

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF JULY 20, 2010  
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The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 20 members present. There were three changes to be made to the June minutes- \$283 from the fishing derby 50/50 deposited into fishing derby fund, not general fund, \$588.30- \$288.30 into general fund, \$300.00 into fish fund (start up money from ticket sales). Funding for the chitin project is technically from the Foundation for PA Watersheds. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was then passed accepting the June 15, 2010 amended minutes. Earl mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

For May 29 – June 30, 2010

**General Fund**

Beginning Balance	<b>\$8,273.05</b>
Deposits	
Bank Interest	\$0.26
Clean Streams - ACE	\$230.00
Derby Donations	\$35.00
Derby 50/50	\$183.00
Memberships	\$26.00
Expenses	
Earl Smithmyer - Food/Supplies	(\$70.25)
 Ending Balance	 <b>\$8,677.06</b>

**Grant Accounts**

	<u>Beginning Bal.</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Bal.</u>
Working Capitol	\$30,710.07	\$1.27	\$0.00	\$30,711.34
Blandburg Active C&K	(\$40.00)	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Passive(Glasgow)	(\$12,163.83)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$12,163.83)
MuR1 Assessment	\$2,567.72	\$0.00	(\$10,528.00)	(\$7,960.28)
MuR Mapping	\$4,825.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,825.00
MR Ross	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amsbry	\$5,637.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,637.96
Ferris Wheel West	(\$9,683.12)	\$0.00	(\$1,999.64)	(\$11,682.76)
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	\$799.00	\$0.00	(\$40.00)	\$759.00
KL-Chitin	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
Fish Fund	\$4,457.17	\$222.00	(\$1,575.00)	\$3,104.17
 <b><u>Totals</u></b>	 <b>\$32,662.93</b>	 <b>\$15,263.27</b>	 <b>(\$14,142.64)</b>	 <b>\$33,783.56</b>

Respectfully Submitted

Dane R. Kalwanaski, Treasurer

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

#### Deposits:

\$42,163.83 into C&K Glasgow for remainder of Grant.

\$75.00 into General Fund for match time of work

\$10 into General Fund; Donations

\$40 into General Fund; Memberships

#### Expenses:

\$30,000; C&K Glasgow; Loan repayment

\$28.00; MuR1; Mahaffey Labs

\$100.00; KL-Rose; Mahaffey Labs;

\$30.00; General Fund (Ace Drilling); Mahaffey labs

\$59.85; General Fund; NeoNexus (Webhosting)

\$2541.00; MuR1; New Miles of Blue Stream

\$39.00; General Fund; Servinsky Jewelers, plaque

A discussion was held on the closing out of the Blandburg Active Fund. Dane was to make the journal entry for this transfer.

**A motion** by Alene Smithmyer and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed authorizing the payment of all invoices, to accept the Treasurer's Report, and to authorize Dane to close out the Blandburg Active Fund.

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

Jerry stated that he had a few e-mail correspondences this past month. He will be purchasing stamps soon. He is still working on the thank you letters to the supporters of the fishing derby.

### **Membership Committee:**

Four membership cards were received this past month. One renewal and three from the Penn State people that are working on the Chitin project.

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

Ray reported that he had the historical book up to date. He had recent articles on the Trout in the Classroom Project, Fishing Derby by Justin Edger and Walt Young.

### **Finance Report:**

Larry reported that he is still working on the list for potential donors for our capital campaign.

Larry has continued to talk with Mike Kane, Executive Director for the Community Foundation of the Alleghenies. Larry had received a copy of their by-laws and discussed setting up a legal document now for an endowment. Clearfield Creek would need to commit \$5,000.00 to set up this fund and a change would have to be made to our by-laws. Earl suggested that we wait until our working capital account is a little larger before we commit \$5,000.00.

### **Grant Committee:**

Shawn reported that we have not heard from Home Depot and that there was not a contact name, number to follow up with on the grant application.

Shawn also reported that the Waste Coal Power Plants have \$20,000.00 available for grants- \$10,000 to both the western and eastern half of the state. He would like to apply for a grant up to \$10,000. Discussed was the Swank mine project since our earlier grant application to the Foundation for PA Watersheds for this project was rejected. Deadline for this grant is July 30<sup>th</sup>. Art stated that he has for the project worked up and would be ready to send in.

Earl questioned whether this would still be a viable project if we received only a part of the grant money requested. It was decided that we could still purchase limestone rock and do a portion of the project. Art is to contact the PA game Commission since we would still need the roadway that they were to establish from a timber sale. Shawn will continue to work on this grant application.

Michelle mentioned the following:

EPA Section 319 Grants are open. The group approved Art Rose submitting a construction grant for the West Ferris Wheel AMD treatment system for which design is just wrapping up. The grant process is a little different this year in that a preliminary application has to go into EPA, then a more formal submittal to Growing Greener. The group approved Earl Smithmyer signing the paperwork when it is ready. It is due August 6, 2010. Michelle Merrow and Art are working on it.

The Swank limestone project was not funded through Foundation for PA Watersheds. Shawn Simmers mentioned a grant funded by the Waste Coal industry and administered through WPCAMR. Art and Shawn will look into applying for this other money for Swank. Growing Greener may be another possibility for funding for Swank.

### **Tech Committee:**

The following tech report was submitted by and presented by Art Rose, chairman of the Tech committee. **Tech Committee Report-July 20, 2010**

Klondike Project A field meeting was held at Klondike on July 1 with Mr. Slovikosky to discuss plans for construction of the Brennan crab shell experiments and the slag bed. Two days of backhoe work on each project was estimated. On the slag bed, Malcolm Crittenden discussed the source of slag from near Johnstown, but found that a permit and lab tests of the slag are needed. This will delay the construction for a couple weeks. A liner for the bed will cost \$595 from LB Water in Ebensburg. About 800 ft of pipe is required. The project appears to be feasible with the available funds in the Klondike budget. The crab shell experimental facilities will be constructed in the week of July 26.

West Ferris Wheel Project Proposals for EPA 319 funds are due in early August. A draft of a construction proposal for this site was prepared and sent to Michelle Merrow for financial information. This proposal should be sent to DEP in the next 2 weeks.

Glasgow Project The site was sampled on June 30 with Bill Gongaware, the contractor for the site under the Bond forfeiture program. On 6/23, a field visit to Ace Drilling and Glasgow with Dr. Carl Kirby and student Rebekah Morris from Bucknell led to installation of their manganese removal experiments at Glasgow. However, a

considerable amount of iron precipitate is washing from the wetland, and it appears that the experiment will have to be moved elsewhere.

Muddy Run Project The final report on this project was completed by Jen Demchak in mid-July. A copy was turned into DEP, and CCWA has received 8 copies. Final bills for New Miles of Blue Streams and Clearfield County Conservation District have been received.

Muddy Run Mapping Project The air photos of the Muddy Run watershed have been received from Land and Mapping Co. The Penn State group will discuss with Arthur Rose on the sites for which detailed topography maps will be obtained.

Swank 13 Our proposal for this project was not approved by the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds, mainly owing to the award of the Crab Shell proposal to CCWA. The possibility of funding the limestone at this site through a proposal to ARRIPPA was discussed with Shawn Simmers. The Game Commission will be contacted to determine if they will contribute the road for a new proposal.

Amsbry Project Michelle Merrow reports that mapping of wetland and other features was accomplished recently. She will discuss with Arthur Rose the conceptual design at Amsbry.

Brubaker Area Jason Rinker of the Corps of Engineers contacted Arthur Rose about resuming studies on this area. The report on the CCWA study of Brubaker was sent to the Corps. A field meeting is scheduled for July 29. Smithmyer and Rabish will join Rose for this meeting.

St. Francis course Rose and Rabish participated in lectures and field trips for a short course on environmental effects in the Susquehanna watershed for middle school teachers in the Cambria County region. The Klondike site and the mouth of Little Laurel Run were visited, and concepts relating to acid mine drainage were discussed. We hope this will lead to interaction with the local schools.

Chitin Project- a discussion was held by members present how we could assist with the hauling of silica sand for this project. It was suggested that it would be better to find a local supplier rather than haul from a silica supplier in Mapleton. Jessica was to call local suppliers.

Ace Drilling Site: Earl reported that he and Dick sampled this site in late June.

**The following was presented by Michelle Merrow:**

Ferris Wheel Reveg—Michelle will coordinate with Shawn Simmers. Michelle and Shawn are looking to determine suitable sources of alkaline and organic material now that fly ash may not be a viable option due to regulatory concerns.

W. Ferris Wheel AMD—Michelle met with Bobbi Blazosky of Cambria County Conservation District, and Bobbi is coordinating with PA DEP regarding the wetland and stream permitting for the site. DEP requested an environmental assessment (EA) form be completed, so Alder Run Eng is working on that.

Amsbry—Alder Run Eng visited the site and mapped the discharges. Michelle and Art will be sitting down to go over the discharges and look at additional sampling as there are many more discharges than the main discharge.

Muddy Run Mapping—Michelle delivered the photos-1 set for CCWA and 1 set for PSU. Art and PSU will be selecting the areas that they would like to see mapped. There are 3 sites of 20 acres each to be mapped.

Morgan Run Frog and Tuff—Michelle asked if the group would consider sponsoring Morgan Run Watershed group for a grant of approx. \$6000 for the MR Frog project. Non-necessary items such as inlet docks were cut from the budget due to funding shortfalls, and they would be very good to put in terms of operation and maintenance of the system. If Foundation for PA Watersheds approves the pre-application, Michelle will bring back a full application.

MR Ross-CCWA had previously agreed to act as a sponsor for this project. The funding from Office of Surface Mines has hit a roadblock due to problems of the site with eligibility. The site is not eligible for funds if the mining company is responsible for the discharge. The DEP has no record of mining on the site (although mining did certainly occur), and the adjacent mining would have responsibility for the discharge. We are working to get this figured out.

The pH of Morgan Run below the projects is 6.1, which is a drastic improvement from 4.0 which it was several years ago.

#### **Old Business:**

**Gary Haluska Grant**-Ray stated that he had contacted Trudy from Haluska's office. Trudy stated that we should have received the official notice and paperwork for this grant several months ago. Earl mentioned that we did not receive this paperwork. Ray will continue to follow up on this with Trudy.

**Tree Planting:** Discussion was held on the additional fencing needed for the apple trees planted at the Klondike site. Three additional rolls are needed at a cost of \$360.00. A **motion** by Larry Sutton and seconded by Dane Kalwanaski was passed authorizing Dan to purchase fencing. This money is to be taken out of the KL-2 fund.

**Roadway Problem-** Bender site- Earl mentioned that he was not able to contact Jimmy Walters about the roadway problem.

**CCWA Brochures-Update-** Larry stated that he had nothing new to report at this time. It was mentioned that we would need brochures for the upcoming Cider Festival. Brian agreed to run off 50 additional brochures for CCWA.

**Right to Know Officer:** A very lengthy discussion was held on the appointment of a right to know officer for CCWA. A copy of the Pennsylvania Right to Know Law covered under the \$169,000 grant that we recently received was provided by Michelle.

At the conclusion of this lengthy discussion, a **motion** by Larry Sutton and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed naming the corporate secretary for CCWA as the Right to Know Officer.

**New Business:**

**Clean up- August 8<sup>th</sup>, route 53-**our next cleanup on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> will begin at 9 AM, Laurel Run Sportsman's, Dysart. Donuts and coffee will be provided.

**TU Stream Assessment-** Earl reported that the planned shocking of Clearfield Creek did not go well. The conductivity of the water was too high thus kicking the breaker of the TU equipment. It was suggested that we contact the PA Fish Commission to see if they could help with the shocking. No final report on the Clearfield Stream assessment has been completed.

**Gibson Halstock Project-** Michelle mentioned that CCWA should submit a grant application to EPA for this project. EPA 319 doesn't require a landowner agreement until construction money is spent. If we didn't submit for design now, it would be at least 2 years before we could start design (1 year until the next round, plus another year until the announcement of the awards for the next round). After discussion, the group decided that the grant should be submitted and Earl could sign the paperwork when it is ready. Art is working on this, and it will be an update of the materials prepared last year.

**Chitin Project-** Treasurer Dane Kalwanaski mentioned that a \$275.00 check would be needed on July 23<sup>rd</sup> to pay for the limestone to be delivered for this project. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed authorizing Dane to write the check to pay for the limestone.

**Illegal Dump Sites-**Larry mentioned about the recent report released by PA Clean Ways and the Cambria County Solid Waste Authority. The survey identified 203 illegal dump sites containing an estimated 254 tons of garbage in Cambria County alone. 30 of these sites are in Clearfield Creek watershed. To read the complete illegal dump site survey for PA visit [www.pacleanways.org/IDS/ids\\_index.html](http://www.pacleanways.org/IDS/ids_index.html)

**Next Meeting: August 17, 2010, Laurel Run Sportsman's, Dysart, 6:30 PM.**

**Outstanding Service Award:** Each year CCWA gives an award to a member who has provided outstanding service to our group. At a recent gathering of the members of the Board of Directors one name was discussed-Alene Smithmyer. Anyone who has ever attended a meeting or cleanup has tasted the baked goods and/or excellent meal that Alene provides. She is a behind the scene type of person who assists Earl with the many phone calls and meetings. We could think of no other person more deserving of this award.

At this time Earl presented, with great pride, to Alene the Outstanding Service Award for 2010. A huge round of applause was given to Alene.

**Adjournment:** On a **motion** by Ed McMullen and seconded by Dane Kalwanaski the meeting was adjourned.