

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF  
JANUARY 18, 2011  
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The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 22 members present and two visitors-a 15 year old student interested in environmental science and Rebecca from Trout Unlimited. Earl had each person introduce themselves and welcomed the visitors. A **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Dan McMullen was then passed accepting the December 21, 2010 minutes. Earl mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Annual Report:**

Dane presented to the members present the annual report. This consisted of Notes to the Financial Statements, Comparative Statement of Financial Position (2009 compared to 2010), Statement of Receipts and Expenditures, Grant Account Ledger, and the General Ledger. Under the Grant Account Ledger, there were 15 active accounts this past year. We will hopefully soon be picking up the Haluska Grant account and closing out a couple in 2011. This is a reflection of the many activities going on within CCWA.

Special thanks to Dane and all of the many hours that he had put in while balancing these accounts and in preparation of the financial statements. These are truly professional quality reports.

A **motion** by Larry Sutton and seconded by John Strittmatter was passed accepting the Financial Statements.

**Treasurer's Report Continued:**

**Deposits**

\$587.00 – Memberships – Gen Fund  
\$40.00 – Donation – Gen Fund  
\$400.00 – Ace Drilling - Clean Streams Foundation – Gen Fund  
\$250.00 – Trout in Class Room – Ashville VFW – Fish Fund  
\$50.00 – Food for Field Trip – Ashville VFW – Fish Fund

**Expenses**

\$19.95 – NeoNexus – Webhosting – Gen Fund  
\$84.00 – Mahaffey – FW WEST  
\$56.00 – Mahaffey – KL Rose  
\$143.18 – Smithmyer Plumbing – kl-2  
\$120.00 – Damin Printing – Derby Tickets – Fish Fund

A **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Dave McMullen was passed authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the Treasurer's Report.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Jerry stated that he had received an e-mail from Robb Piper congratulating us on the recent Growing Greener grant and the hard work that CCWA has done to improve Clearfield Creek. Jerry mentioned that he had sent out the annual mailing to all members that included our very impressive list of accomplishments for the past year. Jerry had to purchase additional stamps and envelopes for this mailing.

Upon review of the membership lists for the past year we had; 48 lifetime members, 66 annual members, and 19 student members for 2010. Jerry stated that he had attended the Marcellus meeting at the courthouse in Ebensburg on January 13<sup>th</sup> and had information for members to review.

### **Election Committee:**

At this time the election committee passed out the ballots to the members. Votes were then counted. Listed below are the results: Ray Hollen-President Elect, 2 year term; Jerry McMullen-secretary, 2 year term; Dane Kalwanaski-Treasurer, 2 year term; Dan McMullen-Board Member, 3 year term. A big round of applause was given at this time to the new elected members. Earl thanked the election committee for their help.

Earl then turned over the meeting to Ed McMullen, the new President beginning in 2011. Ed thanked Earl for a great job and all that he had done for CCWA.

### **Membership Committee:**

Bob stated that he is working on the 2011 membership drive but that it has not really taken off yet. Jerry reported that he had received about 21 cards in the mail and Earl had received 14. Membership cards are coming in at a good pace but we encourage anyone who has not sent theirs in to please do so.

### **Public Relations/Historical Committee:**

Ray stated that he had nothing new to report at this time. Larry stated that he had met with students from Saint Francis University marketing department. They are looking at a semester long project to assist CCWA. Also, marketing today involves more of internet usage and social networking.

Reviewed was the audience that CCWA is trying to reach and message that we need to get out there. Larry stated that the St. Francis students could help us in the following areas: review our website, come up with a fact sheet of all our projects, fundraising letter, social media- a face book page for CCWA, review our brochure and a power point presentation. Also, fundraising is a large part of our marketing. St Francis University is located in the Clearfield Creek Watershed.

### **Finance Report:**

At the last month's meeting we had talked about establishing an endowment as a successionary plan if we would dissolve for any reason. In order to do this we will have to make a change in our by-laws. Larry had a copy of Article VI-Finance-Section 6 of our current by-laws that covers distribution of our assets, in the event of dissolution. Next Larry had a copy of the proposed language change that states (area that is underlined): Distribution. Any remaining assets shall be liquidated (in the event of real estate or tangible property), and one hundred percent (100%) of the assets shall be given to the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies("Foundation") or its successor for the express purpose of adding it to the Clearfield Creek

Watershed Fund to continue the mission of the Clearfield Creek Watershed Association. If the Foundation no longer exists and does not have a successor organization to carry out the purposes of the Foundation, then on hundred percent (100%) of remaining assets shall be.... Refers back to the Internal Revenue code for 501 (c) (3) organizations that is part of our original by-laws.

The by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Directors at any meeting. All Directors shall receive written notice of all proposed changes to the by-laws at least two week prior to the date of such vote. Larry had a copy of the proposed change for each Board member.

A lengthy discussion was held on the distribution of assets such as an active or passive treatment system that we are operating. Larry suggested that he contact Bill Barbin, a local lawyer who is an environmental specialist, to see if we need any language change.

Lastly, Larry said that he had talked to Mike Kane and Mike suggests that we set up the endowment document and fund this endowment at a later date. With the endowment document in place, we may then approach a potential donor for the \$5,000.00 needed to fund our endowment.

#### **Grant Committee:**

Dan reported that he and Shawn have looked at a few grants: a \$2,000 grant to the Foundation for PA Watersheds. This money could be used for the Swank mine project; a \$2,5000 grant to Dominion-this could also be used for the Swank mine project; a \$1,500 grant to Dominion for brochures, educational material and the student field trip. Also, suggested was that CCWA apply to Duke Energy located in the Cresson Industrial Park that gives out grants up to \$500 for nonprofit groups.

#### **Brochures Update:**

Several CCWA members met at Earl's house on January 6 to discuss the new brochure. Many ideas and projects for the brochure were discussed. Rebecca Holler reported that she did receive an electronic copy of the proposed brochure, pictures and other information. The brochure will be printed on 11 X 17 paper with a map of Clearfield Creek on one side. Rebecca suggested a few changes and requested additional pictures. A picture of the awards received and the officers was to be taken after the meeting. Dan had purchased 2 flash drives and donated them for the brochure project.

#### **Tech Committee:**

The following tech report was submitted by Art Rose, chairman of the Tech committee. **Tech Committee Report- December 21, 2010**

Klondike Project Sampling on 12/21/10 showed net alkaline effluent from KL-2 and removal of most acidity and iron from KL-1. The crab shell inflow was frozen, but more recent information indicates they have continued to release alkaline water. Dr Brennan of Penn State indicates that the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds wants to visit the crab shell experiments in April. The Laurel Run Sportsman building is available for the meeting.

West Ferris Wheel Project Our construction proposal was funder for \$406,709 from EPA 319 funds. This amount will build Phase I, an anoxic limestone drain to treat the large seepage area. Samples from 12/21 show a distinct improvement in acidity and iron

content from above to below the Klondike systems. Property agreements and a Good Samaritan agreement are underway.

Gibson Project Our design proposal for \$43,098 was approved for funding by EPA 319 funds.

Amsbry Project No activity.

Swank Project A cost quote was received from Slovikoski Excavating that will allow completion of an effective limestone channel at this site. A few thousand additional dollars would be helpful to fully line the channel.

Brubaker Run Project Bob Hedin reports no progress in an agreement with the Corps of Engineers for evaluation of the site. A Penn State group is planning a tracer experiment at the clay mine to improve evaluation of the iron removal process. St Francis students will be investigating the headwaters area.

Ace Drilling A bill for \$400 covering September and November inspections was transmitted to DEP.

St. Francis course A flow meter for measurement of stream flow velocity was ordered and has been received.

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### **The Following Was Reported by Michelle Merrow:**

**Ferris Wheel Reveg, Phase 2**—Michelle noted to Shawn that Piney Creek (a waste coal facility and fly-ash producer) is still planning to ship fly ash this summer. We should figure out what we plan to do soon, so we can do any permitting, if needed. Michelle brought info for a compost generator, and could get prices if we wish.

**West Ferris AMD**—We have a final permitting form to be signed to bring the site up to the current NPDES/E&S forms. We would like to get updated, final water data from Art to put in the final design report. We would like to get this closed out on our end soon for the design/permitting phase, so we can move into the construction phase for this summer. We should start with Good Samaritan paperwork and landowner-grantee agreements so we are ready. CCWA should think about a bidders list.

**Amsbry**—Michelle brought current water data to Art, and should get the weir curve or size from Art for the recent flows. We're watching for a rain or melt event to check the flows again. Michelle brought examples of materials suggested for basin construction, and a concept for the basins. I am still worried about fitting all that Art wants to fit for treatment in the space available. We should try to schedule a landowner meeting in the next few weeks so we can incorporate their wishes into the design.

### **Morgan Run**

**MR 7**—We received extensions for the wetland permits from the DEP and the US ACOE through 12/31/11. CCWA would have received a letter to this effect. Construction will start this spring as weather permits, and as the access road, which is currently mined through, is put back in place by Morgan Run Enterprises.

We have contacted the Conservation District regarding some minor modifications to the plan. The funding awarded isn't sufficient to install all of the limestone and compost. As a result, the earthwork will be done in this phase 1, and two test cells to test the effectiveness of different VFP designs will be constructed. The VFPs will be finished in a phase 2. We will be submitting a minor revision to the District because we won't be adding the compost, and CCWA will receive a letter to this effect.

**MR ROSS**—We have prepared a GP-7 for the stream crossing for the new access and brought it to CCWA for signature. It's necessary because we needed to find a new access because a landowner wanted paid for the old access, and we couldn't do that through the grant program. We are requesting CCWA be the permittee, as they hold the remaining permits for the site.

We also have an OSM grant application for matching funds for the project. We had previously discussed this at a meeting, and are now presenting it for signature. Grant amount requested is \$130,000.

**MR TUFF**—EM Brown did some touch-up work for the Cons. District this fall. We are in the process of submitting the closeout reports for all the permits since all work is now done. This will remove CCWA from permit liability as you are the permittee for this site.

**MR FROG**—Earthmovers never completed the planting this fall. The Conservation District has decided to keep the remaining \$8500 they are holding, and hire a new contractor to do the plantings in the spring.

CCWA received a \$7300 grant from Foundation from PA Watersheds in December for some trash racks and modifications to the high flow bypass so that more of the high flow water is treated. This work will be best done in the spring. However, the contractor would likely prefer to do the fabricating in the shop over the winter. EM Brown Inc did the work for the Conservation District at Tuff, and they provided the cost estimate for this Frog work. There are no bidding requirements for this grant. How would CCWA like to proceed in awarding this work? I brought photos of the work at Tuff.

**DIMELING**-This is a primacy bond forfeiture site located near the mouth of Clearfield Creek. Jennifer Demchak is working on this through the DEP, and funding of \$409,341 was awarded by Growing Greener for construction of this project. While the project will only affect a short distance of Clearfield Creek, it will be a big help to the river. The discharge contains high aluminum levels.

Muddy Run Mapping—expected by Friday 1/21/11

A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was passed to accept the recommendation from Alder Run Engineering to proceed with the fabrication of trash racks and modifications to the high flow bypass and installation of docks using EM Brown as the contractor for this work.

**Old Business:**

**Gary Haluska Grant:** We have not received the money from this grant although the bank information was sent to the state. There is some concern since this grant money is to be spent by June 30, 2011.

**Brubaker Study-Army Corp of Engineers-Art** has not heard anything recently from the Army Corp of Engineers.

**Trout in the Classroom Project-Penn Cambria**-the following e-mail was received from Ben Watt, Penn Cambria science teacher.

Jerry our trout are healthy and active at this point. Our only problem now is predation. The larger fish are consuming the smaller ones. We haven't had any fish die in the last month but our fish count has dropped to about 70 or so. We've been trying to increase the amount of feed but they still seem to want to go for the live meal. Please stop in when you get a chance.

**Promotional Items:** Dane brought the post it notes that we had ordered for the members to see. We will be giving these out at the Fishing & Hunting show.

**Fishing Derby Tickets-** Jerry had picked up the fishing derby tickets from Damin Printing. Ray Hollen is, once again, going to take care of the distribution of these. If you can help sell some of these tickets or you would like to purchase some tickets to support the fishing derby please get in touch with us.

**New Business:**

**Thank You:** Earl stated that he had received a real nice thank you note from the Prince Gallitzin Park personnel thanking us for the cookies and candy.

**Flow Meter:** Art had the flow meter available for anyone present to look at.

**Next Meeting:February15, 2011, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, Lower Level Rear of Building, 6:30 PM. Please note this is our winter meeting site.**

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