

**, CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2010
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The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 16 members present. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dave McMullen was then passed accepting the December, 2009 minutes. Earl mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: By Dane Kalwanaski, CCWA Treasurer.

For: Dec 1 - Dec 31, 2009

General Fund

Beginning Balance		\$7,990.77
Deposits	Bank Interest	\$0.20
Expenses	Ed McMullen – Camera	(\$175.93)
	Damin Printing – Member Cards	(\$59.36)
Ending Balance		\$7,755.68

Grant Accounts

	<u>Beginning Bal.</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Bal.</u>
Working Capitol	\$5,605.75	\$0.19	\$0.00	\$5,605.94
Dominion II	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Blandburg Active	(\$40.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$40.00)
C&K Passive(Glasgow)	(\$10,531.59)	\$0.00	(\$25.00)	(\$10,556.59)
MuR1 Assessment	(\$3,580.77)	\$0.00	(\$812.00)	(\$4,392.77)
MR Ross	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amsbry	\$6,876.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,876.00
FerrisWheel West	(\$3,020.38)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,020.38)
FerrisWheel Reveg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
KL-2	\$5,552.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,552.96
KL-Rose	\$1,209.00	\$0.00	(\$100.00)	\$1,109.00
Fish Fund	\$3,634.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,634.49
<u>Total</u>	\$7,705.46	\$0.19	(\$937.00)	\$6,768.65

Respectfully Submitted:
Dane R. Kalwanaski, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report Continued:

Deposits:

\$525 in memberships- General Account

\$200-General Account: Donation from Ashville VFW (earmarked for Cleanup supplies or PC student trout stocking supplies)

\$3,120.38- West Ferris Wheel Account, reimbursement from DEP

\$10,500- MUR Mapping (New Account) from Community Foundation for the Alleghenies

Expenses:

\$112- Mahaffey Labs for water testing: General Account

\$41.37- Gerald McMullen for office and mailing supplies: General Account

\$72- Mahaffey Labs for water testing: C&K Glasgow

\$75- Mahaffey Labs for water testing: West Ferris Wheel

\$50- Mahaffey Labs for water testing: Klondike-KL Rose Fund

\$1350- Cambria County Conservation District Trees: Dominion II Grant

\$1213.04- Alder Run Engineering for work: Amsbry Project

At this time, Dane also went over the annual financial reports. These included the following: the Comparative Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2009 and the Notes to Financial Statements. We want to thank Dane for not only the full disclosure noted in the annual financial statement but also for the thoroughness and professionalism of these statements.

A member present questioned whether CCWA needs to have a formal audit done by a professional firm. This question has been discussed in the past. We are not obligated to have an audit done each year. Please note that in past reviews we feel that sound accounting principles are followed and internal control is used in the writing of all checks. The IRS form 990 is completed for CCWA each year by a local CPA firm. Naturally our books are open for review by any grant agency.

A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Shawn Simmers was passed authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the Treasurer's Report and the Annual Financial Statements.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry noted that he had mailed approximately 115 letters this past month to all present members and a few from the past. There were 24 membership cards received so far this month. Jerry stated that we have been maintaining a membership of about 100 each year and that it is quite a struggle to maintain your membership year in and year out. He asked members present to solicit families, friends, co-workers etc. Each membership helps to support CCWA throughout the year.

Jerry reported that he spent \$41.37 on office supplies, stamps and copying. He will need to purchase additional stamps for the monthly mailings.

Membership Committee:

As mentioned above 24 memberships have been received thus far. Bob Funicelli reported that members will be sending in their cards. He also reported a \$25.00 business membership from the Ashville VFW and a \$200.00 donation from the Ashville VFW earmarked for cleanup supplies or trout stocking supplies. We want to thank the Ashville VFW for their membership and generous donation.

Public Relations:

Jerry reported that he will be e-mailing a copy of our annual Watershed News to both Kathy Mellot of the Tribune Democrat and Justin Edgar from The Mainliner.

Historical Committee:

Ray reported that he had a few articles for the historical book. One of the articles was on the \$11 million for the plant to be built in Barr Township to clean up the acid mine water in this area. Next he had an article by Justin Edgar that appeared in The Mainliner on the trout in the classroom project at Penn Cambria and the support being offered by CCWA. Ray also had an article on Dr. Rose recently receiving the Mayfly award. These will be added to the historical book.

Michelle mentioned that CCWA received copies of letters addressed to Alder Run Engineering from the PHMC (PA Historic and Museum Commission). The letters were for the Amsbry and West Ferris Wheel projects. The letters state that there is a high probability of archaeological artifacts in the project areas, but the project activities should not impact any artifacts, and no additional study is needed.

Finance Report:

Larry reported that he had talked to Gary Haluska's office and several people from DEP about trying to get payment for the Glasgow project. He was told that the check is in the mail for this current payment request. Larry wants to send in the next payment request to see if DEP is on a 6 week turnaround. If not, we may have to make a trip to Harrisburg to personally request payment. Brian Rabish, Cambria County Conservation District, stated that he is also having problems getting reimbursements. Michelle mentioned that applications for payment submitted last spring to DEP for the Morgan Run projects haven't been paid yet, and contractors are starting to turn down grant work because of the delay in payment.

CCWA still owes the contractor for the Glasgow project approximately \$110,000.00 for a job that was completed in November, 2009. Contractors, in the future, may no longer wish to do business with us as a result of poor payment. Some of the problems are the state budget mess and the cutbacks in DEP.

Art offered to contact the assistant secretary in the DEP office and Dick offered to contact the Lieutenant Governor's office. Lastly, Larry suggested that we should set up a meeting with someone in Harrisburg to discuss this issue. Pretty frustrating for a small environmental group trying our best to clean up the environment.

Grant Committee:

Dan and Shawn reported that the 2009 Dominion's Grant money will be spent on the purchase of 300 trees from the Cambria County Conservation District. The trees will be Blue Spruce, White Pine and Apple. We will need to pick the tree up on April 9th and plant soon afterwards. Also purchased will be tree protectors, fertilizer and grass seed. All of this will be planted on the Ferris Wheel Revegetation site.

Dan and Shawn reported that they would be applying for another Dominion grant in 2010.

Election Committee:

Ray Hollen was elected to the 3 year term on the Board of Directors. We want to congratulate Ray for his election to the Board. Special thanks to Ed and Dick for counting the ballots.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted and discussed by Art Rose, chairman of the tech committee: **Tech Committee Report-January 19, 2010**

Klondike Project Construction of a test slag bed for adding alkalinity to the KL-1 system is planned for the spring. A draft of a proposal by Michael Hardy was reviewed. Hardy's proposal would involve research on both the Ferris Wheel and Klondike sites. The site was sampled on 1/19.

West Ferris Wheel Project The site was visited and sampled on 12/15/09 with Brad Carlson, an Ecology student at Penn State interested in amphibian adaptation to mine drainage. The design for the treatment systems was reviewed with Michelle Merrow and design drawings are being finalized. Initial permit applications (historical, townships) have been submitted, and major permits will soon be applied for. The site was visited in the field with Brian Merrow on 1/19 to inspect the locations of the treatment systems relative to the ground, and discharges were sampled. Minor modifications in position of treatment systems were suggested.

Glasgow C&K Project The flow into the system increased in late December, and both ponds were filled when visited on 1/5/10. Samples on 1/7/10 show that effluent from SAPS 1 has high alkalinity, and the final outflow contains negligible iron and high alkalinity. A draft of the final report has been largely completed, but will require a financial report. The installation of a fabric baffle to increase iron removal before the first SAPS has been discussed with Bill Gongaware of Chemstream, but will probably not be pursued at this time. We still await reimbursement from DEP for about \$110,000 we owe to the contractor.

Muddy Run Project The report is being prepared by Jen Demchak of New Miles of Blue Stream. Photos were supplied to Penn State Engineering for a talk on our joint project involving their providing designs for treatment systems.

Amsbry Project No activity.

Web Site A contribution from Ron Jenkins describing Clearfield Creek in the 1960's has been added to the website. Also, pages on the Muddy Run and West Ferris Wheel projects have been installed.

Other items discussed under the Tech Report:

Ace Drilling Site- Earl stated that he and Dick hope to take this quarterly water sample in March, as weather permits.

Module 8 Form- Shawn reported that he had talked to Mahaffey Labs and that they will take care of compiling the data, as requested by DEP on this form.

Swank Mine Site-Art stated that the site will be measured and both he and Michelle will be working on a grant/or funding for this project.

The following was reported by Michelle Merrow:

W. Ferris Wheel—Michelle and Art met and went over the design. Art and Brian Merrow went to the site on 1/19 to look at the layout, and some final minor changes will be made to the drawings. Michelle asked CCWA to sign the permit applications, and the permit applications will be submitted as soon as the drawings are revised. Michelle has had difficulty getting a form from Cambria County, so she will mail it to Earl after she receives it and gets it filled out.

Amsbry—Alder Run Engineering has submitted some preliminary permitting documents such as the PHMC. Search and design work continues.

Muddy Run—The grant was received for \$10,500 from the Foundation for PA Watersheds. Unfortunately, the money was received too late for the aerial photo flight to occur in Dec because of snow and shadow, so it will be done in the spring. Larry gave Michelle the requirements of the grant, and Michelle will see that the reporting requirements are met when the mapping is done in the spring. PSU is working on Muddy Run without the photos. One class is working to develop a TMDL (total maximum daily load) plan, and will be collecting samples on a Sat. in March. The second class is designing channels and spillways for an upcoming AMD treatment project.

Morgan Run Ross—A permit/Waiver 16 will be arriving from the DEP for the project. It should not require any signatures or any action, and Sonny can hold it until next month's meeting. This project includes an area of Forest Reclamation Area (FRA) designed according to the guidelines of the Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative, and will be the first area in Clearfield County that we know about.

Other Morgan Run—Trees were planted at MR Frog in the fall. Some may need to be replanted in the spring by the contractor. Alder Run Engineering is still doing much of the operation and maintenance at the Morgan Run projects, and hopes that the watershed group becomes more active

Old Business:

Trout Unlimited Stream Assessment-Aaron Furgiuele, Trout Unlimited, had recently sampled for micro invertebrates. Water samples were also taken at a later date. CCWA is waiting for the test results.

Gary Haluska Grant- Larry had been in contact with Representative Haluska's office. Larry is in the process of tracking down the \$10,000 grant that CCWA was

promised. This was part of the WAM money from the prior fiscal state budget year. However, we are not sure that we will receive this money.

Tree Planting: Earl mentioned that we will have to plan for the planting of the trees that we are getting donated by the PA Game Commission. Jerry stated that he will call Barry Zaffuto to see when the trees will be available.

New Business:

Cleanup dates: listed below are the cleanup dates for 2010.

April 11th-both a roadway and stream cleanup

June 13th- Route 36 road cleanup

August 8th-Route 53 roadway cleanup

September 26th- both a roadway and stream cleanup

Please mark these dates on year calendar. Volunteers are always needed.

Fishing Derby-the date for the 2010 fishing derby is Saturday, May 22nd. After a brief discussion it was decided to have 2,800 tickets printed this year. Jerry is to contact Damin Printing for the printing of the tickets. Ray agreed to take care of the ticket distribution.

Next Meeting: February 16, 2010, Prince Gallitzin Park Office Conference Room, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dick Dotts the meeting was adjourned.

Final Note: The Board of Directors was going to meet after the regular monthly meeting to discuss a proposal from an anonymous lender. Proposed is a no interest \$30,000 loan to help CCWA pay the contractor on the Glasgow site.