

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF MAY 18, 2009  
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The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 15 members present and one visitor Michael Shipman. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ed McMullen was then passed accepting the April minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The following was presented by Dane Kalwanaski who is acting treasurer during Larry's recovery.

**Clearfield Creek Watershed Association Financial Report**

Apr 1, 2009-Apr 31, 2009

**General Fund**

Beginning Balance	\$7,123.65
Debits	\$45.18
Credits	(\$701.31)
Ending Balance	\$6,467.52

**Grant Accounts**

	<u>Beginning Bal.</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Ending Bal.</u>
Working Capitol	\$5,597.95	\$0.00	\$5,597.95
Dominion II	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Blandburg Active	(\$40.00)	\$0.00	(\$40.00)
C&K Passive(Glasgow)	\$19,494.30	(\$5,103.30)	\$14,391.00
MuR1 Assessment	\$4,182.19	(\$784.00)	\$3,398.19
MR Ross	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amsbry	\$8,523.49	\$0.00	\$8,523.49
Ferris Wheel			
Revegetation	(\$875.00)	\$0.00	(\$875.00)
Ferris Wheel West	(\$144.00)	(\$150.00)	(\$294.00)
KL-2	\$7,211.96	\$0.00	\$7,211.96
KL-Rose	\$2,500.00	(\$225.00)	\$2,275.00
Fish Fund	\$3,391.50	\$1,225.00	\$4,616.50
Interest	\$0.00	\$1.28	\$1.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$51,842.39</b>	<b>(\$5,036.02)</b>	<b>\$46,806.37</b>

**Treasurer's Report Continued:**

Deposits:

\$144 into the West Ferris Wheel Project, reimbursement from DEP

\$25 -Fish Fund, donation from Paul Kenner

\$100 into the Fish Fund, donation from and Anonymous Donor

\$25 into the Fish Fund, donation from Dan Gibbons via Laurel Run Sportsmen Club

\$20 of Dues into the General Fund

Expenses:

\$39 to Servinsky Jewelers for Past President's service plaque out of the General Fund

\$2508.64 (less \$25 donation = 2483.64) reimburse Laurel Run Sportsmen for Fish and Prizes for the derby out of Fish Fund

\$2132.95 to Alder Run Engineering for Various Services on West Ferris Wheel Project, paid from West Ferris wheel Fund

\$216.43 to Alder Run Engineering for Various Services on West Ferris Wheel Project, paid from West Ferris wheel Fund

\$280 To Mahaffey Labs for Water Testing - Muddy Run, Muddy Run Fund

\$560 To Mahaffey Labs for Water Testing - Muddy Run, Muddy Run Fund

\$66 to Mahaffey Labs for Water Testing at the Klondike, K-L Rose Fund

A **motion** by Bryan Rabish and seconded by Alene Smithmyer was passed to accept the financial report presented by Dane and to pay all invoices.

**Secretary's Report:**

Jerry reported that he had a few e-mails in correspondence this past month. He had contacted Art Hamley, PA game Commission, for a few hundred more trees. Art initially thought he had a few hundred more trees for us but was not able to provide any more. We, once again, want to thank Art and the PA Game Commission for their assistance. Jerry reported that he had to fax a copy of our Certificate of Insurance to the Clean Streams Foundation for their file. Jerry gave Dane \$20.00 for two new memberships that were received at the fishing derby.

**Membership Committee:**

One other membership, in addition to the two mentioned above, was received this past month. Thanks to all who have sent in their membership dues.

**Public Relations:**

Dan was not able to attend the meeting due to another commitment. Therefore, there was nothing new to report under public relations.

**Historical Committee:**

Ray had nothing new to report. He is hoping to have lots of pictures from the upcoming fishing derby.

**Finance Report:**

There was nothing new to report under finance.

**Cleanup Committee:**

The second cleanup of the season is Route 36 from the Buckhorn to Ashville on Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting at 9AM at the Burger Hut. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Please come and volunteer for a couple of hours.

### **Grant Committee:**

Shawn had nothing new to report under the grant committee.

### **Tech Committee:**

The following tech report was submitted and discussed by Art Rose, chairman of the tech committee: **Tech Committee Report-May 18, 2009**

Klondike Project A quote of \$10,420 was received from Ligonier for the slag bed and piping. A cost of about \$1000 for slag would also be incurred. This exceeds the approximately \$7000 available at present. As discussed at the last meeting, additional bids are being sought. Samples of the slag have been obtained from IMS-Tube City in Johnstown and are being tested. Water samples in April indicate that the KL1 system is removing 90% of the iron and 80% of the acidity. About 20% of the iron is being removed in the two shallow ponds built last year. Dr. Rachel Brennan of Penn State Civil-Environmental Engineering Dept. indicates that she has students interested in testing chitin beds for treatment of the Klondike water.

West Ferris Wheel project Three additional weirs were installed and sampled on 5/8 by Smithmyer and Rose to measure flows from parts of the seepage area flowing to 32R3 weir. The analyses and flows indicate that acid from the small stream from the south is minor compared to flow from the several iron patches in the seepage area. Rose and Merrow will meet in the near future to plan treatment systems for the site.

Glasgow project Final bidding documents were received from Hedin Environmental and were sent to 4 prospective bidders on 5/10. A site meeting will be held on 5/20, and bids are due on 6/2. A quotation has been obtained on limestone to be bought by CCWA, and a quote is being obtained on compost, so that we can save the sales tax on these materials. However, DEP has not yet paid bills on this project submitted in December and March. This lack of prompt reimbursement raises major questions as to whether CCWA should assume major debts for the materials, which amount to an estimated \$85,000. An email from Malcolm Crittenden confirms that the project is considered as "repairs and maintenance" so that prevailing wage rules do not apply.

Amsbry project Minor modifications were made on the contract with DEP on this project. DEP requires that "aquatic resource compensation credits" go to the state. I agreed in an email reply to DEP that this was acceptable. Earl Smithmyer has been in contact with Joseph Judy, the landowner, and we may meet with him in the near future. Merrow and Rose will examine the site in the next month to plan necessary work for design of the treatment system.

Muddy Run project The discharges were sampled on 5/15-17. Jen Demchak reported that they had worked some of the stream on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Brubaker project Ten sites were sampled on 5/1/09 for BAMR. The acidity of the Dean discharge continues to be much lower than before 2006. Upstream waters from the Highland Fling trib were very low in acid and iron.

Educational program A tentative date of Saturday September 19 has been chosen. This date was agreeable to the members present. Dick Dotts indicated that the Ashville Inn can provide a buffet at a reasonable cost.

### Other items discussed under the Tech Report:

Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project- Shawn wanted to thank all who helped plant trees at this site (over 2,000 trees were planted). The 15 American Chestnut trees were also planted at this site. Special thanks to Earl who had a good bit of time in planting trees. Shawn stated that the growth of the grass planted looks good at the site. Shawn and Michelle will be getting together to map out the site for future development. We will be getting quotes using the \$10,000.00 grant money

from Representative Gary Haluska for additional site development. After a brief discussion it was decided to wait another month before we release the retainage from this project to the contractor.

Swank Mine-Art said that he had nothing new to report. We still need to measure the channel at this site in order to determine the amount of limestone that would be needed. Ed offered to measure this channel.

Growing Greener Grant-EPA 319 money- A discussion was held to decide whether we want to send in a proposal for the old Gibson Hollstock mine site. A cost estimate is needed, Michelle offered to assist Art. Also, must have landowner's agreement. Art will contact Barry Zaffuto from the PA Game Commission for this. As explained by Art, this area is a small stream off Black Snake road with a lot of seepage.

Ace Drilling Site-Earl and Dick will be sampling this site in the next few weeks.

**The following report was given by Michelle Merrow:**

Amsbry—Michelle suggested that Art Rose, Earl Smithmeyer, and she visit the Amsbry site to look at wetlands and other issues.

Ferris Wheel Revegetation—Michelle visited the reveg site before the meeting. The grass is growing but somewhat sparse. She hopes that more grass will fill in. Michelle gave Shawn Simmers copies of the original bid info so he could solicit bids quotes for additional area to be stabilized using the Rep. Haluska money. Meadville Land Service already submitted a quote.

West Ferris Wheel AMD Treatment—Michelle brought a map and looked over it with Art. Art is going to assemble all of the water quality data, and we are going to proceed into layout and design.

MR TUFF and MR FROG—Construction on these projects is ongoing. Michelle/Clearfield County Conservation District notified the contractor that we intend to make claim on the performance and payment bonds. There are still many ongoing issues, and the project needs to be completed by June 30, 2009. Issues include the valves and lack of seeding and planting.

MR TUFF Wetland Mitigation—Construction is done except for minor seeding touch-up, minor road touch-up, and installation of the sign. The site looks very good and is establishing wetlands well.

MR ROSS-This project, in the permitting phase, will be completed by June 30, 2009.

Other-The Growing Greener Grant round is now open through July 17, 2009

### **Old Business:**

**Fishing Derby-Final Results**-the fishing derby was a **huge** success. Weather was very nice. We had 145 children entered (a record). The 50/50 was \$208.00, \$95.00 was made on the camp chair and fishing rod that we chanced off, \$283.95 from food sales (we had to twice go for extra hot dogs), and 2,461 tickets out of 2,500 were accounted for. Ed stated that the PA Fish Commission brochures arrived on Monday after the fishing derby-he will save them for next year. Justin Edger, from The Mainliner, showed up and took lots of picture. It was also mentioned that the baked goods by Alene, Brenda, Lori and others were outstanding. A big round of applause was given to all who made the fishing derby such a big success. We thank anyone who helped and offered your support.

The three winners from the fishing derby were Victor Dimoff-\$250.00, Glenda Griffith-\$150.00, Becky Showalter- \$100.00. Congratulation to these winners.

Larry recommended that perhaps we should give some safety instructions to all present, prior to the beginning of the fishing derby.

Lastly, we do want to thank the Bass Master's Association for not only their generous financial support but for the all day support at the fishing derby. Please visit their website and look at the great coverage, list of each of the 3 winners in the 3 different age groups and the many colored pictures. [www.standingstonebassmasters.com](http://www.standingstonebassmasters.com)

**Media Day**- As mentioned last month, media day is July 10<sup>th</sup>. We are working on a draft letter compiled by Art for media day. A committee meeting for this event is scheduled for Monday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM., Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart.

**Potential Pollution Source**-DEP did investigate the site where it was alleged that anti-freeze was being dumped down a drain. The owner was instructed to seal the drains and there may be a fine from any violation.

**Fishing Map**- Earl asked what was the status of the fishing map that was to be updated by Trout Unlimited. This was to be checked on and we will keep you posted.

### **New Business:**

**President's Award**- a service plaque was presented to past President ED McMullen. Earl thanked Ed for his hard work and leadership during Ed's tenure and mentioned that we got a lot done during this time. We want to thank Ed for his service to CCWA.

**Next Meeting: June 16, 2009, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM.**  
**Please note this is our summer meeting place.**

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