

Willow Creek Reclamation Committee

October 3, 2001

Draft Minutes

I. Introduction of members: Jim Matush, Phil Bethke, Chuck Barnes, Jim Mietz, Les Dobson, Steve Garner, Bob Kirkham, Steve Yochum, Scott Randall, Steve Russell, Joe Burkett, Zeke Ward, JB Alexander

II. Approval of September Minutes: Minutes read and approved for posting on the web site.

III. Underground Flow Report (Bob Kirkham) After presenting information on the different flow data at the Nelson it was proposed that a student from Adams State College be hired to compile information on precipitation and flow data to be placed into a data base. Chuck Barnes made the motion to hire the assistant. Motion was seconded by Glen Miller. Motion carried.

The TAC suggested that the flows from the Nelson and the Solomon be accurately logged.

IV. Tracer Report (JB Alexander, Glen Miller, Jim Matush) Dye was placed in the Berkshire shaft from the Commodore 5 level. Dye was detected at the portal of the Nelson Tunnel seven days later. The dye is also being detected in the Bachelor Shaft. The next round of samples will be taken on Oct. 21, 2001.

V. Flood Control Project Report (JB Alexander)

Consultants are looking at the possible recommendations for flood control on Willow Creek. The scope of work will be primarily determined by budget constraints. They will look at how best to keep the creek in its banks during high water as well as fish habitat and future recreation possibilities. Proposals may be complete by the November meeting.

VI. Waste Pile Update (Glen Miller) Gave report on possibilities for sampling for the TCLP report. Joe Burkett made the motion to that the decision on how many samples to take would be left up to the TAC. Scott Randall seconded.

VII. Well Construction (Scott Randall) 15 shallow wells were drilled, 11 which were around the tailings pile below town and 4 wells were drilled at various mines/piles above town. Glen will be obtaining water samples and also some surface water samples in the area.

Jack Morris has asked the committee to help him sample a dump on his property. The committee agreed to help per a donation to the committee to cover lab fees and with the understanding that results would be public record.

Meeting adjourned 3:45 pm

Next meeting will be November 7, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn L. Ward