrance are firewood to be removed by the contractor. The contractor is working as weather permits.

WFW--A quarterly report will be filed. Dane and Michelle have been finishing up final accounting for the project. Shawn Smeltzer of ECS Partnership is supposed to remove any of the logs that he still wants near the entrance. The contractor is working as weather permits, and has made a lot of progress in the second work area.

Rachel Kester Report:

Muddy Run Sampling is on a quarterly basis with DEP for development of the TMDL. Morgan Run- Kelly Williams says that her projects have wrapped up for now. Potts Run- we continue to wait to hear on grants for projects on this stream.

Data Logger: A set of data was received in late December. No anomalies are noted.

Ace Drilling Site: A report and invoice was sent to DEP.

Old Business:

Website Update: Art has been working with Tegan and they continue to update the website. They still need to add the projects and projects updates from 2015.

Dick Dotts Report: Dick reported that he is to get a set of samples and check on the flow from the passive system installed on the north side of route 53 by Forcey Coal, Inc. Art suggested that DEP should have some of this data.

New Business:

Board Meeting-December 15, 2015: The Board of Directors met after the regular meeting in December to discuss the following: the WFW and the Gibson-Halstock projects, placing \$15,000.00 into the endowment fund that had been set up by CCWA but never funded, and how to utilize and invest the balance- \$100,000, of this donation.

Laptop Purchase: A **motion** made by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dick Dotts to “authorize the purchase of a laptop computer and all necessary software for the secretary, not to exceed \$1,500.00” was unanimously passed. This is to be paid out of the general fund and laptop is to remain ownership by CCWA if the secretary’s position should change.

TU Membership: The membership renewal letter was received from TU. Dane is to fill this out and send it in with our annual membership dues.

Next Meeting: February 16, 2016, Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM.

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