

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2005**

The meeting was **called to order** by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. Twelve members were present.

At this time, President Smithmyer discussed the letter of support for Rob Piper and Cambria County Conservation District from last month's minutes. Brian Rabish had a letter of support with him for President Smithmyer's signature. On a motion by Ray Hollen and seconded by John Strittmatter the **minutes** of the meeting of January 18, 2005 were unanimously approved.

There were no new members present at this meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Larry Sutton presented the following report: During the month of January, 2005 the following activity took place in the bank accounts. Bills paid totaled \$164.54 and \$345.00 of dues plus a \$100.00 donation for the fishing derby were deposited.

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

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Regular Account

Beginning Balance, Jan 1 st , 2005	\$4,414.91
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Office Supplies	(164.54)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	345.00
Bank interest	0.04
Ending Balance, Jan 31 st , 2005	<u>\$4,595.41</u>

Dues Held for Deposit at 1/31/05: none

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Grant Account

Beginning Balance, Jan 1 st , 2005	\$4,833.34
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Project costs:	
Brubaker '04	0.00
Klondike '04	0.00
Klondike '03	0.00
Fish Fund	0.00
Heinz Grant	<u>0.00</u>
	(0.00)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
New Grant Awards	0.0
Grant Expense Reimbursement	0.0
Donation for Fish Derby	100.00
Bank interest	<u>.04</u>
Ending Balance, Jan 31 st , 2005	<u>\$4,933.3</u>

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that prior secretary Art Rose had both a file cabinet and a copier, scanner, fax machine to pass on to the new secretary. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that Art would need these for his work on the Brubaker Run and Klondike projects. On a motion by Ailene Smithmyer, seconded by Ray Hollen secretary Jerry McMullen was authorized to spend up to \$100.00 on a file cabinet.

Membership Committee:

President Smithmyer had received approximately 15 membership cards in the mail. These were given to secretary McMullen for recording.

Public Relations and Historical Committees:

There was nothing new to report at this time.

Finance Report:

Larry Sutton reported bills of \$165.00 from Mahaffey Labs, \$82.68-Damin Printing for fishing derby tickets, \$785.75 for a laptop computer (after a \$200.00 rebate). On a motion by Art Rose and seconded by Brian Rabish these bills were approved for payment. A check for \$142.74 was received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for reimbursement of expenses on the Klondike project.

Tech Committee:

Klondike Project- Art Rose reported that he had received 3 copies of the contract for the Klondike Construction Project to be signed. Total amount approved was \$391,512.00. A motion, to sign this contract, by Jerry McMullen and seconded by Larry Sutton was unanimously passed. The funds can be spent between February 1, 2005 thru September 30, 2007. The grant for this project is from USEPA 319 Funds but is administered by PA DEP. CCWA is responsible for maintenance for 25 years. Construction for the project is to be bid and contracted. There was discussion on clarification of competitive bidding and the use of a single source consultant-John Forman. There was also discussion on the Davis-Bacon Act concerning the payment of prevailing wages for the project. Art Rose is to contact Joe Allison, DEP Regional Office Adviser, on these issues.

Significant conditions covered under the contract are: ADA, Non Discrimination/Sexual Harassment Act, no conflict of interest by CCWA officers and directors in subcontracting, etc., hold harmless agreement between CCWA and the State of PA and maintaining sound fiscal records covering all costs for a three year period.

Art Rose will monitor the technical and routine aspects of the project, with help from Earl Smithmyer and others. A motion by Ray Hollen and seconded by John Strittmatter was passed approving Art Rose to spend up to \$200.00 for incidentaries (maps, copying, mailings, etc.) for this project. These costs will be reimbursed from the grant. Motion was passed unanimously.

Art is putting together information needed for permitting for this project. He has been in contact with Nancy Rackam from the DEP Southwestern Office, Pittsburgh, PA. She will visit in the spring to examine the site and discuss permitting for this project.

CCWA still has not heard from the Blair County Solid Waste Authority concerning the landowner's agreement for the Klondike Project. Also, CCWA may need a landowner's agreement with the property owners for the Highway Occupancy Permit.

Art Rose would like the CCWA to contact a lawyer to review the contracts and agreements for this project. Shawn Simmers is to contact Bill Barbin, a local Johnstown lawyer, who is knowledgeable on environmental law to see if he would do this for CCWA.

A separate restoration plan must be drawn up for this project. Art Rose, as a private consultant, can do this for approximately \$3,000.00-\$3,500.00. He is willing to donate all but \$500.00 to cover expenses back to CCWA.

Earl Smithmyer reported that the weir had been washed out on the lower end of Little Laurel Run near route 53. Therefore, he is not able to take a water flow reading. A work crew is to meet on February 22, 2005 to repair this weir.

Brubaker Project: Mapping has been received for this project. On Saturday, February 12th Art Rose, Earl Smithmyer, Clark Cree and John Foreman field checked the map. The CCWA is expecting to receive the contract for this project very soon. Art is expecting to receive a map on the old clay mine in this area from Carl Underhofer. Carl is to contact Sam Lansbury for this map. Earl Smithmyer has reported that all of the weirs on Brubaker Run have been washed out and will have to be replaced at a later date.

Old Business:

Tickets for the fishing derby on May 21st are available. Earl Smithmyer is encouraging all members to sell these since they are a major fund raiser for CCWA.

There was discussion on a waiver of liability release form. Two different forms were presented. Larry Sutton is to work on a form with the CCWA letterhead and present it at the next meeting.

Brian Rabish presented the letter of support for Rob Piper and the Cambria County conservation District to be signed by President Earl Smithmyer.

New Business:

John Strittmatter turned in his GPS instrument to Earl. John discussed the removal of hydrogen from streams similar to Brubaker Run. It is a very difficult process that requires large amounts of electricity for the electrolysis. Many agencies-both government and private- have been working on this process.

Earl Smithmyer asked that the following dates be considered tentative for the roadway and stream cleanup; April 10th, June 12th, August 7th and October 9th.

There was discussion on whether the skeet shoot should be earlier in the year, perhaps September rather than October. Earl is to contact Jeff Holtz to see if the skeet range is available in September.

The next meeting was announced for **March 15, 2005** at the Prince Gallitzin Office at 6:30 PM.

On a motion by Art Rose and seconded by Ray Hollen the meeting was adjourned for refreshments.

