

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
June 21, 2016**

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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 13 members present, plus Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen was then passed accepting the May 17, 2016 minutes.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that CCWA had received two checks for a total of \$225.00 from the Delozier family in memory of Butch Delozier. A sympathy/thank you card was sent thanking them for this donation.

Jerry reviewed the following correspondence received this past month; a letter from the Prince Gallitzin park office inviting CCWA to participate in the Apple Cider Festival to be held on October 2nd, a copy of our certificate of insurance for our liability insurance from POWR, and a very nice thank you card from Robb Piper thanking us for the recent donation to his retirement. Robb also thanked CCWA for all of their hard work for Clearfield Creek.

Membership Committee:

No new memberships were received this past month.

Public Relations/Historical Committee: Ray reported that there were pictures of the fishing derby in The Mainliner. Dick also gave Ray an article from The Progress covering the recent minutes. We want to thank both of these local papers for their coverage of CCWA.

Finance Report:

Earl reported that he will be mailing out the dam cleanout tickets in July to about 60-65 members. Special thanks to Jerry, Dan, Lorie, and especially Earl & Alene for their effort on this mailing.

Ray reported that he has lots of the dam cleanout tickets for people to purchase or for anyone who could help sell some tickets. Tickets are \$2.00 each and support our dam cleanout fund.

At this time, it was mentioned about the recent wounded warriors fishing derby at the Laurel Run Sportsman's dam. There were 23 veterans from the Coalport Veterans who participated.

Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski, June 21, 2016

<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Account</i>
	Mountain Research	\$ (25.00)	KL-Chitin
	Earth Shapers	\$ (52,725.60)	Gibson Construction
	Comm. Foundation All.	\$ (20,000.00)	TBD

Deposits			
	DEP Reimbursement	\$ 52,725.60	Gibson Construction
	Donations	\$ 225.00	

Jerry reported that he had recently talked to Brennen Myers about setting up a Quick Book file for the annual financials. Jerry also stated that he had talked to Mike Kane, Community Foundation for the Alleghenies (The Foundation), to clarify the growth in any investment through The Foundation. At this time the check for \$20,000 for The Foundation was written. Jerry will forward it to Mike Kane at The Foundation.

A **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed “to accept the treasurer’s report and to pay the invoices.”

Grant Committee:

Dan stated that he had contacted Dave Leiford from the DEP office in Ebensburg inquiring about why our recent proposal for the Brubaker project was rejected. In summation: our proposal is cleaning up the clay mine which is only about half of the problematic discharge into Brubaker Run. DEP suggests a joint cleanup project with all parties involved- CCWA, Bender Coal Co. and Cooney Coal Co.

Shawn Simmers Presentation:

Shawn had nothing new to report, at this time.

Tech Committee: The following Tech Report was presented by Art Rose-Chairman of the Tech Committee: **Tech Committee Report- June 21, 2016**

Klondike Project Field measurements on 6/21 showed pH 6.4. Fe 3 mg/L and alkalinity 120, indicating good treatment. The system was not overflowing. The holes in the outflow pipe from the VFP had been cleaned by Dick Dotts and others. Further minor maintenance, including lowering the outflow a few inches, was suggested.

West Ferris Wheel Project See later discussion. On 6/21 the road had been greatly improved, but little appeared to have been done on the two anoxic limestone drains.

Gibson Project A sample of the discharge on Bender’s ground showed only slight acidity and little metals. It would not be a major problem to add it to the Gibson treatment system.

Beldin Project No progress has been made in getting a landowner agreement from Bender. An application for extension of the design project has been submitted to DEP. The 319 program is asking for a proposal for next year’s funding. Hedin was contacted about a new proposal for construction funds with lower road costs, and will supply this in the next few weeks.

Brubaker Project A group from St. Francis sampled and walked the upper watershed of Brubaker Run today and has submitted a set of samples to Mtn Research. It appears that John Dawes Foundation is the best source of funds for this work. About \$2000 are needed.

Swank Project The possibility of stirring the limestone in the Swank channel was discussed with Tim Danehy of Biomost. He was very enthusiastic about bringing their equipment to Swank and doing the work under a TAG grant. I recommend we apply for this grant. We need to discuss this with the Game Commission before doing the cleaning.

Amsbry Project No activity

Glasgow Project The system continues to treat well.

WBSRC Meeting The group met on 6/14. A major talk was by a woman from the Chesapeake Conservancy about an improved information on the Susquehanna Watershed. Only 5 Growing Greener projects were funded in the Upper West Branch, one of which was rehab of Morgan Run systems by Trout Unlimited.

The Following Is Michelle Merrow's Report, Presented by Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering: June 21, 2016.

Gibson-The project has been extended through 6-30-17. EPA approved a cost adjustment (increase) to account for the additional flows encountered: CCWA is waiting for the contract amendment paperwork from DEP. The Waiver 16 notification and Federal Authorization were received from PA DEP. The Highway Occupancy permit was extended for another year to allow for modifications to the rock construction entrance at Black Snake Road. The contractor is moving along on the project, and over 2000 tons of limestone have been placed. The construction contract time was extended for one month. The PGC provided stone for PA DOT's requested modifications to the construction entrance. We hope the system is online before the July meeting.

West Ferris Wheel--A GP7 for roadway wetland impacts was requested from Cambria County Conservation District. The remaining discharges to the ALD were samples and is showing slightly different water quality than during the design phase with higher flows and higher aluminum. A series of test pits were dug by the contractor to verify the location of the interceptor trench. The system layout was modified slightly to avoid wetland impacts. The OSM grant has been extended through September 2016.

Data Logger: Bryan reported that he has a set of data for May and June from the data logger.

Ace Drilling Site: Ray reported that the site was sampled on June 7th for this quarter.

Old Business:

Website Update: There was nothing new to report about the website. Tegan, who updates our website, delivered a set of healthy twin boys on June 2nd. Therefore, she may be a little busy for a while. Congrats to Tegan and her husband Everest.

Dick Dotts- Dumpsite Cleanup: Dick reported that he had talked to Kelly Williams and Jodie Brenamon again about the disposal of the tires at this site. John, the landowner, will dispose of the tires on this site himself.

Forcey Coal, Inc.-Passive System: Dick had talked to John Mital from DEP and there seems to be an extra flow at the site. No sampling has taken place yet but John will get a copy of the sample results to Dick when it becomes available

New Business:

Board Meeting: As a matter of record the Board of directors held a special meeting on June 8th to discuss the WFW and Gibson-Halstock project.

Cleanup- July 10th: Members were reminded of the upcoming roadway cleanup, meeting at the Municipal building in Dysart at 8:30 AM.

Next Meeting: July 19, 2016, Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Dane Kalwanaski the meeting was adjourned.