

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF JULY 21, 2009
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The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 15 members present. A **motion** by Dick Dotts/ Ray Hollen was approved to accept the June minutes.

Secretary's Report:

Earl Smithmyer made a report in the absence of Jerry McMullen who was excused for this meeting. A special meeting of the Board was held on July 29th to open bids for the additional work to be done at the Klondike site. None were accepted yet. Also at that meeting Larry Sutton resigned as Treasurer and the Board voted to appoint Dane Kalwanowski as Treasurer for the remainder of Larry's term.

Membership Committee:

No report. Bob Funicelli was excused for this meeting.

Public Relations:

No report. Dan McMullen was excused for this meeting.

Historical Committee:

Ray Hollen reported that the Media Day conducted on July 10th at the Klondike and Ferris Wheel sites had good newspaper coverage. He shared articles from the *Progress*, *Mainliner*, and *Tribune-Democrat*.

Finance Report:

Larry suggested that we look into using Network Solutions for hosting the web site, as it is half the cost that we pay now. A discussion followed on what other support services we may lose or gain by doing that, and we are not sure if we actually own the domain name. We cannot authorize a web host service if we don't own the domain. A motion by Ed McMullen/Ray Hollen was approved to authorize Larry to move the hosting service to Network Solutions if he first investigates those questions and determines that we can move it with no problems.

Cleanup Committee:

Earl Smithmyer reminded members that the next road cleanup will be on August 9th, for Route 56 from Syberton to Dean. Meet at Al's Glass in Dysart at 9am. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

Grant Committee:

Nothing to report this month.

Technical report - Art Rose reported as follows:

Klondike Project After the high bids received for the slag system last month, a further effort was directed to finding a source of good slag. Mr. Jamie Hamilton of Recmix visited the site and proposed building several small dams of their fine-grained alkaline slag in the inflow channel to add alkalinity. This method is reported to work at an Ohio site. Hamilton is preparing a proposal, probably low cost, to test this method. Information on successful design principles for slag systems was received from State of Ohio professionals. Samples from KL1 collected in June indicate that this system continues to remove 70-80% of the iron and acidity, and KL-2 generates net alkaline water. A very successful media day was held on July 10 at Klondike and Ferris Wheel.

West Ferris Wheel Project A set of samples from 5/22/09 continues to show that a treatment system near the Ferris Wheel spoil will capture nearly all the acidity and iron passing the 32R4 weir. Also, the load in the small stream (32R7) is very small and probably not worth treating. A "cubitainer" test of outflow from the iron mound shows that a conventional 16-24 hour retention time in an anoxic limestone drain will be adequate to treat water from the seepage area.

Amsbry Project No activity on this project.

Glasgow Project Smith Excavating and Contracting Co. started work on the project on July 6. As of July 18, the access road is about ½ completed, about 25% of the compost has been received, and mixed with fine limestone for VFP1, the sludge pond is completed, and upgradient drainage has been largely repaired. A bill for \$17,290 has been received, and DEP has sent reimbursements for bills sent in 12/08 and 3/09.

Muddy Run Project Results were received for the June sampling, and the watershed was sampled on July 17-20. Thirteen sites were visited with Jen Demchak on 6/26 to develop remediation plans and a report.

Muddy Run Photography Proposal A proposal for aerial photography and detailed mapping of discharge sites in this watershed was completed as a joint project with Penn State College of Engineering, Alder Run Engineering and New Miles of Blue Stream. This proposal was submitted to the DEP Growing Greener program.

Gibson Proposal A very helpful field tour was held with Nathan Havens and Art Hamley of the PA Game Commission, on whose land the discharge is located. They provided a Landowner Commitment for the project. Unfortunately, a landowner commitment was not received from EPBender Coal Co., who own part of the needed site. Bender is concerned about potential liability from the project, and its future. As a result, the proposal was not submitted, but we will discuss the problems with Bender and hope to go ahead next year.

Mahaffey Labs wants a 1-day advance notice when water samples are going to be dropped at the Coal Car Saloon for pick-up by the lab.

Ferris Wheel Revegitation Shawn Simmers and Michelle Merrow will work on a final progress report for this project so the grant can be closed out. Shawn will first call Malcom Crittendon at DEP to be sure when is the deadline.

Michelle Merrow added some comments on the Morgan Run project for the Technical Report. It is looking better after the contractor reseeded the site. CCWA is the “permit holder” for this project, so an officer of CCWA has to sign three forms after tonight’s meeting for this project: Notice of Termination; State Permit; Federal Wetlands.

Old Business:

Media Day- Earl Smithmyer thanked everybody for a successful day!

Fishing Map- No word yet from John Foreman.

New Business:

Brian Rabish said he can get 2’ high tree protectors for the chestnut trees at the Ferris Wheel site, at a cost of \$1 each. The Dominion II grant can pay for this cost. Dick Dotts will get some wood stakes to use with the protectors.

Shawn Simmers noted that we can also use the Dominion II grant to buy trees for the Klondike site. Earl Smithmyer mentioned that we can also get several thousand trees next year from the Game Commission that could be used at the Klondike site.

Treasurer’s Report, by Dane Kalwanowski:

Deposits:

\$100 donation from Etta Albright in to general fund
\$25 from Jim Ivory for a membership into the general fund
\$10 from Carl Undercoffer for a membership into the general fund
\$4064.82 from DEP into MUR1 grant account
\$6685.10 from DEP into C&K Glasgow project account fund
\$4618.35 from DEP into C&K Glasgow project account fund

Totals:

\$135 deposited into general fund
\$15368.35 deposited into Grant account

Checks Written

General Account:

\$87.95 to Earl Smithmyer for media day snacks/supplies
\$20.00 to reimburse Larry Sutton for tent rental for media day
\$38.00 to Servinsky Jewelers for the outstanding service plaque
\$59.85 to NeoNexus for quarterly web hosting fees

totals: \$205.80 in general account expenses

Grant Account:

\$1980.00 to New Miles of Blue Stream for services performed on Muddy Run: MUR1

\$280 to Mahaffey Labs for water testing of muddy run: MUR1
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\$50 to Mahaffey Labs for water testing of Amsbry project
\$330 to Mahaffey Labs for water testing on Klondike project: KL Rose
\$196 to mahaffey labs for water testing of muddy run: MUR1
\$15,481 to Smith Excavation for Construction services at Glasgow: C&K Glasgow

totals: 18,597.00 in Grant account expenses

A **motion** by Pat McNulty/Ray Hollen was unanimously passed to accept the financial report presented by Dane and to pay all invoices.

Next Meeting: August 18, 2009, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Ray Hollen the meeting was adjourned.