

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF AUGUST 21, 2007
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 17 members present and two visitors- Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering and Terry Stacey from Blair County Solid Waster Authority. We welcome these visitors to our meeting. From the July minutes Ed wanted Ray's name added to the list of the members who had worked on installing the gate at the Amsbry site. This change will be made to the official minutes. A **motion** by Chuck Sutton and seconded by Shawn Simmers was passed accepting the July minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Regular Account

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2007	\$6,028.93
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	10.00
Bank interest	0.53
<u>Expenses:</u>	
None	
Ending Balance, July 31, 2007	\$6,039.46

Grant Account

Beginning Balance, July 1, 2007	\$14,358.87	
<u>Deposits:</u>		
Campaign donations	1,000.00	[Working Capital]
Bank interest	1.32	[Working Capital]
Total Deposits	1,001.32	

ENDING FUND BALANCES

<u>Expenses:</u>			
Working Capital	0.00	→	\$ 4,275.63
Amsbry	155.17	→	7,799.33
Ferris Wheel	0.00	→	0.00
KL2 (EPA)	0.00	→	(657.00)
KL-Rose	0.00	→	2,500.00
Brubaker	0.00	→	(2,999.94)
Fish Fund	0.00	→	4,000.00
Heinz Grant	0.00	→	287.00
Total Expenses	155.17		
Ending Balance, July 31, 2007	\$15,205.02		\$15,205.02

Respectfully submitted by Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report (Continued):

Larry reported that since July 31st (not reflected in the above report) he has received the following checks for deposit: donation, Ashville VFW-\$500.00 (capital account), Robindale Energy-\$4,203.29 (Amsbry account), two checks from DEP for reimbursement on the Brubaker project- \$8,844.00 & \$2,320.00.

Larry had the following invoices for payment: Wessel & Co- work on the IRS 990 form- \$645.00 total, \$395.00 donated to CCWA leaving an invoice of \$250.00, Cree Surveying- \$756.00, Klondike project, marked controls- monuments to be used by the contractor for this project, Servinsky Jewelers-\$38.00- plaque, Earl & Alene Smithmyer-\$11.98- cleanup expenses, Earl Smithmyer-\$16.25, reimbursement for Postal Express Package- mailing for the Klondike project, and Alder Run Engineering- 2 invoices, \$390.00-mapping fees & \$2,245.00-professional engineering services on the Ferris Wheel Project. A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed accepting the treasurer's report and authorizing Larry to pay these invoices.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had received several e-mails this past month: Rob Piper inviting CCWA to the annual Apple Cider Festival on October 7th, 2007. There was a brief discussion on a possible conflict on this Sunday since this is also the date of the final cleanup of the year. Bryan Rabish offered to take the tables & chairs down early and get them set up for CCWA. Other members will assist Bryan at the booth after the cleanup. Rob also sent information on the 2nd Annual Susquehanna River Symposium on September 28th, 29th at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA. Fee is \$10.00.

From Rachael Kester- information on an article in The Progress- (www.theprogressnews.com) concerning the huge dumpsite near Beccaria. CCWA was mentioned in the article; a reminder of the Moshannon Creek Watershed Coalition's watershed festival, Sunday August 26th at the Coldstream Dam in Philipsburg; also, information on the annual Clearfield Conservation Celebration on September 8th at Curwensville Lake. CCWA is invited to set up a display at this event.

Lastly, an e-mail was received from Daniel Bickel asking for support of a soon to be introduced House Bill 1810-legislation that will provide \$30 million in additional funds to HSCA (Hazardous Site Clean Up).

Membership Committee:

No new memberships were received this past month.

Public Relations:

Art had written a Press Release for the Klondike Project. Jerry reported that he had sent the press release out to the following papers: The Progress-Jane Elling, The Mainliner-Justin Eger, The Altoona Mirror- Linda Hudkins, and the Tribune Democrat-Kathy Mellot.

Historical Committee:

Alene reported that she had received a few articles from Dick Dotts that were in The Progress. We want to thank Jane and The Progress for their great coverage.

Finance Report:

Larry reported that he has been in contact with Sheila Hartless, an auditor from the Office of Surface Mining. Arrangements will have to be made for Sheila to physically look at the books as a requirement for the \$100,000.00 grant that has been applied for through OSM on the Klondike project. It is also required that CCWA be registered with Dunn & Bradstreet. Larry is to look into what all is needed for this. Money from this grant is not allowed to be put into an interest bearing account. Therefore, a wire transfer for payment of any invoice will be made as the invoice is mailed.

Larry reported that he had a request for a copy of our sales tax exemption certificate from Ligonier Construction and Forsyth Drilling.

Ed reported that he had received a letter from the Cambria County Co-Gen Plant located near Ebensburg. Although no cash donation was offered to CCWA, the Co-Gen Plant did offer equipment, labor and material for a project and support to this group in any way that they can.

Grant Committee:

FERRIS WHEEL REVEGETATION PROJECT: This progress report covers the period from July 10, 2007 through August 21, 2007.

During this time period, Alder Run Engineering was still expecting detailed contour mapping from the mapper. Mapping was delayed due to concerns about contract and funding issues during June and July. Alder Run Engineering will follow up with the mapper to try to expedite the mapping progress.

Design and permitting has progressed as far as possible without the detailed mapping. The narrative and conceptual plan are nearly complete, and calculations dependent on drainage area remain to be completed. A final E&S Plan and narrative can be completed and submitted within two weeks of receipt of mapping.

Progress on the NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Permit applications continued. The application is scheduled to be presented to the Clearfield Creek Watershed Association in September for signature.

Cleanup Committee:

Chuck Sutton reported that the cleanup in August went well although there were barely enough volunteers. Earl reported that approximately 40-50 bags of trash were picked up and a few tires. We want to thank anyone who helped with this cleanup.

The final cleanup of the year is Sunday, October 7th at 9 AM. We will be meeting at Laurel Run Sportsman in Dysart. Extra volunteers are needed since this will be both a roadway and stream cleanup.

Tech Committee:

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

Klondike Project After negotiation, a fixed price bid of \$385,844 was agreed to between directors of Clearfield Creek Watershed Association and Ligonier Construction

Co for the Klondike project. This price covers construction of the KL1 and KL2 treatment systems along with the necessary associated road work and erosion/sediment control work. No plastic liners or stream reconstruction are included in this price. If we receive the necessary funds, supplemental fixed prices of \$99,161.20 for Stream Rechannelization and \$60,736 for adding liners for the vertical flow ponds (but not the preceding and succeeding settling ponds) are included in the contract. Work on the project started August 6, 2007. As of 8/20/07, the highway entrance and culverts were completed, all E&S controls were in on KL1, the area was cleared and grubbed, and the sed pond/wetland was constructed. The E&S controls were being installed at KL2. A 150-day time period for completion of the project is specified.

On 7/25/07, a field meeting at the site was held with David Hamilton and Brent Means of the US Office of Surface Mining to discuss our application for \$100,000 for the Klondike project. John Foreman, Earl Smithmyer and Art Rose were at the site for this meeting, along with Donna Carnahan of DEP. Dave Hamilton indicated a few days later that he had recommended the project and expected it to be funded.

On about 8/10/07, official word was received from DEP that an additional \$59,980 was being granted from EPA 319 funds for installation of liners in the vertical flow ponds. Ligonier Construction has been notified to proceed with this supplemental item.

In a phone discussion with John Dawes of the Western Pennsylvania Watershed Program in late July, he indicated that our proposed funding of \$20,000 fit their mission, and that our proposal looked very good and was expected to be funded when his directors committee met in November.

Brubaker Run Project. A report for this project was received from John Foreman on 8/8/07. After reading the report and discussing it with DEP personnel in Ebsburg, Arthur Rose recommended that the report be improved before being submitted to DEP. This path was acceptable to the DEP. Extensive revisions are currently underway by John Foreman and Arthur Rose. It is hoped that the report can be submitted in about 2 weeks. A day was spent by Smithmyer and Rose in surveying the location of recent drillholes, and part of another day in measuring water levels in these holes.

Amsbry Project Mr. Jim Corl of Beech Creek is now the owner of the former Larue property. In a phone conversation, we agreed to put a lock on the gate there and send him a key, with another key kept with CCWA for our future work on treating the AM-5 discharge. Photos were taken of the reclaimed areas where the coal refuse had been removed and will be used for the website.

Glasgow Project. No word has come on the possible funding of renovations to this passive treatment system.

Website. Photos and text for website pages have been prepared for Glasgow and are in progress for Amsbry. After discussion with Sean Bartlett, the Glasgow material will be condensed in order to allow more rapid loading of the page, and will be placed in service.

Additional Tech Notes: John Foreman reported that the Ligonier Construction is moving along quite well on the Klondike Project. Earl reported that the Cambria County Conservation District was at the site on 8-21-07. They were pleased with the E& S work that had been done thus far but would like grass planted on the backside of the silt fencing. John stated that there would be a proposal for payment. After verification of the

work completed by Art and John, this invoice may then be approved by a majority of the Board Members. There was a discussion as to the need for a sign for this site. John Foreman will be giving Earl-who will be working on the sign-any information needed, including the list of sponsors.

Old Business:

Blandburg Plant- John Strittmatter reported that he has been in contact with Pam Milovich from DEP. All the money is gone from the C& K bankruptcy fund. A non-profit group could file for funds to operate this plant. However, this may take a few years and there is no guarantee of funding.

Survey Monuments-John Strittmatter requested that as a matter of record any future surveying done be marked with permanent monuments so that we do not have to pay a surveyor to go back and install these permanent markings.

New Business:

Winter Meetings: Earl reported that Dean Township had offered their building as a meeting site for our winter meetings. This site would be more convenient for most members. Earl is to talk to the supervisors and report at the next meeting.

Notes of Thank You- At this time President Ed McMullen wanted to thank the following members for all that they do for CCWA: Art Rose and John Foreman for all of their work and many hours that they have put into the Klondike Project; both Larry Sutton and Jerry McMullen for the many hours that they put in behind the scene as part of their duties as treasurer and secretary, respectively. Dick Dotts reported that he had the opportunity to personally thank Jane Elling from The Progress for the great articles on CCWA.

Lastly, we want to thank a special person for all that he does on a nearly daily routine for CCWA. This special person is our past President-Earl Smithmyer. At this time Ed presented to Earl a plaque recognizing his service as past President. It is hard to thank Earl enough for all that he does.

Morgan Run-Kevin Clark reported that the Morgan Run Tuff & Frog AMD Treatment Systems have been bid. Of the two possible bidders, Wetlands Habitat Management and Earthmovers negotiations will soon be completed. Both projects are located in the Morgan Run headwaters, a sub-watershed of Clearfield Creek, and will restore 3.5 miles of stream. Completion is scheduled for October, 2008.

PennDOT- Pat McNulty expressed his concerns of the salt that is used on the highways during the winter months by PennDOT. Pat discussed whether it is possible to use sand as an alternative to salt. Pat stated that he will be looking into this for future discussion. Once again, this is just one of the ways that members are looking at to protect our streams.

Next Meeting:

September 18, 2007, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Larry Sutton and seconded by Brian Rabish the meeting was adjourned.

