

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
MARCH 15, 2011
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 20 members present. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Art Rose was then passed accepting the February 15, 2011 minutes. Ed mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

DEPOSITS:

Memberships	\$ 45.00	General Fund
Ashville Bass Club Donation	\$150.00	Fish Fund
FD Donation-Holtz Memory	\$ 40.00	Fish Fund
Knight of Columbus-9622	\$ 25.00	Fish Fund
Shirt Reimbursement	\$ 21.00	General Fund

EXPENSES:

Alder Run Engineering	\$ 2.00	MuR Mapping
Cambria Co. Clean Water Fund	\$500.00	West Ferris Wheel
Commonwealth of PA	\$1,700.00	West Ferris Wheel
Cambria Co. Cons. District	\$1,250.00	West Ferris Wheel

Dane explained that the last three expenses listed above are for permits for the West Ferris Wheel project. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was passed authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Please see attached Treasurer's Report for the General and Grant Accounts.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry stated that he had little to report other than a few e-mail correspondences this past month. He did contact Justin Edger for the Penn Cambria Field Day and coverage for the fishing derby. He also left a few brochures and Watershed News at a recent meeting at Representative Mark Critz's office.

Membership Committee:

Bob stated that he is still working on the 2011 membership drive. Two membership cards were received this past month. Jerry reported that we have received 60 individual, 4 business and 3 student membership cards thus far this year. Once again, 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 a couple of articles on the Hunting & Fishing Show for the Historical Book. Dick gave Ray two articles that were in The Progress (thanks to Jane Eling). Ray asked for pictures of the updated display board.

Finance Report:

Larry reported that the signed endowment document was mailed out. Larry noted the change was made in the by-laws. Larry e-mailed out a copy of the by-laws with all of the changes to the Board members.

Lastly, Larry stated that he had nothing new to report from Saint Francis University but is to meet with the class working on this project next week.

Grant Committee:

Dan reported that CCWA was successful in receiving a Dominion's grant for \$1,400.00 for the Swank project. Grant expires on February 14th, 2012. Dan noted that this round of grants was very competitive. CCWA was turned down for a second grant application requesting money for educational material. Earl and Alene will represent CCWA at the luncheon on April 14th when the grant is officially awarded. We want to thank Dan and Shawn for their hard work in securing this grant.

Discussed was the Haluska grant that expires on June 30, 2011. We may have to request an extension on this grant.

The Following Was Reported by Michelle Merrow:

The new grant paperwork for 319 Grants was discussed with respect to groups having a written policy for non-discrimination, lobbying, integrity, etc. This information was in prior grant contracts. Michelle did not know of any groups having a written policy as a written policy was never required before this year. It is just new. (We had a representative at the same meeting as Art attended, and he didn't interpret the info in the same manner as Art-May wish to discuss at the next meeting).

Cleanup Committee:

All members present were reminded of the upcoming cleanup on April 10th, Laurel Run Sportsman's, 9 AM in Dysart. Earl asked if it would be possible for him to purchase supplies, in bulk, at Sam's Club since we have several upcoming events. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed authorizing Earl Smithmyer to purchase supplies in bulk up to \$500.00 for the TIC Field Day, the cleanups and the fishing derby.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted by Art Rose, chairman of the Tech committee. **Tech Committee Report- March 15, 2011**

Klondike Project The inflow and outflow were sampled on March 15th.

West Ferris Wheel Project A signed landowner agreement was received from Garman LLC and is in progress from Cooney and Blair County, along with a Good Samaritan agreement. A final grant agreement was received from DEP and is ready for signature.

The contract requires a written policy by CCWA to follow procedures on contractor integrity. A policy will be developed for the next meeting.

Amsbry Project The project was sampled on March 15th. The additional discharge uphill was flowing at about 20 gal/min.

Gibson Project A final grant agreement was received from DEP and is ready for signature. No new information is available on a landowner agreement. The discharge was sampled on March 15th.

Swank Project Timbering by Rohrabaugh Lumber has started, and the road has been improved to the site. Details regarding seed mix and area to be revegetated were received from Neil Itle of the Game Commission. A proposal for \$5000 from Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds is in progress. Emails from Amy Wolfe indicate that support from Trout Unlimited can also be available.

Brubaker Project A tracer test was conducted by St. Francis students, but apparently the stream flow was too high to obtain an unambiguous result for the outflow from the spoil. Permission was received from the Game Commission for the Penn State research on the clay mine discharge. An initial field test will occur later this month. The Corps of Engineers project was discussed in a phone conference with the Corps.

MR Ross Project The procedure for transferring funds from the Office of Surface Mining to CCWA was investigated with help from Michelle Merrow. A federal Contractor Number (Central Contractor Registration, CCR) is required and the application is being prepared. We must report compensation of our 5 most highly compensated officers if we receive more than \$25,000,000 in federal funds, but this does not appear to be a problem.

DEP EPA 319 Program meeting New procedures for transferring funds can speed payment on 319 projects. In return for attending the meeting, CCWA can apply for \$1000 to be used for educational or monitoring expenses. An application for monitoring and educational activities will be submitted.

Ace Drilling Site- Earl and Dick will try to test this site some time during the week of March 21st.

The Following Was Reported by Michelle Merrow:

Ferris Wheel Reveg—Michelle met with Shawn Simmers. Shawn is checking into the ash trucking costs. It should be no problem getting the ash. Right now, mushroom compost is less expensive than what the Solid Waste Authority charged for the leaf compost. Michelle and Shawn are working to get all items pulled together for a later summer start. The project will not be done by June 30, so we will either have to stockpile materials or extend the Haluska grant.

West Ferris Wheel-Michelle brought a small permit application for crossing under a stream as part of the revised site design. She also asked for three checks for NPDES permitting, which are reimbursable under the grant.

Amsbry-There is a bulldozer on site, and new roads have been constructed. Michelle suggested setting up a meeting with the property owner to show them which areas of the

property will be affected, and to see what their goals are. The plan is to have a design on paper for next meeting, and set up a meeting with the property owner there after.

Gibson-Halstock. Michelle indicated that spring flight season is here if we want to do aerials. Art indicated that we should hold off until fall until we have all landowner-grantee agreements in place.

Swank-Michelle will send Art contact info for seed companies that might help him.

Muddy Run Mapping-Project is done. Michelle presented a final bill and matching fund documents to close out the financial portion of the project. Michelle is waiting for info from PSU to complete the final report and is working with PSU PASDA (mapping website) to have the mapping data posted publically. She hopes to have a final report for next meeting.

Morgan Run Ross- The OSM money has been approved. OSM needs CCWA to have a CCR (Central Contractor Registration) with the Federal Government. Art is working on this.

Larry Sutton had concerns at the last meeting about incurring liability if CCWA was funding part of the project. Michelle brought a copy of the project manual and contract documents for Larry's review. Clearfield County Conservation District agreed to add CCWA as a co-owner if they wished. Larry reviewed the documents, and indicated the CCWA should be added as an additional insured.

Morgan Run Tuff-Michelle presented a Notice of Termination for the NPDES permit. This closes out the NPDES permit and removes CCWA from any long-term obligation for the site. The site is stabilized and vegetated, and this project is completed.

Old Business:

Brubaker Study-Army Corp of Engineers: a lengthy, contentious discussion was held on the value of using the Corp for further study at the Brubaker site. Members present, other than John Strittmatter, felt that we need to have this study done. John stated that he would contact Bill Shuster's office to see if there is money available for an active system for Brubaker.

Trout in the Classroom Project-Penn Cambria- Jerry gave the following report from Ben Watt; fish continue to grow. Several are 4 inches long. Everything in the tank seems to be working properly. Students are eagerly awaiting the field day. At this time there are about 95 students eligible. They are looking forward to releasing their fish, doing some kick sampling, helping stock trout, lunch and a site visit to Brubaker and/or the Klondike. Earl and several members present will be setting up Laurel Run Sportsman's the evening before the field day.

Hunting & Fishing Show- as a generalization, members who manned our both at this show were somewhat disappointed. There were a lot of man hours put in and not a lot of visitors. There was some interest in the TIC display and our involvement.

Dane mentioned that he had talked to the Principal from Moshannon Valley School who was very interested in the TIC program and a teacher, Jeff Zeek, about perhaps visiting some of our sites (Brubaker or the Klondike) in May. It was suggested that maybe we could set something up with Kelley Williams, Watershed Specialist for Clearfield County or Carl Undercofler, for a visit to Morgan Run or a site in Clearfield County closer to this school district.

At this time there was a discussion as to whether CCWA could sponsor a TIC project at some of the other schools in our watershed. Larry mentioned that this was suggested by SFU as a way of promoting CCWA.

Art mentioned that there would be a group of students from Greer School that would be visiting the Klondike site on Saturday, April 16th.

Also at this time it was decided that we would probably not participate in this show or the Jaffa Sport's Show next year.

Fishing Derby-Ray still has lots of tickets for members to sell or purchase. Also discussed was who would be seeking donations from the various fishing and hunting stores and other sponsors.

Board Meeting- February 15, 2011-The Board of Directors unanimously voted to appoint Dick Dotts to the vacant board position. We want to thank Dick for accepting this appointment. Also, the Board voted to accept the proposed language change to the by-laws for the new endowment document.

New Business:

PennDOT-Rte. 53- there was a lot of nuts, bolts and junk left behind after the installation of the guide rails along Rte. 53 between Ashville and Gallitzin last year. CCWA and particularly Dick Dotts had been trying to get this cleaned up. Ed had a phone call from Dave Sherman from PennDOT (who also called Dick) about this problem. Basically Dave stated that they would walk the road and get this corrected.

Invitation-Ed stated that he had an invitation to the Clearfield County Conservation District Annual Awards Banquet to be held on Thursday March 24th at 6 PM. Dick Dotts stated that he and his wife Mabel would be attending and represent CCWA at this banquet.

New Enterprise Meeting- a meeting set up by Shawn Simmers and attended by Jerry, Earl, Dan, Shawn and Michelle at the CoGen plant with a representative from New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. was held on March 15th. Discussed was the procedure for setting up an account with New Enterprise and pricing of limestone for the Swank Project. Dan is to fill out the credit application and we are to call Dave, New Enterprise representative, for pricing when we are ready to purchase the Swank limestone.

Next Meeting: April 19, 2011, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, Lower Level Rear of Building, 6:30 PM.

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