

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 17 members present. We had three current members, who have never attended a meeting, present. It was nice to see new faces at the meeting. At this time Secretary McMullen read from an e-mail that he had received from Beth Dillon concerning the funding of the SRBC data collected as mentioned in our December minutes. Beth noted that, as a clarification, no definite funding source has been identified at this time. On a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Brian Rabish the minutes from the December 20, 2005 meeting were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

During the month of **December**, the following activity took place in the bank accounts:

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Regular Account

Beginning Balance, December 1 st , 2005	\$3,951.88
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Memorial – Dorothy Letcher	(47.70)
Web Hosting fees	(179.40)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	20.00
Bank interest	0.16
Ending Balance, December 31 st , 2005	<u>\$3,744.94</u>

Money Held for Deposit at 12/31/05: none

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Grant Account

Beginning Balance, December 1 st , 2005	\$6,009.40
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Project costs:	
KL1 (Growing Greener)	750.00
KL2 (EPA)	0.00
Brubaker	0.00
Little Laurel Restoration	3,300.00
Fish Fund	0.00
Heinz Grant	<u>0.00</u>
	(4,050.00)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
New Grant Awards Received	0.00
Grant Expense Reimbursement – Klondike Project	601.01
Bank interest	.38
Ending Balance, December 31 st , 2005	<u>\$2,560.79</u>

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Respectfully submitted,
Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Larry also submitted the annual financial statements at this time. These are available for review on our website-www.clearfieldcreekwatershed.org

Larry reported that he had \$615.00 in dues and a \$5.00 donation to deposit. He had also received a \$2,500.00 donation from Art Rose restricted to expenses on the Klondike project that are not covered by any grants, especially for future water testing after completion of the project. We want to thank Art for his generous donation to CCWA. On a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen the Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had sent out over 125 mailings in December to all CCWA members. Dues and the cards have been coming in slowly but steady- 14 received by Jerry. Earl had received approximately 12 and several members paid at the meeting. Jerry reported that he had bought \$51.80 in stamps. At this time the following bills were approved for payment- Jerry McMullen for stamps \$51.80, NeoNexus-\$179.40 for annual web site fee 2006, Commonwealth of PA-\$2,800.00 for application fee (Klondike I Grant), \$246.93.00-Art Rose-\$90.00 reimbursement for soil samples from Penn State Lab, \$156.93 reimbursement for misc. expenses related to the Klondike I Project. On a **motion** by Ed McMullen and seconded by Pat McNulty these bills were unanimously approved for payment.

Membership Committee:

As reported above we continue to receive membership cards and dues. Bob Funicelli, Membership Chairman. reported that he will be soliciting for members.

Public Relations and Historical Committee:

Secretary McMullen reported that he had sent a small article to Justin Eger, at the Mainline Newspaper, announcing the annual meeting. It was printed in the prior week's paper. Alene Smithmyer reported that she had received newspaper articles from Mabel Dotts and Jerry McMullen for her historical book.

Finance Report:

Larry reported that he had nothing new to report, at this time.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted and discussed by Art Rose, chairman of the tech committee:

TECH REPORT January 17, 2006

KLONDIKE PROJECT

The Erosion-Sedimentation Plan was submitted to the Cambria County Conservation District during the first week of January. The "Wetland" Permit application (Joint Permit) is ready to submit to PA DEP and Corps of Engineers upon the issuance of a check for \$2800.00 by CCWA to cover the application fee and return of the

mail receipt for notification of the Cultural Resource Notice to the PA Historical and Museum Commission. We also await approval of the Erosion-Sedimentation Plan. Approval of these plans and applications will complete work on the Growing Greener Design and Permitting grant. Both John Foreman and Art Rose have spent major parts of 3 days on this project since the last meeting.

BRUBAKER PROJECT

Drill sites were surveyed and marked by Cree Surveying, and the Game Commission has been contacted regarding construction of roads and drill pads. All paperwork was completed with Sam Lansberry, and we anticipate meeting with him to obtain the drill logs in the immediate future. In view of the newly recognized mine extension to the east, we will also discuss with him the acquisition of another 10 or so drill logs near the extension.

FERRISWHEEL PROPOSAL

Analyses of 10 soil samples for nutrients were received from the Penn State lab. Shawn Simmers and Art Rose will collaborate on writing a proposal for the Growing Greener deadline of March 3. Art is trying to get information from the Seward Co-Gen plant regarding their fly ash. He has been in contact with Malcolm Crittenden concerning the coal refuse piles near Amsbry.

GLASGOW TREATMENT SYSTEM PROPOSAL

Results of analyses of samples taken on 12/20/05 show that the system was removing 95% of the iron, 90% of the aluminum, and 75% of the acidity, with most of the remaining acidity being from manganese. Similar results were found in preliminary data for samples on 1/13/06. Hedin Environmental is working on a report and recommendations for the site.

FISH MAPS

Several copies of watershed maps for compilation of fish occurrence were prepared and printed by John Foreman. We want to thank John for these maps.

BLANDBURG TREATMENT PLANT

Malcolm Crittenden reports that he has obtained a key for the plant, so that we can examine the treatment plant and see if the equipment is intact.

WEST BRANCH CITIZENS GROUP

Art Rose and Earl Smithmyer attended a meeting of this group on 1/10/06. The group decided on a new name: West Branch of the Susquehanna Restoration Coalition. The Susquehanna River Basin Commission described their activities on TMDL's and the proposed compilation of AMD data for the West Branch. The Symposium planned for May by Amy Wolfe of Trout Unlimited was discussed.

Old Business:

Elections-elections were held for the board member position that was open. Shawn Simmers was the successful candidate. We wish him the best of luck in this position. CCWA will have several officers and board members' terms expire at the end of 2006. An election committee will be set up for these elections in the fall.

New Business:

Jen Demchak-Morgan Run Proposal- Jen had requested assistance with CCWA in applying for two proposals for Morgan Run in Clearfield County. As reminded by John Foreman, this is all part of the stream and watershed that we are working so hard to see cleaned up. CCWA would apply for these grants using our 501 (C) 3 status and CCWA would be the administrators/sponsors of these proposals. One proposal is to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the other is to Growing Greener. Grants are to be for approximately \$25,000.00 and \$35,000.00. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ed McMullen was passed authorizing the pursuit of these proposals contingent upon the formal request from Jen Demchak.

Cleanup dates-the cleanup dates for 2006 were set. Listed below are the cleanup dates:

April 9th-both the roadway and stream cleanup.

June 11th-Ashville to the Buckhorn and Klondike site cleanup.

August 8th-roadway cleanup.

October 8th-both the roadway and stream cleanup.

Fishing Derby-the date set for the fishing derby was Saturday, May 20th. Earl will get the tickets printed at Damin Printing in Ebensburg. At this time there was a discussion on ways to improve the fishing derby. CCWA has been very fortunate to receive some very generous donations towards the fishing derby. We are very sensitive to make sure that this money, earmarked for the fishing derby, is spent wisely for the kids and a successful derby.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2006, Prince Gallitzin State Park, Park Office, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Brian Rabish the meeting was adjourned.

