

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2009
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 13 members present, no visitors. A **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Shawn Simmers was then passed accepting the December minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Regular Account

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| Beginning Balance, December 1, 2008 | | \$6,722.40 |
| <u>Deposits:</u> | | |
| Bank Interest | 0.61 | |
| <u>Expenses:</u> | | |
| None | 0.00 | |
| Ending Balance, December 31, 2008 | | \$6,723.01 |

Grant Account

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| Beginning Balance, December 1, 2008 | \$64,430.69 | |
| <u>Deposits:</u> | | |
| Donation (Ashville Bass Club) | 150.00 | [Fish Fund] |
| Bank interest | 5.90 | [0.55-MuR1 + 5.35-Working Capital] |
| Total Deposits | 155.90 | |

ENDING FUND BALANCES

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| <u>Expenses:</u> | | |
| Working Capital | 0.00 | → \$ 5,589.24 |
| Blandburg Active | 0.00 | → (40.00) |
| C&K Passive | 0.00 | → 28,114.90 |
| MuR1 Assess | 0.00 | → 6,113.16 |
| MR Frog | 0.00 | → 0.00 |
| Amsbry | 0.00 | → 9,622.49 |
| Ferris Wheel Reveg (compost) | 875.00 | → (875.00) |
| Ferris West | 0.00 | → (50.00) |
| KL2 - EPA (samples + as-builts) | 1,297.00 | → 7,946.54 |
| KL-Rose | 0.00 | → 2,500.00 |
| Fish Fund | 0.00 | → <u>3,493.26</u> |
| Total Expenses | 2,172.00 | |

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| Ending Balance, December 31, 2008 | \$62,414.59 | \$62,414.59 |
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Respectfully submitted by Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report Continued:

Larry mentioned that he is working on the annual financial statements and should have these ready for the February meeting.

Larry reported the following deposits:

- \$7,400.00 DEP reimbursement on the Klondike project, KL 2 Grant, retainage from Ligonier Construction. Check will be mailed to Ligonier Construction.
- \$3,670.28- DEP reimbursement, MuR1 Assessment, for prior approved invoices to New Miles of Blue Stream and Clearfield County Conservation District for mapping and geotech services.
- \$100.00- donation from Jack Calandra, deposit in regular account.
- \$385.00- annual dues, 26 single, 1 lifetime and 1 business, deposit in regular account.

Larry had the following invoices for payment:

- \$36,344.40- MR FROG, payable to Earthmovers Unlimited, Inc. Payment will be by bank transfer from Office of Surface Mining (OSM). This will close out the funding for this grant.
- \$2,370.00- NMBS, work on the Muddy Run assessment, MuR1 Assessment Grant.
- \$882.00 -Clearfield County Conservation District- field reconnaissance, MuR1 Assessment Grant.
- \$794.00- Mahaffey Lab, 5 invoices, water sampling, Muddy Run. MuR1 Assessment Grant.
- \$44.00- Mahaffey Lab, water sampling, West Ferris Wheel Project, Ferris Wheel Grant.
- \$198.00- Mahaffey Lab, water sampling Klondike project, KL2 Grant.
- \$59,484.59- Meadville Land Services, Ferris Wheel Revegetation project. Larry will send in the request to DEP. The invoice, less retainage-\$11,896.91, will be paid upon reimbursement from DEP. Larry will also send in the progress report.
- \$59.85- NeoNexus- quarterly web host fee for our website, General Account.

A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Shawn Simmers was passed authorizing Larry to pay the above invoices and to accept the treasurer's report. Larry also asked for the volunteer hours for the report on Muddy Run. A brief discussion was held on a request by Art for a cost breakdown, by categories, for the projects completed.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry stated that he had sent out 94 annual mailings to active members, 46 annual mailings to past members. He passed out 12 of these to family members over Christmas and also e-mailed a copy of the Watershed News to everyone on our e-mail list. He purchased 3 books of stamps. Since the post office was currently out of the forever stamps, additional stamps will be purchased prior to the February meeting. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed authorizing Jerry to purchase stamps and additional office supplies, as needed, not to exceed \$50.00

Membership Committee:

As mentioned, we received 26 single, 1 lifetime and 1 business membership this past month. Dues are coming in slow so please send in your membership if you have not already done so.

Public Relations:

Dick gave Ray a newspaper article on CCWA from The Progress. We want to thank Jane Elling for the fine coverage in The Progress. Ray also had an article on gas well drilling in the region.

Historical Committee:

Ray stated that he would be placing the above article in the historical book.

Finance Report:

There was nothing new under Finances.

Grant Committee:

Dan and Shawn finished and mailed the application for the Dominion Grant. They are requesting up to \$2,500.00 for trees to be planted on the Ferris Wheel Revegetation site. Michelle stated that the grant for the League of Women Voters is open again. Michelle will forward the information on the grant to Dan and Shawn for their review.

Shawn asked the status of the pending grant from Representative Gary Haluska's office. CCWA has received a letter stating that the grant is still active and should be received in a few months.

Election Committee:

Election Committee Chairman, Ray Hollen, passed out the ballots for the election. Ray and Dave McMullen counted the ballots. Listed is the result of the election: Board Member-Shawn Simmers, Treasurer- Larry Sutton, Secretary- Jerry McMullen, and President Elect- Ed McMullen. We want to congratulate these members and wish them the best of luck.

Tech Committee:

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

Tech Committee Report-January 20, 2009

Klondike Project Samples from 12/16 indicate that KL-1 is removing nearly all the non-manganese acidity, but is still net acid. The KL-2 system is performing satisfactorily and releasing net alkaline water. Also, samples from the upstream and downstream weirs on Little Laurel Run indicate a distinct improvement in water quality below the Klondike project. The KL1 system was sampled on 1/20. A proposal for funding of analyses has been prepared for submission to the WPCAMR FACTS program. The possibility of adding alkalinity from a slag bed, using water from Krug Run, is being evaluated. Malcolm Crittenden visited the site on 1/20 and approved reimbursement of the Quick Response invoice.

West Ferris Wheel Project No activity

Ferris Wheel Project An inquiry was received from DEP requesting information on “shovel-ready” projects. Based on interaction with Shawn Simmers, it was proposed that \$80,000 could be used to revegetate at least 8 more acres at this site, and that all design and permits were ready to go.

Brubaker Project A set of samples was collected and submitted to DEP on 1/9.

Glasgow Project A compilation of match time was made for submission to DEP to accompany the billing submitted last month. The site was visited on 1/9 at the request of Hedin Environmental to determine the size of a “sludge pond” in the upper part of the site.

Blandburg Project Five sets of proposals for treatment systems at Blandburg were received by DEP. A set has been sent to CCWA for our appraisal. A set of samples was collected on 1/19.

Muddy Run Project The 28 discharges were sampled on the weekend of 12/20-22. In area ABC, 3 sites had problems with weirs – overflow at BW01 and MUC-9R, and weir removal at MUC-10R. However, samples and at least estimated flows were obtained at all sites. Sampling is planned for the weekend of 1/24-26

Swank Mine- Art stated that in better weather he will be able to measure this site to determine the amount of limestone needed.

Ace Drilling Site- Due to the inclement weather Earl and Dick were unable to sample this site in December. They are hoping to do it in the next few weeks.

The following was report was given by Michelle Merrow based on notes from Rachel Kester:

Grants Committee—The League of Women Voters WREN grants are open. Contact Rachel for more info. Michelle or Rachel will email Dan McMullen with more info.

With respect to the Muddy Run Assessment, Jen provided invoices from NMBS, Clearfield County Conservation District (for Rachel’s time), and Mahaffey lab, along with a quarterly progress report. She returned Dan McMullen’s field book, and provided sets of weir charts for each group. She provided a USB “flash” drive for group members to put their photos on so it’s easier to get them to her. She requested that all groups be very careful to check the aluminum box on the Mahaffey lab forms. Aluminum isn’t included in a standard AMD panel, and you have to check a separate box. Last sampling round, aluminum was missed on some sheets. She will call Mahaffey lab to try to make sure they automatically do Al on all the samples.

Ferris Wheel Reveg—Michelle provided three invoices from the contractor, including a correction of one invoice submitted last fall. The third application is for the site retainage, and she recommended that CCWA not pay that retainage until next summer after the grass grows. The grass on the site was starting to grow well before the snow cover started.

W. Ferris Wheel AMD—Michelle has revised mapping, and will set up a meeting with Art Rose in the next few weeks.

MR1-6, MR7 Construction, MR8 construction, MR Smith—no word on these pending grants yet.

MR TUFF Wetland Mitigation—Site is 98% complete. Both wetland areas are holding water, and the only remaining work is some seeding touch-up, road touch-up, and installation of the sign in the spring. Morgan Run Watershed Group will be planting trees and shrubs in the spring.

MR FROG and MR TUFF-Both sites are nearly complete, but both have problems with leaking valves that will mostly likely have to be dug out and replaced in the spring. The contractor still has a long way to go with seeding, fine grading, etc.

MR FROG—Michelle brought 2 applications for payment for MR FROG OSM grant. This will close out the OSM portion of the funding which was \$80,250. Clearfield County Conservation District is responsible for the remainder of the bills for the project.

After Michelle's report a discussion was held on the need to purchase a flash drive card for pictures. A **motion** by Dave McMullen and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed authorizing Dan to purchase a flash drive card.

Old Business:

Gary Haluska Pending Grant- As mentioned under the grant committee, we are very hopeful to receive this grant in the next few months.

New Business:

Fishing Derby Tickets: discussed among the members present was the need to get the fishing derby tickets printed. The date set for the fishing derby is May 16, 2009. Jerry stated that he will contact Damin Printing and hopefully have the tickets for the next meeting. Ray Hollen agreed to once again be in charge of the tickets.

WPCAMR MEETING: the WPCAMR quarterly meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 19 at 10:00 am at the Eat N' Park Restaurant, Routes 422 and 286, Indiana, PA. See www.wpcamr.org for agenda and directions.

Final Notes: Dane Kalwanaski stated the girls from the St. Francis University sorority will once again be helping with the upcoming cleanups. Larry stated that we are still looking for a young person to maintain our website. Jerry mentioned that there is still a concern for the drillers in the Marcellus Shale deposit and for the proper disposal of the large quantities of water generated from these gas wells.

Next Meeting:

February 17, 2009, Prince Gallitzin Park, Main Office 6:30 PM.

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Dick Dotts the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.