

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
OCTOBER 20, 2015**

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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 15 members present for the meeting plus, Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering, Steve and Sue Krieger, contractor for the WFW project. One change was requested for the September minutes, under the Finance report it should read 400 tickets were sold not \$400.00 of tickets. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was then passed accepting the September 15, 2015. Ed reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry went over a couple of mailings received this past month. One was a survey from the John Kennedy Chapter of TU which he will fill out and send back.

Membership Committee:

There was two new membership received this past month in the mail. These memberships will be applied to the 2016 dues.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Dick gave Ray a nice article on the recent minutes that were in The Progress. This will be placed in the historical book. We want to thank Julie and The Progress for this coverage.

Finance Report:

Earl reminded us that the solicitation letter to be sent out soon asking for a donation still needs to be revamped.

Treasurer's Report: Dane Kalwanaski, October 20, 2015

Monthly Meeting Activity: October, 2015

<i>Deposits</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Account</i>
	Clean Streams - ACE	\$ 285.00	Gen Fund
	Memberships -'16	\$ 20.00	Gen Fund
	Shirt Sales	\$ 50.00	Gen Fund
<i>Expenses</i>			
	Gerald McMullen	\$ (71.00)	WFW PH1
	Krieger Excavating	\$ (92,440.22)	Split
	Mahaffey Labs	\$ (93.00)	Dominion 15A
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Mahaffey Labs	\$	(129.00)	Gen Fund	
Trout Unlimited (RH)	\$	(99.00)	Gen Fund	Web
Art Rose	\$	(255.64)	Dominion 15B	Hosting
Servinsky Jewelers	\$	(44.00)	Gen Fund	
EP Bender Coal Co.	\$	(3,000.00)	TBD	

Discussed was an e-mail request from Barbara Hartleb. Clean Streams sent a signed copy of the new contract for the Ace Drilling site and the contract has not been returned. Also they need a copy of the CCWA Liability Insurance. Dan was to return the signed contract and Dane will send a copy of the Liability Insurance.

Dane was to transfer \$2,092.00 from the SGOC account to the Dysart Dam Cleanout account.

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

Grant Committee:

Dan McMullen had nothing to report on any new grants. Pending is the purchase of supplies for posts, cement, brochures, and brochure holders. Dominion 15A of this grant was used for water sampling-\$217.00 and Dominion 15B used for the purchase of instruments, etc.-\$255.64. Rachel mentioned that the Cold Water Heritage Grant is open and this grant can be used for water sampling.

Shawn Simmers Presentation:

Shawn Simmers reported that Bender Coal Company has signed a construction access agreement and a flow easement agreement for the Gibson-Halstock project. This will allow Earth Shapers to move in and get this project started. We want to thank Jim Walters and Bender Coal Company for their cooperation in getting these agreements drafted, signed and sent to CCWA.

Ed thanked Shawn for all of the hard work that he did to get the two agreements completed by Bender Coal Company.

Cleanup Committee:

ED reported that we had 16 volunteers for this cleanup. He thanked the 9 students from SFU who came and helped. They did the section of road from Dysart to Ashville and also helped clean up the dumped drywall pile north of Dysart (totaling about 20 bags). We want to thank Joe Yartin for cleaning Clearfield Creek from Ashville to Dysart. There were a total of approximately 40 bags picked up.

Tech Committee: The following Tech Report was presented by Art Rose-Chairman of the Tech Committee: **Tech Committee Report-October 20, 2015**

Klondike Project The system continues to treat well, to net alkaline conditions. The pH on 10/20 was 6.6.

Beldin Project A quarterly report was submitted to DEP. We await signing of agreements by landowners along the access route.

Swank Project No activity.

Amsbry Project No activity.

Glasgow Project The system continues to treat very well.

Brubaker Project A recommendation for establishing Clearfield Creek between Brubaker Run and Flinton as a Qualified Hydrologic Unit was sent to DEP Ebensburg. On October 5, Rose, Hollen and Sutton discussed the proposal with Jeff Means, Dave Leiford and Joe Hoy of the DEP. They had several questions, mainly about completeness of data. After discussion, we tentatively agreed to collaborate with DEP on additional sampling of tributaries to Clearfield Creek in the key area, and to investigate the smaller discharges into Brubaker Run. We await further word on the details from DEP. Our Growing Greener proposal for design of a treatment plant has been scored by Ebensburg office and sent to Harrisburg for further evaluation. We also participated in a Legislative Breakfast in Ebensburg on 10/2 and discussed the Brubaker project with Senator Wozniak.

Clearfield Creek Water Sampling This project continues.

Valley Fork Project No activity.

Equipment Purchase A pH-cond. Meter, a replacement pH sensor and pH buffers were purchased for \$255.64.

The Following Is Michelle Merrow's Report, Presented by Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering: October 20, 2015

WFW:

Quarterly reports were prepared and submitted for phase 2 through 9-30-15, and will be completed for phase 1 by the end of the month.

A contractor app for payment was presented. The contractor met the Phase 1 construction goals, and what was completed was looking nice.

Gibson Halstock:

A quarterly report was sent for the period through 9-30-15.

Dean Township approved Bender Coal Co's subdivision plan.

Construction start notices were given to CCCD, and a co-permittee form was filed to add Earth Shapers to the permit so they are responsible for construction activities on site.

Rachel Kester Report:

Kelly Williams reported that the two projects on Morgan Run (MR8 & MR Chew) are currently under construction and moving along according to schedule. Rachel Kester reported that the habitat improvement projects on Potts Run are complete. Approximately 900 feet of eroding stream bank was stabilized and dozens of fish habitat structures were installed including mudsill cribbing, log vanes, and root wad deflectors. Grants are pending for construction of additional AMD treatment systems on both Morgan Run and Potts Run. Dominion and the Coldwater Heritage Partnership Program are both accepting grant proposals until December.

Data Logger: Art reported that no new data has been received. Bryan stated that he would be checking on the data logger on October 21st.

Ace Drilling Site: The site was sampled on 9/23. Flow was very low. Art Rose accompanied the crew and investigated Malcolm Crittenden's query about the incomplete Mn removal at the 26 system. It appears that the recently modified limestone bed for Mn removal is too small. At 26A the discharge pipe had been removed and the VFP was dry. It was re-installed. Site is to be sampled again in November.

Old Business:

Website Update: Tegan reported that there were no new changes to the website.

Apple Cider Festival: October 4th: We want to thank Ed, Ray, and Bryan for taking care of setting up and manning our display in the morning at the Festival. Dan and Bryan manned it in the afternoon. It was suggested that next year Rebecca Holler or Rachel Kester could assist CCWA with an educational game for this event.

Coffer Dam Cleanout: There is not much new to report. Members present all agree we need to further investigate proper procedure for this cleanout.

New Business:

Upcoming Election: Jerry wanted to remind everyone that there is one Board of Directors seat that expires in January, 2016. It is a 3 year term held presently by Earl Smithmyer. Nominations will be accepted at the November and December meetings. Election will be held at the annual meeting in January.

Legislative Breakfast: Jerry and Art attended the Legislative Breakfast, sponsored by Cambria County Conservation District, on October 2nd. We were a bit disappointed that no one from Frank Burns' office was there but we did get to talk to State Senator John Wozniak.

John Dawes spoke about the Power + Plan. The **POWER+ Plan** invests in workers and jobs, addresses important legacy costs in coal country, and drives development of coal technology: The Plan provides dedicated new resources for economic diversification, job creation, job training and other employment services for workers and communities impacted by layoffs at coal mines and coal-fired power plants.

Board Meetings: As a matter of record; the Board of Directors met after the regular September monthly meeting. Bob Eyers and Brennen Myers from Wessel & Company presented the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2014. The Board also met on-site at the WFW project on October 14th to look at the progress.

DEP Plant Status: The status of the DEP plant to be built outside of Cresson was discussed. Construction phase was to have begun by now. Art suggested that perhaps the Qualified Hydrological Study that is to be done on Clearfield Creek down to Brubaker is holding it up. DEP must also run a water line to the homeowners along Vampire Road, near the proposed plant.

Appreciation Plaque: A plaque was presented by Ed to Ray Hollen thanking him for the great job that he had done the last two years as President of CCWA. A big round of applause was also given for a "job well done."

Next Meeting: November 17, 2015, Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Earl Smithmyer the meeting was adjourned