

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**  
**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF**  
**June 16, 2015**

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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 10 members present for the meeting plus, Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering, and Steve Krieger and his son- contractor for the WFW project. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Shawn Simmers was then passed accepting the May 19, 2015 minutes with one change. Ray requested that the line in the May minutes reading "Ticket price is \$2.00 and there is one winner for each of the five \$100.00 gift certificates." be changed to read ".....one winner for all of the five \$100.00 gift certificates." Ed reminded all present that we were taping the minutes.

**Secretary's Report:**

Jerry mentioned that he had brought the CCWA T shirts to the meeting and had them for sale. Price is \$5.00 and they are a nice Hane's T shirt with the CCWA logo on them. Please contact CCWA if you would like to purchase a T Shirt. Jerry stated that he needs the list of donors to the fishing derby to send out thank you letters.

Jerry reported he had purchased some office supplies- stamps, ink cartridges, donation for printing cost, and the recent gift for Jack Calandra.

**Membership Committee:**

There were no new memberships received this past month.

**Public Relations/Historical Committee:**

Ray reported that he had an article that was in The Mainliner that covered the Disabled Veterans fishing derby on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Laurel Run Sportsman's dam in Dysart. CCWA was mentioned in the article. Approximately 15 disabled veterans participated. Some of the sponsors were the Ashville VFW and the Cresson Legion. The event went very well with lots of donations, food drinks and prizes and special thanks to the Boy Scouts for their assistance.

We cannot thank our veterans enough for their service to our country.

**Finance Report:**

The Dam Cleanout tickets are now available for sale. Sales are going very slow for this ticket. Please contact any Board member if you would like to purchase or sell some tickets. Winner will be determined by a drawing at the September meeting.

**Treasurer's Report: June 16, 2015**

Dane was unable to attend the June meeting. Dan reviewed the expenses for the past month.

<i>Deposits</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Account</i>
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<b>Expenses</b>		\$	
	Dan McMullen	(30.98)	Gen Fund
		\$	
	Gerald McMullen	(188.00)	Gen Fund
		\$	WFW PH
	alder run engineering	(650.00)	2
		\$	
	Hedin Environmental	(2,218.28)	Beldin
		\$	WFW Ph
	Krieger excavating	(73,315.80)	1

Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month. A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Ray Hollen 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.

Jerry mentioned that he has been in touch with Brennon Myers from Wessel & Company, a CPA firm located in Johnstown, via e-mail and a conference call. Wessel & Company sent a letter of engagement. Below is the first paragraph explaining their services to CCWA:

“Your organization has requested that we prepare the basic financial statements of the Clearfield Creek Watershed Association, which comprise the statement of financial position - cash basis as of December 31, 2014, and the related statement of activities – cash basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and perform a compilation engagement with respect to those financial statements. We are pleased to confirm our acceptance and our understanding of this engagement by means of this letter.”

Robert J. Eyer, CPA, Wessel & Company, is the engagement partner for the services specified in this letter. As further stated by Bob....”our costs associated with these services will be an in-kind contribution to the Clearfield Creek Watershed Association.”

**Grant Committee:**

Dan reported that CCWA has offered two letters of support; one requested by Kelley Williams for an MR-7 project and the other requested by Rachel Kester for a project on Potts Run #3.

Art reported that he has received the data from the macroinvertebrate study at 4 sites along Clearfield Creek below Brubaker stream. Art stated that the data from this study clearly shows how badly Brubaker does degrade Clearfield Creek.

Dan stated that the New Pig grant is still pending, at this time.

**Shawn Simmers Presentation:**

Shawn reported that we received one permit for the WFWE- Historical and Natural Diversity- the original had expired and therefore had to be renewed. Shawn attended a meeting sponsored by the Tioga County Planning Commission, with the Pine Creek Watershed policy summit, to discuss the challenges we all have with permits, funding, etc. Jim Weaver was the coordinator for this meeting.

**Cleanup Committee:**

The next cleanup is on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM, meeting at the Municipal Building in Dysart. This is a roadway cleanup on Route 53. However, due to recent litter and dumping along Beldin Hollow Road we will be meeting on Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM, at the intersection of this road and Rte. 53 to pick up the litter along Beldin Hollow Road.

Special thanks to Al Colian, PF&BC, for fining someone who had littered along Route 53 near Dysart.

**Tech Committee:** The following Tech Report was presented by Art Rose-Chairman of the Tech Committee:                   **Tech Committee Report- June 16, 2015**

Klondike Project The KL1 system continues to release net alkaline water. The water level in the final pond is too high, at the level of the inflow pipes, and needs to be lowered by removing cattails and limestone from the outflow spillway. Also the slag bed should be activated.

West Ferris Wheel Project Shawn Simmers and Dan McMullen have examined the work and suggested actions on billing and scheduling. The road into the project is largely complete though muddy. Some cut trees have been stockpiled. We must work fast to complete Phase 1 before Aug. 31 when the grant expires.

Gibson Project We await resolution of the Bender-Game Commission property situation.

Beldin Project Bob Hedin and George Watzlaf of Hedin Environmental met with Art Rose on 5/27 and walked out the proposed sites of the treatment ponds and discussed design. Hedin intends to have construction cost data to us in time to submit a construction proposal by July 10. Minetech has been in contact with the Conservation District on permits.

Swank Project A request for a new access permit was sent to the Game Commission and the permit was received. CCWA members listed on the permit are Earl Smithmyer, Gerald McMullen, Ed McMullen, Ray Hollen, along with William Strosnider, Joel Bandstra, Amanda Conrad and Nick Lassak from St. Francis. One of these persons should be present with any group at the site. A CCWA lock was furnished to the Game Commission for the gate, but has apparently not yet been installed. The landowner agreements for the access road need to be finalized and signed.

Brubaker Project A proposal for design of an active treatment plant is largely complete. We still need a land planning form from Dean Twp., and permission and support from the Game Commission, who were contacted about the end of May but have not yet responded. The results of the macroinvertebrate study of 4 sites were received and have been a significant asset in the proposal. All 3 sites on Brubaker Run are impaired, and the Flinton site is more degraded than upstream sites.

Amsbry Project A construction proposal is largely completed. We still need verification of the Lands Planning Form from Gallitzin Twp.

Clearfield Creek Water Sampling This monthly sampling continues, but we still await results for March and later months. This data has been very useful in the Brubaker proposal.

Ace Drilling Project We still need to submit a bill for the maintenance visit in May.

Morgan Run Project Kelly Williams of Clearfield Co. Conservation has requested that CCWA hold permits for the MR8 site.

Valley Fork Project No activity.

WBSRC meeting A meeting was held on June 9 but Art Rose was in Kentucky and could not attend.

Pine Creek Meeting Shawn Simmers attended this meeting.

Tree Planting Methods A field trip and several papers were presented at the meeting of the American Society of Mining and Reclamation in Lexington, KY last week. A key to tree survival is to plant in loose soil and substrate, and to minimize competition with grasses and the like. Planting in loose overburden gave tree survival of 80% compared to 10-20% in compacted spoil. This can apply to planting by CCWA.

**The Following Is Michelle Merrow's Report, Presented by Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering: June 16, 2015**

Gibson--Quarterly progress report was presented for review and signature (and since then filed). There was no action on a time extension or cost reduction change for contractor's suggested revisions. There was no new news on the subdivision process.

WFW--A change order for an additional pipe drain was presented for review by the Board, as well as an application for payment. Contractor priorities at that time were to get the trees out and get earthwork started asap but wet weather was hampering efforts.

**The following is Rachel Kester's Report: June 16, 2015**

Rachel reported that we (TU) is moving forward with both an Act 13 and GG proposal to treat the No. 3 Mine discharge on Potts Run. Also, Rachel mentioned that the DEP has a survey out asking stakeholders how the division of BAMR into the Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation (to address abandoned mine LAND issues) and the Bureau of Conservation and Restoration (to address abandoned mine drainage issues) has affected watershed restoration efforts. Here's a link to the questionnaire:

<http://files.dep.state.pa.us/Water/Watershed%20Management/WatershedPortalFiles/AMD/AMD%20Questionnaire.pdf>. It is due June 30<sup>th</sup>. Also, TU has been keeping an eye on the

President's POWER + Plan that has been proposed as part of the FY2016 budget. If passed it would mean that PA and other coal states could receive a combined \$1B from the federal AML Fund over the next 5 years to address AML/AMD problems and boost economic development in areas of recent job losses due to a decline in the coal industry. Rachel also mentioned the PA Abandoned Mine Reclamation Conference ([www.treatminewater.org](http://www.treatminewater.org)) which was held June 25-26 in State College.

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**Data Logger:** Art stated that he has received no new data from Bryan.

**Ace Drilling Site:** The sited is to be sampled at the end of June.

**Old Business:**

**Website Update:** Tegan reported that she has added most of the older minutes to the website. She is in need of the minutes for December, 2009. Jerry is to check and see if he has these minutes. Art reported that he has some information to add to the website.

**Project Booklet:** Work on this booklet is continuing, at this time.

**Posts/Brochures:** This project is also still pending. Volunteers will be needed for this project so we will keep you posted.

**New Business:**

**Board Meeting-May 19, 2015:** Just as a matter of record, the Board after the May 19th regular meeting to discuss and review the updates on the WFW project.

**Water Sampling:** A local environmental company, Mountain Research, Inc., Altoona, PA, has approached CCWA about water sampling. Analysis should be the same and there will be no increase in existing charge. After a brief discussion, it was decided that we would send some future water samples to them for testing.

**Meeting- Shale Gas Fracking:** Jerry read the information sent to him via e-mail from Eta Albright about shale gas fracking and public health. Members were invited to attend the meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 6PM, Cambria County Courthouse.

**Next Meeting: July 21, 2015, Conference Room, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, 6:30 PM.**

**Adjournment:** On a **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Dan McMullen the meeting was adjourned