

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2010  
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The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 18 members present, one of these being a new member. Earl welcomed the new member to this meeting. A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Ed McMullen was then passed accepting the March 16, 2010 minutes. Earl mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report: by Dane Kalwanaski, CCWA Treasurer**

For: Feb 27 - Mar 31, 2010

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<b><u>General Fund</u></b>		
Beginning Balance		<b>\$8,344.31</b>
Deposits	Bank Interest	\$0.23
	Memberships	\$381.00
Expenses	Dan McMullen - Plaque	(\$50.00)
	POWR -	
	Insurance	(\$295.00)
	Damin Printing- Jr Member Cards	(\$40.00)
Ending Balance		<b>\$8,340.54</b>

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<b><u>Grant Accounts</u></b>				
	<u>Beginning Bal.</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Bal.</u>
Working Capitol	\$30,706.65	\$1.64	\$0.00	\$30,708.29
Dominion II	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Blandburg Active C&K	(\$40.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$40.00)
Passive(Glasgow)	\$1,479.00	\$34,800.00	(\$48,442.83)	(\$12,163.83)
MuR1 Assessment	(\$6,845.27)	\$11,760.28	\$0.00	\$4,915.01
MR Ross	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amsbry	\$5,662.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,662.96
Ferris Wheel West	(\$225.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$225.00)
Ferris Wheel Reveg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
KL-2	\$5,552.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,552.96
KL-Rose	\$1,059.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,059.00
Fish Fund	\$3,784.49	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$3,809.49
MuR Mapping	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,500.00
<b><u>Totals</u></b>	<b>\$51,634.79</b>	<b>\$46,586.92</b>	<b>(\$48,442.83)</b>	<b>\$49,778.88</b>

Respectfully  
Submitted:

*Dane R. Kalwanaski, Treasurer*

### **Treasurer's Report Continued:**

#### Deposits:

\$142; Memberships; General Fund

\$350; Donation from Ashville VFW; Fish Fund

#### Expenses:

\$59.85 to Neo Nexus; Web Hosting; General Fund

\$154.05 to Earl Smithmyer; Supplies and Food; General Fund

\$30.00 to POWR; Liability insurance membership; General Fund

\$40.00 to Dan McMullen; Glass Etching on plaque; General Fund

\$5675.00 to Land Mapping Services; Flight Photography; MuR Mapping

\$9458.12 to Alder Run Engineering; Ferris Wheel System Design; West Ferris Wheel

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

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

Jerry reported that he has had several e-mail correspondences this past month. He had sent an e-mail to a reporter at each of the four local papers thanking them for their recent coverage. Jerry mentioned that he had received an e-mail from a member living in VA who requested 10 fishing derby tickets. Lastly, Jerry mentioned that we had received a very generous contribution to the fishing derby from Cabela's. He felt that they were very impressed with the success of CCWA.

### **Membership Committee:**

Bob reported that 8 memberships have come in this past month. We also received two junior memberships. Once again, I want to thank everyone who has taken the time to get their memberships cards in.

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

Ray was unable to attend the meeting due to his work schedule. Dick had a couple of articles that were in The Progress for the historical book. Larry had an article from the Wall Street Journal on the EPA enforcement for new permits on mountain top mining. Art mentioned that he has not heard anything yet on the enforcement of this type of surface mining method in PA.

### **Finance Report:**

Larry reported that he has not met with any local colleges about getting a booklet made by students. It is too late in the current semester and we will have to wait for the fall semester.

### **Grant Committee:**

Shawn stated that they had filed a Home Depot Grant for \$2,000.00. We should hear back from Home Depot in the next couple of weeks. This would be in the form of gift cards that we could use to purchase tools, lumber, etc for our stream work.

Shawn was happy to announce that we did receive a grant for the Ferris Wheel Revegetation Phase II project. This is an EPA 319 grant for \$169,800.00. This project will be very similar to the first phase that was done at this site. We are hoping to do approximately 18 acres and this should finish revegetation of most of the Ferris Wheel site. Shawn wanted to thank Dan, Art and Michelle for their hard work in securing this grant. At this time Earl asked for a big round of applause to thank the members who worked on this grant application. Michelle had the grant agreement for Earl to sign and agreed to make a copy prior to mailing the paperwork.

Michelle Merrow reported the following: As mentioned above, Ferris Wheel Revegetation was awarded \$169,800 from the EPA Section 319 program. The agreements arrived in the mail, and the group agreed to sign them. In terms of new info in the grant agreement, there is now information that the watershed group certifies that they are not disbarred or suspended or owe taxes, that they will conform to the Right-to-Know Law, and that payment will be electronic payment. A form for ACH (automated clearing house) for electronic deposit of payments was given to Larry so it can be completed and sent to DEP.

#### **Tech Committee:**

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

#### **Tech Committee Report-April 20, 2010**

Klondike Project When visited on 4/11, the overflow from the VFP had stopped and the flow was down from 61 gal/min to 52 gal/min.. Although pH was still low at the final outflow, there was only 6 mg/L total Fe. Therefore, although the site is not treating completely, it is largely removing the 140 mg/L Fe from the discharge. The proposal by Dr. Brennan for studies of chitin treatment was submitted to the Foundation for PA Watersheds.

West Ferris Wheel Project The potential location for disposal of excess soil near the Krug tributary was examined in the field. Access would require some road construction. Another unreclaimed highwall near the KL-1 discharge was examined in the field, and may be preferable.

Glasgow Project. VFP 1 continues to accomplish essentially all the treatment, so that VFP2 and the limestone bed only clean up the last remnants of the water.

Muddy Run Project Work continues on the report. Many of the discrepancies, especially with Group E sites, were resolved. Other discrepancies were discussed with Sean Bartlett and decisions were made to resolve them. Descriptions of the sites are largely completed.

Amsbry Project No activity

Swartz 13 Project A proposal for addition of limestone to the channel was submitted to the Foundation for PA Watersheds.

St. Francis course Allison Felix of St. Francis University has informed us that their proposal for a teacher's course this summer has been approved. A meeting is scheduled for May 10 to discuss plans.

Ace Drilling Site: Earl reported that he and Dick did the first quarter sampling at this site. The second quarter sampling is scheduled for June.

Brubaker Run: Earl mentioned that Bender Coal Co. has not been happy with the condition of the roadway into the Brubaker site after the bore hole project by us. There was a discussion as to the repair(s) necessary to the road. Earl is to contact Bender Coal Co. to see exactly what repairs are needed.

**The following was reported by Michele Merrow:**

Tech Committee:

Ferris Wheel Reveg—Michelle suggested waiting until the signed agreement arrives. There will be some details to work out over the summer including the organic material source and alkaline material. Work will likely start in the late summer or fall for fall planting.

W. Ferris Wheel AMD—Michelle and Art worked to develop a fill disposal area. We were going to put the fill along the channel at Klondike, but now it will be placed in the abandoned cut above the KL1 discharge. Michelle spoke with Bobbi Blazoski at the Cambria County Conservation District about drawing format and permitting, and we will be sending that in to the District ASAP.

Amsbry—No activity. Michelle and Art need to meet to get moving forward.

Muddy Run Mapping—The watershed was flown on Monday 4-12. Two sets of aerial photos will be produced (one 1 CCWA, one for PSU). The next step after the photos arrive will be to pick the priority project areas and have detailed, design-level topo generated. We can have up to 60 acres mapped. Michelle and Art will work with PSU for this.

Morgan Run Frog and Tuff—The Army Corps did a final inspection on March 24, and was pleased with the project. Earthmovers is working on some punch list items such as re-seeding and re-planting trees that died. DEP released the final payment, so the contractor has been paid except for the retainage.

Morgan Run Tuff Wetland Mitigation—DEP released the final payment, so the bill has been paid. Wetland shrubs were planted last week to provide wildlife habitat.

Morgan Run Ross. The Clearfield County Conservation District received \$600,000 for the construction of the system. Michelle asked the group to be a sponsor for an application of the Office of Surface Mining for a grant for up to \$100,000 for construction. The money is needed for the 15% match for the Growing Greener Grant, and because DEP cut the Growing Greener Budget by \$36,000. **Note:** At this time a **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Ed McMullen was passed authorizing CCWA to serve as a sponsor of the OSM grant for the Morgan Run Ross construction project.

A design grant was awarded by Growing Greener for the Chew project, which is a discharge near the mouth of Morgan Run. Clearfield County Conservation District is handling that money.

## **Old Business:**

**Gary Haluska Grant**-there was nothing new to report about this grant.

**Tree Planting:** The trees purchased from the Cambria County Conservation district were planted on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Brian stated that we planted apple, blue spruce, and Colorado spruce. Brian said the he would be putting tree guards around the trunks of the apple trees. Discussed was the need for fencing and posts to put around the apple trees. Special thanks to the many volunteers that showed up for the tree planting. We were able to complete this in a couple of hours.

Jerry stated that he has not yet heard from the PA Game Commission about the trees we are to receive from them. He stated that we should hear very shortly and will unfortunately have to schedule this tree planting on a very short notice.

**Fishing Derby Tickets/Planning:** A large number of tickets to be given to Ray were turned in. We are encouraging anyone who has tickets out to please get them in soon. We are saving 100 tickets for sale the day of the fishing derby. At this time there was discussion as to the soda, water, and iced tea needed for the fishing derby. There was also discussion about who would be soliciting what local businesses for a donation.

We will be cleaning up the brush around the pond on Friday evening after we stock the trout. Please consider coming out and helping us with this project.

**Award/Plaque-Jack Calandra:** Dan McMullen has the completed plaque to be given Jack. We want to thank Dan for taking care of the glass engraving that is part of the plaque. Larry is to call Jack to set up a date to present this to Jack. Jerry is to call Justin Eger from the Mainliner.

**Cleanup-April 11<sup>th</sup> summation:** We had an excellent turnout for this cleanup-31 people. Between 90 – 95 bags were picked up and a few tires. Thanks to the many volunteers who showed up to help and special thanks to Alene for her delicious lunch.

## **New Business:**

**The PA Watershed Summit 2010-** Jerry stated that he had received an e-mail from Gwen Johnson, project coordinator for the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds, containing information on the summit to be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> in St. College. Art stated that he is planning to attend this summit.

**5<sup>th</sup> west Branch Susquehanna Restoration Symposium-**Jerry reported that he had received an e-mail from Rachel Kester reminding us of the upcoming symposium on May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at the Genetti Hotel in Williamsport. There are many sponsors for this symposium including Alder Run Engineering. Brian, Art, Earl and Alene planned to attend this event. Three of our members have been nominated for volunteer of the year and CCWA has been nominated for Watershed Group of the Year. Quite impressive!

**Brochures:** We are getting very low on the CCWA brochures. Discussion was held on updating these brochures showing some of the most recently completed projects and our TIC support. At this time, Brian agreed to assist us in the printing of 100 of our current brochures. We will work on updating our brochure at a future date.

**Copier/Scanner:** Art stated that he has an old copier/scanner that was originally purchased by CCWA for his office work. He has been having problems with the copier, especially the colored ink cartridges but the black does work. No decision was made as to what to do with the copier/scanner.

**Marcellus Shale Presentation:** Pat McMullen reported that he had recently attended a very informative presentation by Tom Murphy-Penn State University Cooperative Extension. The speaker explained the pros and cons of Marcellus Shale drilling. As noted by the speaker, done properly this type of drilling can be safe. The speaker did note the concern for recovering the waste water, the large amount of water used for fracturing of the wells (acid mine water can be used), large truck traffic and road use by heavy trucks. A discussion was held by the members of the many concerns of Marcellus Shale drilling.

**Next Meeting: May 18, 2010, Laurel Run Sportsman's, Dysart, 6:30 PM. Please note this is our summer meeting site.**

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