

Minutes September 6, 2000 WCRC Meeting

Meeting held in the Creede Town Hall
Called to order by Chairman Zeke Ward at 1:05 PM

Those Attending:

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Introduction of members and misc. business

Reconnaissance in:

Solomon

Glen- Thursday , Bruce Stover and Mike Wireman mapped as much of the Solomon as possible. Maggie Mae was caved in. Third Drift 25ft back, water flows 5-6 gallon per minute stream. Maybe perfect water, currently being tested. Site is looking good. Committee would like to hire miners to go in and fix cave-ins.

Commodore

Zeke showed pictures of the Commodore, taken by Ken Wyley. Good in-cast, went as far as Berkshire shaft. Commodore shaft, Corkscrew, Bachelor. All had water standing. No sources past Daylight corner. Corkscrew has 3-5 gallon a minute at back. Wooster-Humphreys is underwater. Behind cave, the entire Nelson is under water. Daylight corner on was dry. Rust stains are two feet high on walls. XRF and Tailings Pile-(Glen) Barb Horn is sending riverwatch things to J.B. Episodic Event occurred , Samples were taken. Sangre De Cristo Lab has samples, should be in anyway. They are doing filtered and non-filtered testing for metals. Samples also gathered one week apart at certain sites. 10 stakes were put on East and West Willow in preparation for XRF

study. Composite sample will go to lab for calibrating the machine. Glen needs volunteer (Jim Matush) to meet with Bob Knowles on September the 17. New sampling analyses plan-**See map for XRF testing sites**. Glen gave Jim Matush copy of map. Mark Stromberg has moved to a new location. North Cave stream tracing -Chuck Fairchild will allow WCRC to use the cave for the XRF testing. Samples will be hauled to "Cave Central". Several had questions about calibrating XRF. Mark Stromberg suggested doing sample of area to create a curve of entire area. Glen would like J.B. and Bob Knowles to clear up calibration questions. David Gregory is the contact on this project. Knowles is running the machine. Jim Heron, CDMG, did samples to send to the lab. Mark Stromberg recommends against Leachability testing. Zeke will follow up to mesh Bob Knowles and Jim Heron to see if there is a duplication of effort. Glen would like both to be on site during testing. Les Dobson asked "How do we answer the question about which dump contributes most to problem." Stromberg suggested they be careful that testing is truly representative of the whole pile. Bence asked if there was anyway to control the run on the pile. WCRC is trying to be very thorough in order to satisfy the EPA. Tim Scanlan donated a Sunday afternoon to building the Solomon flume with Glen & JB. David Gregory is paying Knowles for 3 days, WCRC is paying for 2 days. Zeke asked how long it will take to get the report. Glen says 2 months. Zeke would like to have it for the November Commissioner's meeting. Stromberg said they may be able to have lab do interim samples for the Commissioner's meeting. **Train(Zeke)**- Progress Report Zeke talked to Shank on the phone and received denials of any damage to tailings pile. He impressed upon him the importance of doing a characterization down there and suggested that he call CDPHE and that he should pursue a voluntary agreement with them. Zeke expressed WCRC concerns. Shank said that he would pursue this route. Zeke will be following up this week to see if promises have been met. Chuck Barnes said that a county crew replaced tailings cap for the purpose of public safety. Zeke stressed that WCRC's focus is only environmental concerns. Zeke and Dave Surh are attempting to meet with Mr. Surh's replacement, Dave Holland. **Airport Corner**- Zeke said that Airport corner may qualify as a demonstration project. He is gathering info on composting as a remediation. Compost immobilizes metals, can help with acid PH. Re-veg plots in compost are doing the best. There are run-off issues in the ditches that will need to be looked at. JB says that we need to be sure to go overkill on calibration at the corner and be sure that all possible clouds are eliminated. **Alluvial Stream Tracing** (Glen)

Bryant Kimball and group were at the testing. They tested 120 sites. This included 55 of our 62 sites. Will encompass all metals, filtered and unfiltered. USGS report will be acceptable to EPA. Methodology for tracer study was sodium bromide to get 2 parts per million. Put in from above town to below Wason to determine dilutions. Results will be in by January 1, 2001 Tritium sampling will be done in January. Marvin is optimistic about plantings. **Miscellaneous** Zeke will making 319 presentation on Sept 19. 319 money is way less than half of input into WCRC. He plans to point out that they are finishing up the initial 3 year plan. Glen asked Jim Metz about the possibility and appropriateness of a petty cash account. Maybe \$500. He says yes, if it is done in conjunction with the city and only one other person who can draw from it. Management is the key. Suggests two signatures. **Adjourn**- schedule next meeting Minutes submitted by: _____ Approved and accepted: _____

Dawn Ward
Coordinator Assistant

Zeke Ward

Chairman