

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 13 members present and two visitors-Rachael Kester and Carl Undercofler. On a **motion** by Ed McMullen and seconded by Ray Hollen the minutes from July 18, 2006 were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

During the month of **July**, the following activity took place in the bank accounts:

Regular Account

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| Beginning Balance, July 1 st , 2006 | \$4,681.75 |
| <u>Deposits:</u> | |
| Dues | 10.00 |
| Bank interest | 0.20 |
| <u>Expenses:</u> | |
| None | 0.00 |
| Ending Balance, July 31 st , 2006 | \$4,691.95 |

Money Held for Deposit at 7/31/06: \$0

Grant Account

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| Beginning Balance, July 1 st , 2006 | \$5,400.70 |
| <u>Deposits:</u> | |
| New Grant Awards Received | 0.00 |
| Grant Reimbursements | 0.00 |
| Bank interest | .41 |
| Total Deposits | .41 |

ENDING FUND BALANCES

Expenses:

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| KL1 (Growing Greener) | 150.00 | → | \$ (1,332.03) |
| KL2 (EPA) | 0.00 | → | 0.00 |
| KL-Rose | 0.00 | → | 2,500.00 |
| Brubaker | 2,009.54 | → | (2,009.48) |
| Fish Fund | 0.00 | → | 3,796.08 |
| Heinz Grant | 0.00 | → | 287.00 |
| Total Expenses | 2,159.54 | | |

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| Ending Balance, July 31 st , 2006 | \$3,241.57 | \$3,241.57 |
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Money Held for Deposit at 7/31/06: \$75.00 (donation to Fish Fund in July)

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Larry reported that he has sent three invoices totaling \$34,828.98 for drilling services (Brubaker Project) to DEP for reimbursement. The drilling company can not be paid until we receive reimbursement from DEP. In order to expedite this payment, a **motion** by Brian Rabish and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed authorizing payment of these invoices, when the reimbursement check is received, upon review by Art Rose and/or John Foreman.

Larry reported that he has three invoices, Mahaffey Lab-\$453.00 & \$426.00 for water sampling and Earl Smithmyer-\$50.21, reimbursement for lumber purchased to build the weir on Brubaker. All three invoices are from the Brubaker project. On a **motion** by Ed McMullen and seconded by Ray Hollen these three invoices and the treasurer's report were unanimously approved.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had sent out 2 thank you letters to fishing derby sponsors with a copy of the pictures of the fishing derby that appeared in the Mainliner.

Membership Committee:

There was nothing new to report at this time.

Public Relations:

There was nothing new to report for this month. Earl reported that he had tried to contact Pat McNulty, committee chair, and will try again before next month's meeting.

Historical Committee:

Alene Smithmyer stated that she had received two Tribune Democrat articles from Ray Hollen, one from Jerry McMullen and an Altoona Mirror article from Larry Sutton. Larry's article mentioned two reclamation projects in Clearfield County. These will be added to the historical book.

Finance Report:

Larry had nothing to report at this time.

Tech Committee:

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

Tech Committee Report
8/15/06

Klondike Project Calls to DEP in Pittsburgh have provided contact with David Plowman, who is now reviewing our Joint Permit Application. We recently sent a replacement signature page for the application, since they apparently lost the original pages. We hope for some word on the application in the next 10 days.

Brubaker Project Several holes were drilled into the SE branch area in search of an opening for tracer injection without complete success, and two piezometer holes were successfully drilled in area A above the discharge. Five deep holes have been drilled on

top of the hill in area B in an attempt to find the mine. A small opening was detected on 8/15. Drilling will continue there. Two earlier holes were examined with the borehole camera, but it was called away on an emergency near Barnesboro before two other holes could be examined. It will return in late August. A meeting with Joe Johnston who worked in the mine in 1940 and in 1946-47 until it closed provided several key pieces of information. He spent a year driving replacement haulages beneath a caved part of the mine, and mined ore from the extreme eastern end. Water samples of discharges and wells show suggestive similarities and differences indicating that the Haws clay mine probably does not connect with the Dean clay mine. Parts of 2 days were spent by Foreman and Rose on map compilation.

Ferris Wheel Project No activity on this project.

Amsbry Project No activity on this project. We need to get Robindale Energy to the site to examine access and sample piles.

Glasgow Project Surface owners at the site have approved the “autopsy” project, but want a formal agreement for any construction work. Trout Unlimited was awaiting owner approval, and has recently forwarded our request to Hedin Environmental for contracting. Monthly flushing continues.

Blandburg Treatment Plant A visit with Jon Dietz and others is planned for 8/17.

Old Business:

Grant Committee: Shawn Simmers reported that he had been working on an application for funding of an assessment for water sampling on Muddy Run due in September. Jen Demchak had been assisting Shawn with information for this application. Shawn reported that in order to do “a good job” on this application, all information will be gathered and filed at a later date. Shawn and Dan McMullen are also looking at a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for planting of trees along stream banks. After a brief discussion, it was decided that it would be best to receive the trees for spring-time planting.

Trash Dump-Utahville area: Earl stated that he had talked to Jeff Holtz and they are to meet on August 17th to look at this site. Jeff has an aerial map of this area. Both Carl Undercofler and Rachael Kester, Clearfield County Conservation District, stated that they may be able to assist us with this cleanup.

Boat Tour-Glendale Lake: Earl had talked to Barry Wolfe, Prince Gallitzin Park Manager, and a boat tour is scheduled tentatively for August 29th limited to six people- Earl, Ed, Rob, Art, Jerry and John Foreman.

Annual Skeet Shoot: Earl had talked to Jeff Holtz and the shooting range is available. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the skeet shoot would be tabled at this time. A letter is to be sent to Jeff and the Holtz family thanking them for their past support.

Roadway cleanup: Earl wanted to thank anyone who helped with the cleanup in August. It was very successful with 50 plus bags of garbage picked up. The next cleanup will be on Sunday, October 8th. It was mentioned that volunteer(s) are need to help prepare the luncheon for this cleanup.

New Business:

Upper West Branch Team Triathlon and Conservation Celebration: at this time Rachael Kester explained the triathlon and conservation celebration to be held on September 9th, Curwensville Lake, Curwensville, PA. Many events are planned for this day including a climbing wall, a nature hike by Jen and Sean Demchak, the PA Game Commission animal tracks display, Trout Unlimited fly tying and fly fishing demonstrations, a macro invertebrate identification activity and canoe and kayak demonstrations. All of these activities are free. There is a fee for the 2-person team triathlon- a run, bike race, and a canoe race. Food will also be sold. We encourage all to support this triathlon and conservation celebration. Please stop and visit the CCWA display.

Baseline Analysis- Carl Undercofler reported that he is working on two baseline analysis- one for each Muddy Run & Morgan Run. These analysis look at conductivity, check the PH, check for macro invertebrates and dissolved oxygen. Both of these streams are in Clearfield county and are part of the Clearfield Creek Watershed.

Little Laurel Restoration Plan- a **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed offering support of a resolution indicating that CCWA supports the Little Laurel Restoration Plan and pursues such activities as outlined in said plan. A signed resolution offering this support will be drafted, signed by the officers, and sent to DEP.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM, September 19, 2006. Please come and join us for this meeting.

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Alene Smithmyer the meeting was adjourned.

