

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
APRIL 17, 2012**

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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, Dolores Simpson. Dolores has helped with one of our cleanups. Ed welcomed Dolores and a new member Jerry Mayes. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was then passed accepting the March 20, 2012. Ed mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Deposits/Expenses for Meeting

Deposits	Description	Amount	Account
	Grainger donation	\$ 300.00	General fund
	Butler Restoration	\$ 100.00	Fish Fund
	Francis Klayko	\$ 100.00	Fish Fund
	Allegheny Mtn SCI	\$ 500.00	Fish Fund
	Ashville VFW	\$ 300.00	Fish Fund
	DEP Reimbursement	\$16,145.19	Amsbry Fund
	Dominion Grant	\$ 510.00	Dominion, 2012

Expenses

Don McMullen	\$ (23.82)	General Fund
Gerald McMullen	\$ (67.02)	General Fund
Ed McMullen	\$ (57.24)	Reveg 319
Earl Smithmyer	\$ (172.53)	General Fund
Vale Wood Farms	\$ (21.00)	General Fund
Wessel & Co.	\$ (515.00)	General Fund
POWR (insurance)	\$ (353.00)	General Fund
Mahaffey Labs	\$ (168.00)	General Fund-Ace Drilling
Mahaffey Labs	\$ (50.00)	KL-2
Mahaffey Labs	\$ (50.00)	Swank
Alder Run Eng.	\$ (138.00)	Gibson
Alder Run Eng.	\$ (3,696.25)	Gibson
Meadville Land Svc.	\$ (380.00)	FW Revegetation
Meadville Land Svc.	\$ (3,625.75)	FW Revegetation
Meadville Land Svc.	\$ (19,658.76)	FW Revegetation

Expenses to be paid upon receipt of Grant Funds:

EM Brown Inc	\$ 54,306.80	MR Ross (OSM Grant)
Transfers Close Out WFW Des	\$ (3,435.00)	WFW Design
	\$ 3,435.00	WFW Construction

Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month.

A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Art Rose 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 reported that he, once again, had several e-mail correspondences this past month. Jerry went over two proposals that Earl had received from John Slovikosky: one proposal for \$1,265.00 to spread fertilizer at the Ferris Wheel Revegetation site-Phase I and another for work at the Klondike site to dig a ditch for piping for the slag bed area. Earl recommended that we accept these proposals and take the money out of the working capital account, for now. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Larry Sutton was passed to accept both proposals-\$1,265.00 for spreading the fertilizer and \$420.00 for work at the Klondike.

Membership Committee:

Bob reported that there was no new activity for membership. As reported above, we had one new member at this meeting.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray stated that Dick had given him a few articles for the historical book. He also mentioned the article in The Mainliner, with pictures, about the TIC field day for the Penn Cambria Middle School students. We want to thank Justin Edger for this coverage and great article.

Finance Report:

Larry mentioned that he would like to meet with the dam cleanout committee members after the regular meeting. He had a couple of ideas for potential funding sources to assist with the cost for the dam cleanout.

Grant Committee:

Earl and Alene attended the luncheon in Blairsville to receive the Dominion's grant. Grant was for \$510.00 and is for general operating expenses. Mentioned at the luncheon were the many grant applicants and limited funds. CCWA also received a nice plaque which Earl passed around for all members to look at. We want to thank Dan and Shawn from the grant committee for their work on this grant.

Michelle mentioned that she has a couple of grants that she is working on for CCWA.

Cleanup Committee:

From the April 1st cleanup of 5 miles of stream, 9 miles of route 53 and 2 miles of Beldin Hollow road, we had between 90 and 100 bags of garbage. Ed mentioned that litter was bad along the roadway since we had done this last fall. Dan suggested that perhaps we should do our stream cleanup for the fall some evening separate of the roadway cleanup since it is a burden to do both at the same time with limited volunteers. Dane mentioned that we did receive a \$1.00 donation from a passing motorist during the cleanup. Jerry reported that when he picked up the supplies from Don Godish, PennDOT employee in charge of supplies, Don mentioned that CCWA does an outstanding job.

Dam Cleanout Committee:

Earl mentioned that we did have a good committee meeting on April 10th. The committee looked at the donations for this project: New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. has agreed to lend us an excavator for the project (estimated value of \$3,950), the Safari Club has pledged \$1,000, Ashville VFW-\$1,000, Laurel Run Sportsman's-\$2,000, John Slovikosky\$1,000 in labor costs. Discussed also was using the money that was taken from the capped fish fund in the past and using for the dam cleanout. We are continuing to solicit several other donors for this project. If you can help in any way, large or small donation, we would greatly appreciate it.

At this time, Earl asked all donors to hold their pledge until the project gets started. Once we took a look at the pledged and potential donors we feel this project can be done this summer, as hoped.

Discussion was also held on the need for a large pump to pump the inflow water around the cleanup site (an added cost for this pump) and the need to build a small retention pond to catch this water. Earl would like both the Ashville Fire Company and Township supervisors to be notified by letter prior to draining the dam. Lastly, Earl wanted to thank all the committee members for their hard work on this project. Next dam cleanout committee meeting is scheduled for May 1st, Laurel Run Sportsman's, Dysart, 6:30 PM.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was presented by Art Rose, Chairman of the Tech Committee.

Tech Committee Report- April 17, 2012

Klondike Project The site was inspected and sampled on 4/17. We need to repair and re-start the slag system. A proposal from John Slovikoski for burial of the inflow pipe from the road crossing to the bed was approved.

West Ferris Wheel Project We hope to open the construction to bidding in the near future, but a constraint is that we have not yet received a final signed contract from DEP for Phase 2. A quarterly report and invoice to DEP are being prepared.

Gibson Project The discharge was sampled on 4/17 – flow continues to be high. Design work is proceeding. A quarterly report and invoice to DEP are being prepared.

Amsbry Project We are working toward submitting a final report on the design and permitting by June 30 when the grant expires. A quarterly report and invoice to DEP are being prepared.

Swank Project The site was visited and sampled on 4/17. Flow is still very high, and treatment is not complete.

Brubaker Project. There was no activity on this project this month. An inquiry was sent to the Corp of Engineers concerning plans for activity. Also, the reports by the Senior Engineering Design Course at Penn State were sent to the Corps Project Director.

Glasgow project The WBSRC field trip to this site, on April 28, is being planned. Earl Smithmyer obtained permission to use the Laurel Run Sportsman's building for lunch in case of inclement weather.

Data Logger- There was no update on the data logger.

Ace Drilling Site- Dick reported that the sampling was done in the last week of March. Next scheduled sampling at this site will be done in the middle of June.

The Following Was Michelle Merrow's Report:

Ferris Wheel Revegetation Phase 2—Work was completed in April, and the site has been seeded. There is one area near the compost facility that is very wet, and has been historically. MLS had some difficulties in getting it smoothed out as nice as ARE would like. The more they worked it, the worse it got. We agreed to seed it and see how it looks in a few weeks, and remedial work could be done then if need be.

Copies of the application for reimbursement that was submitted to DEP last month were given to Art for the records and Dane so he knows where the money should be deposited when the money arrives. A new application for reimbursement for this month's bills will be presented to CCWA for signature as soon as MLS's information can be incorporated, and Michelle will bring copies of this one to the next meeting. Since we are getting down to the last budget items, a letter for re-allocation of funding between internal budget categories is needed, and Michelle will present a letter to Ed to be signed for final budget purposes.

The additional fertilizer was discussed. A budget supplement will be coming to pay for the fertilizer in the amount of \$7800, but the paperwork isn't ready yet. Earl indicated previously that there is a ½ ton of fertilizer at Cresson Feed Mill. We were going to try to have that fertilizer moved to the site and used as part of the supplemental fertilizer. Since it was there so long, Cresson Feed Mill sold it and gave CCWA a credit in the amount of \$143.

Michelle will prepare an application for payment with the contractor's last invoices. The charge from the last invoice for moving additional leaf compost was removed after discussion with MLS. A change will be made to add the costs of the weir supplies for Little Laurel Run that can be paid by the \$1000 supplement for education and sampling. We will revise the application, submit to CCWA for signature, make copies and submit to DEP with copies to CCWA. Michelle also had a correction from the last payment. We withheld \$1900 from Meadville Land Service's application due to a change order for that additional material that was still under discussion. When we held the \$1900, we didn't adjust for the associated retainage. We held retainage on that \$1900, which was removed. 20% of \$1900 is \$380, and we still owe MLS that from application 2. Michelle suggests that we submit the full amount from MLS to DEP, but hold the retainage until the grass grows, or at least 10% retainage until the grass grows, which would be about \$24,000.

Michelle talked with Donna Carnahan about the \$1000 supplement (with \$900 remaining) and closing the grant. She indicated that DEP can close out the construction funds, but will hold contractual funds, and/or the \$7800 supplement for fertilizer, until the final report is completed. The final report shouldn't be submitted until after the grass

grows. We should submit a report saying that the construction phase is completed so they can pay all funds owed to MLS.

West Ferris Wheel-As Art requested, Michelle will prepare a quarterly report and app for payment to DEP. The contract between EPA and DEP hasn't been received by DEP, so there is no contract between DEP and CCWA yet. Michelle spoke to Donna Carnahan last week, and she doesn't know when this will be resolved. She recommended not spending money that isn't there yet.

Amsbry- ARE finalized the project manual, and is preparing a final report to DEP. Michelle will be presenting two designs to CCWA, although only one will be presented to DEP. Michelle also wanted CCWA to be sure that they are aware that the system will require occasional maintenance, which will cost between \$3 and \$5 per ton.

Gibson-Halstock—Michelle and Art met to go over design info. ARE visited the site to finalize wetland work after meeting with Art and deciding on a preliminary concept. The design concept is progressing, and we are looking at how much earthwork will be necessary to install a rock lined channel. For next month, Michelle suggests that we meet with Nathan Havens and Dan Yahner to present the design concept to ensure we have PGC's approval.

Morgan Run:

Morgan Run Frog and Tuff—Sites continue to operate. ARE inspected sites in March.

Morgan Run Ross—Construction is moving full steam ahead. Bypass drain is in place.

The first Contractor application for payment was paid using funds from Trout Unlimited and Foundation for PA Watersheds. A second app for payment was brought to CCWA tonight. The first \$1728 will be paid by Foundation for PA Watersheds funds to close that account for CCCD. CCWA holds OSM funds for this construction project, and we are requesting payment of the remainder invoice 2 from the OSM funds. If possible, could ARE please receive a copy or scan of the check that is paid to the contractor, EM Brown.

Morgan Run 7—Dewatering of the site has started. It was going well, but beavers are being problematic with the dewatering.

Rachel Kester and Kelly Williams took the pH in Clearfield Creek above the mouth of Morgan Run last week, and the pH was 6.0. Kelly asked Michelle to report the good news.

The Dimeling project, which is being conducted by New Miles of Blue Stream, is out for bid. Bids are due April 30, and construction will occur this summer. This will treat discharges near the mouth of Clearfield Creek.

Old Business:

Fishing Derby Tickets/Fishing Derby: May 19th, Laurel Run Sportsman's Dam, Dysart, 9AM. Ray reminded everyone to keep selling tickets. Earl mentioned that he and Alene will be out of town the weekend of the fishing derby. Discussion was held on who could help at the refreshment stand. We are looking for volunteers to help at the upcoming fishing derby on May 19th. Larry suggested that we should be trying to get the names, mailing addresses and possibly e-mail addresses from the people who sign up at the fishing derby since the time will come when we need solicit for funding of the dam cleanout. Many agreed that this would be a logistic challenge at the fishing derby.

Field Trip-March 30, 2012: There were 65 students and 8 adults from Penn Cambria that attended the field trip. It was a great day for the kids. They did a macro invertebrate study, released their fingerling trout raised from the TIC program, helped the PF&BC stock trout, had lunch and then visited Brubaker, saw the Bender treatment site at Brubaker, saw firsthand the impact of Brubaker on Clearfield Creek and lastly, visited the Klondike passive treatment ponds- KL-1, KL-2.

We want to thank Bryan Rabish and Nate from the Cambria Co. Conservation District. Bryan supplied the nets, handouts and containers for the children's macro invertebrate study. Bryan also did an excellent job in spending some time with each group and helping them identify what they found in the streams. Also, as mentioned earlier special thanks to Justin Edger.

TIC, Glendale School- Earl mentioned that he received a phone call from the science teacher at Glendale School District. She stated that they did not receive funding for their TIC program. Apparently there were many applicants for the money available.

New Business:

Field Trip- Penn Cambria 7th Grade, Tree Planting: We are planning a field trip for the 7th grade students from Penn Cambria Middle School on Wednesday, May 2nd. They would like to plant approximately 400 trees at our KL-1 revegetation site. We are also planning lunch for these students. Volunteers are need for this field day.

Weir Replacement: Earl stated that the weir for Little Laurel run is made. We are planning to install this weir on Monday evening April 24th, 6 PM.

Porta- John- Earl reported that he needs to order the Porta-John for the fishing derby to be placed at the dam. It will be kept on site for two months.

Facebook Account-Dane reported that he and Katie have been working on the facebook account. All are invited to become "friends" and visit the account.

Next Meeting: May 15, 2012, Laurel Run Sportsman's, Dysart 6:30 PM. Note: this is our summer meeting site.

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