

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2007
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 16 members present and one visitor, Carol Logenecker. Carol was welcomed to the meeting by President Ed McMullen. Art requested two changes to the March minutes: Michelle Marrow should be spelled Merrow and under Old Business- Muddy Run evaluation and funding- the motion should read "A motion by Art Rose and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed authorizing President Ed McMullen to sign the Muddy Run Proposal and also to sign the West Ferris Wheel Treatment Proposal, **if the proposal is satisfactory to President Ed McMullen.**" A **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Shawn Simmers was then passed accepting the March minutes with the two changes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Regular Account

Beginning Balance, March 1, 2007	\$5,262.29
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	70.00
Bank interest	0.43
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Liability insurance	234.00
Web site fees	164.45
Ending Balance, March 31, 2007	\$4,934.27

Money Held for Deposit at 3/31/07: \$0

Grant Account

Beginning Balance, March 1, 2007	\$6,524.27	
<u>Deposits:</u>		
Grant Reimbursement	1,062.00	[Brubaker]
Derby Ticket sales	305.00	[Fish Fund]
Donations	650.00	[Fish Fund]
Bank interest	.57	[Fish Fund]
Total Deposits	2,017.57	

ENDING FUND BALANCES

<u>Expenses:</u>			
Amsbry	0.00	→	\$ (45.50)
Ferris Wheel	0.00	→	0.00
KL2 (EPA)	0.00	→	0.00
KL-Rose	0.00	→	2,500.00
Brubaker	1,062.00	→	0.06

Fish Fund	0.00	→	4,738.28
Heinz Grant	<u>0.00</u>	→	<u>287.00</u>
Total Expenses	1,062.00		

Ending Balance, March 31, 2007 **\$7,479.84** **\$7,479.84**

Money Held for Deposit at 3/31/07: \$0

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Respectfully submitted, Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Larry reported that he had \$30.00 in dues money for deposit. He had two invoices for payment: \$87.59 reimbursement to Earl Smithmyer for cleanup expenses and a \$100.00 invoice from Mahaffey Lab- water analysis from Ace Drilling Site. He also had an invoice from Mahaffey Lab-Brubaker Project- for 4 samples, \$284.00. A **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Alene Smithmyer was passed authorizing reimbursement to Earl-\$87.59, payment of the \$100.00 invoice to Mahaffey Lab and to accept the treasurer's report.

At this time there was a discussion about the fishing derby (start up money, check for fish, prizes and tickets for sale) and the fishing derby fund. A **motion** proposed by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by John Strittmatter stating that "a cap be placed on the fishing derby fund at \$4,000.00. Anything over this amount on food, 50-50 ticket sales, and regular ticket sales can be transferred to the general fund. Any donations to the fishing derby are restricted and can only be used for fishing derby expenses." This motion passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had received the following e-mails this past month; Rob Piper has nominated the Clearfield Creek Watershed Association for the President Award for Volunteer Service. There will be a free forest management workshop to be held on May 15, 2007 at Forest Park near Johnstown. If interested contact Tammy Colt at 724-238-4064. He also received information on the Dirt and Gravel Road maintenance Program funding. If interested call Program Coordinator at 717-787-2103.

Lastly, Jerry reported that he had received e-mails from Bob Eyer. Bob is encouraging CCWA to contact John Dawes at the Community Foundation of the Alleghenies. As stated by Bob "grant money is available to further our goals of improving the environment with the good work that we have been doing on the Clearfield Creek." Both Art (tech committee) and Shawn (grant committee) agreed to look into this. We want to thank Bob Eyer for these words of encouragement and for the contact at the Community Foundation.

Membership Committee:

There were 2 new membership cards that came in. Bob Funicelli continues to solicit for new members.

Public Relations:

There was an article this past month in the Mainliner by Justin Eger announcing our cleanup events. Larry suggested that pictures be taken of the projects that we are working on for any possible newspaper coverage.

Historical Committee:

Several articles were presented to Alene to add to the historical book.

Finance Report:

Larry had nothing to report at this time.

Grant Committee:

Ferris Wheel Proposed Vegetation Project- we have received the grant agreement between DEP and the CCWA for this project. This is Section 319 Funding for \$77,402.00.

Glendale Lake Shoreline Stabilization Report- the I & E report compiled by Eric Robertson from PA Association of Conservation Districts has been received. Estimated cost for this project is \$82,180.00. Shawn stated that he will have to review the report and look at funding for this project.

Shawn also reported that Dan McMullen has sent in the grant request for educational material-fliers, display board, brochures and possibly a camera- to the League of Women Voters.

Cleanup Committee:

The cleanup committee reported that several posters were hung up at local businesses and at the Penn Cambria middle school. Even though it was not a very nice day weather wise, there were a few new faces at the cleanup. We want to thank the cleanup committee for their fine work on such short notice.

The committee wants to remind members that the next cleanup is Sunday, June 10th, 9 AM. We will be cleaning up route 36 and will meet at the Burger Hut. Coffee and donuts will be served.

Tech Committee:

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

Klondike Project A draft of the bidding documents and technical specifications is ready to be given to Association officers for discussion and approval. The properly notarized agreement with the Hite-Dodson heirs was submitted to the Cambria County Recorder for recording. An opinion indicating that our contractors are not required to pay prevailing wage was received from DEP, because our funds are federal (EPA 319) and Davis-Bacon does not apply to this type of construction.

Brubaker Project Water from the Clay Mine discharge showed elevated bromide, the tracer from the injection site to the east of the obvious source area. The water has been resampled to check on this result. The drilling of several additional holes is being

considered to check on sources of the D-area discharge. Water from Hole J-1 along Wopsy Road was sampled and is relatively low acidity.

Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project A contract with Alder Run Engineering was examined by officers and is ready for signature.

West Ferris Wheel Design and Permitting Proposal This proposal was completed and mailed to DEP on 4/13. The proposal requests \$40,808 for design and permitting of passive treatment systems in this area.

Amsbry Project A slightly revised agreement was received from Robindale Energy. The agreement provides liability insurance coverage for CCWA and the property owner, and a payment of at least \$8000 for the right to remove the refuse. We will have to install a gate at the property.

Glasgow Project The site will be visited on April 20 with a prospective contractor. The “autopsy” will probably be conducted in the coming month.

Additional Items Discussed Under the Tech Report:

Klondike Project- there were several concerns about the technical aspects of this project. Is there any money for change orders or cost overruns and how would we pay for these? John reported that this may depend on the bids and there is some flexibility in the project. Is there money for a gate and fencing around the basins and ponds? There is money for a gate and will be bid in the project. Signs will also be placed indicating the danger of open water. The need for fencing will be reviewed. Is there any type of bedding to be placed under the piping? John stated that he will review the shop drawings on the pipe lines to make sure that they are installed according to the manufacturer’s specifications. Larry had two concerns: first- CCWA may not be able to pay within 10 days after receiving reimbursement from DEP and changes to the contractor’s insurance. Larry will discuss these changes with John.

There was a lengthy discussion on prevailing wage covered under the Davis-Bacon Act for this project. Several members volunteered to review this and report at the next meeting.

Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project-President Ed McMullen has signed and returned the contract with Alder Run Engineering.

Amsbry Project-Art stated that Robindale Energy would like to do this project by June 30th. He recommended that Ed sign this agreement. A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by John Strittmatter was unanimously passed authorizing Ed McMullen, as President, to sign the contract agreement with Robindale Energy.

Glasgow Project- Earl would be meeting with Diehl Contracting on-site to look at this project.

Old Business:

Glendale Lake Project: this was discussed earlier under the Grant Committee.

Capital/Operating Fund Drive-Larry reported that the labels are complete for this mailing, a total of 440. He would like to date the letters and have assigned members sign these for the mailing. After a brief discussion it was agreed to authorize Larry to have the letters color printed at a cost of 11 cent each.

Muddy Run-evaluation and funding- Kevin Clark stated that the proposal for this project has been submitted for a grant. Kevin feels that this is a solid project. It may be several months before we hear about this funding.

PennDOT Building- Art, Earl, Dick and Jerry met Paul Burns from PennDot on site at the new PennDOT building north of Ashville on April 3rd. The new building is a large building that may hold up to 4,000 tons of salt. There are two smaller building for salt and antiskid for this site. Most of the area is paved and runoff would flow towards two retention bonds. It appears that PennDOT is trying to do the right thing at this site and the site is subject to an annual inspection by the Penn State Transportation Institute. However, it was discussed with Paul Burns that we would like to sample the out flow water from the retention ponds periodically. Once again, we are not accusing PennDOT of any wrongdoing but are concerned for the environment of Clearfield Creek.

Fishing Derby-Earl reported that he still has lots of tickets available for sale. As discussed earlier, start up money is needed for the food, 50-50 and regular ticket sales. Larry is to have 3 checks for the raffle ticket prizes and a check for payment of the fish to be stocked. Bob will take care of the additional prizes to be purchased. Lorie Smithmyer and Margie McMullen are in charge of the food sales this year.

New Business:

There was no new business at this time.

Next meeting: May 15, 2007, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM, Please note the change in the meeting location. Please come and join us for this meeting.

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Larry Sutton the meeting was adjourned.

Final Note: Sorry that the minutes are so long. It is a testament to the many items that were discussed this past month.

