

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF AUGUST 17, 2010
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The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 13 members present. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was then passed accepting the July 20, 2010 minutes. Earl mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

For: July 1 - July 30, 2010

<u>General Fund</u>		
Beginning Balance		\$8,677.06
Deposits	Bank Interest	\$0.24
	Gagamon; Work Stipend	\$75.00
	Donations	\$10.00
	Memberships	\$40.00
Expenses	Mahaffey Labs - Ace Drilling	(\$30.00)
	NeoNexus	(\$59.85)
	Servinsky	
	Jewelers	(\$39.00)
Ending Balance		\$8,673.45

<u>Grant Accounts</u>				
	<u>Beginning Bal.</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Bal.</u>
Working Capitol	\$30,711.34	\$1.43	\$0.00	\$30,712.77
C&K				
Passive(Glasgow)	(\$12,163.83)	\$42,163.83	(\$30,000.00)	\$0.00
MuR1 Assessment	(\$7,960.28)	\$0.00	(\$2,569.48)	(\$10,529.76)
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	(\$11,682.76)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$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	\$759.00	\$0.00	(\$100.00)	\$659.00
KL-Chitin	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
Fish Fund	\$3,104.17	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,104.17
<u>Totals</u>	\$33,783.56	\$42,165.26	(\$32,669.48)	\$43,279.34

Respectfully Submitted
Dane R. Kalwanaski, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report Continued:

Deposits: None

Expenses:

\$196.00-Mahaffey Labs-water testing, ace Drilling site- General Fund

\$200.00 Slovikosky Excavating-KL-Chitin Project

\$14.98- Earl Smithmyer, cleanup food and supplies, General Fund

\$36.40- Gerald McMullen- stamps/supplies. General Fund

\$259.28 was the price of the limestone from New Enterprise for the KL-Chitin Project. Approved at the July meeting.

Earl mentioned that since there was a backhoe at the Klondike site we were able to get a couple of ditches dug along the road to drain the wet spots and to also get the old well filled in, that was a safety concern.

A motion by Dan McMullen and seconded by Ed McMullen was passed authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry stated that he was able to get all of the thank you letters mailed out in early July. He had purchased stamps for the monthly mailings. He also had a few e-mail correspondences.

Membership Committee:

There were no new memberships this past month.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray stated that he had no new newspaper articles but he did have the historical book up to date for any member present to look at.

Finance Report:

Larry was out of town and was unable to attend the meeting. He reported earlier to Earl that he is still working on the endowment project with Mike Kane. Larry has also been in contact with a potential donor to the capital campaign.

Grant Committee:

Shawn was very happy to report that CCWA received a grant for \$8,000.00 from ARIPPA (Anthracite Region Independent Power Producers Association) through WPCAMR for the Swank 13 channel project. This is very impressive considering only \$10,000 is given out to the western half of the state. Time frame for this Grant is one year and we will have to work with the PA Game Commission for a roadway into the site.

Shawn also stated that the application was noted to be very informative, well written, and a compelling application. We want to thank Shawn and Dan from the Grant Committee and Art Rose for his assistance in securing this grant.

We have not heard anything from the Home Depot Co. about an earlier grant Application.

Michelle mentioned that Art had submitted Section 319 (EPA) applications for the West Ferris Wheel AMD Construction and Gibson Halstock Design. She stated that the grant amount requested was very high, higher than expected at the last meeting, and that it was due to their being 3 systems plus a lot of access road and three stream crossings.

Michelle also mentioned that in order to obtain 319 funding this year, a “duplicate” application for the same projects had to be submitted on the Growing Greener forms, in addition to the 319 paperwork that Art just submitted. The deadline is September 17. Since the group won’t meet again before then, Michelle asked the group to make a motion to authorize the submission of the necessary Growing Greener paperwork for the W. Ferris AMD and Gibson Halstock Grants. Art will likely be taking these to Earl for signature, but Michelle will help however she can.

A **motion** by Dane Kalwanaski and seconded by Ray Hollen was unanimously passed authorizing President Earl to sign and to submit a Growing Greener 319 Grant Application for the West Ferris Wheel and Gibson projects both located on Little Laurel Run.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted by Art Rose, chairman of the Tech committee and presented by Gerald McMullen

Tech Committee Report-August 17, 2010

Klondike Project The crab shell experiments were completed on 7/27 and thereafter, involving work by Penn State students, John Slovikosky, Bryan Rabish and Earl Smithmyer. The slag bed project awaits results of slag tests by PA DEP, to establish that the slag is safe to use.

West Ferris Wheel Project A proposal for construction of treatment systems at this was submitted to the PA DEP 319 program on 7/31, with the assistance of Alder Run Engineering. The estimated cost is \$802,315. The cost is high because the design requires three treatment systems with their associated ponds, plus a lot of limestone.

Gibson Project This site is on lower Little Laurel Run. A proposal for design and permitting of a treatment system was submitted to PA DEP on 7/30, with a requested cost of \$43,098.

Amsbry Project No activity.

Muddy Run Project The final report was distributed; additional copies are available.

Muddy Run Photo Project The aerial photos for this project were received from Land and Mapping Co. Through Alder Run Engineering. After discussion with Penn State engineering faculty, three sites were selected for detailed topography: Eureka 29, MUEC near Blandburg, and Brookwood, plus an alternate site of MUEA-6. Areas of about 20 acres were outlined for detailed topography each of at these sites, and will be forwarded to Land and Mapping by Alder Run Engineering.

Glasgow Project The manganese experiment set up by Bucknell will have to be moved because of significant suspended iron in the inflow to the limestone bed. The system continues to completely treat the water.

Brubaker Run Project Smithmyer, Rabish and Rose met with Jason Rinker and 5 others from the Corps of Engineers at Brubaker on 7/29. The corps had about \$175,000 left from the project several years ago. They will use this to evaluate the work to date and probably hire a consulting firm to generate a restoration plan. At this point, no match is needed from CCWA, but one would be needed for any future construction.

Swank 13 Project A message was sent to Nate Haven of PA Game Commission inquiring whether their commitment for a road to the site had changed, but no reply has yet been received. An inquiry was sent to Zaffuto on 7/31.

Chitin Project: Jessica reported that the tanks have been installed, piping done with help from Earl, the stone and sand hand placed in the tanks, tanks flushed. They are filled and will incubate for one week and then are ready to go. Initially they will be sampled weekly. Earl reported that we will reseed the area excavated around the tanks. Ed reported that Earl had countless hours in this project. A big round of applause was given to Earl for all his assistance with this project.

Ace Drilling Site: Earl reported that he and Dick sampled this site in early September.

The following was presented by Michelle Merrow:

W. Ferris Wheel AMD—CCWA has a new permit reviewer at the ACOE, which may speed the project permitting up. Mike Domboskie may ask to see the site.

Ferris Wheel Reveg Phase II-The project is being held off for a little bit due to concerns about future regulations on fly ash. We have two more years to do the project if it gets pushed until next fall.

Amsbry—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—The areas to be mapped have been submitted to Land and Mapping, which promised the first priority area by early September so that PSU had it in time for the fall semester.

Morgan Run Ross—Alder Run Engineering is still working on the eligibility of this site. Old deep mine information was found, but DEP still shows the site as unmined (and therefore ineligible for Federal Funds).

Old Business:

Gary Haluska Grant: Ray stated that he will once again follow up with Trudy at Gary Haluska's office.

Tree Planting: Dan reported that he will pick up the fencing. An evening will have to be planned to install the fencing and additional posts. We will reseed around the Chitin project, at this time.

Roadway Problem: Bender site- Earl mentioned that Bender had corrected the problems on the roadway.

CCWA Brochures-Update: Brian reported that he has run off 50 brochures for CCWA. A discussion was held as to whether we need to look at some sort of an item identified with CCWA to give away at the Apple Cider Festival or the Outdoor Show that we are expecting to be invited to in the spring. Katie Snyder agreed to look into this for us.

Also discussed was the need to purchase the Publisher program that could be used on the CCWA laptop. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ed McMullen was unanimously passed authorizing Dane Kalwanaski to purchase the Publisher program to load onto our laptop. This may also be used to update our brochures.

Cleanup-August 8th: Only 13 people showed up on the day of the cleanup for Rote 53. They were able to cover all 9 miles because a few sections of the highway were done earlier. Earl also reported that PennDOT had still not had the bolts and scrap from the new guide rail project along route 53 picked up. He has contact Lisa at the Ebensburg PennDOT office about this problem.

Cleanup-September 26th: This is a reminder that this is the last cleanup of the year. It is both a roadway and stream cleanup. Lots of volunteers are needed so please mark this date on your calendar. 9AM, Dysart, lunch will be provided.

TU Stream Assessment: Earl reported that we have not heard from TU about this assessment. He will try to contact Erin from TU. Jerry is to check via e-mail.

New Business:

File Cabinets: Earl mentioned that two used file cabinets are available to CCWA. Jerry agreed to take one of these for future CCWA use.

Moshannon Creek Watershed Festival: Michelle invited the members to this festival on Sunday, August 22, 1-6 PM, Osceola Mills Recreation Park. Live band, Woodmobile, Trout Unlimited, etc.

Next Meeting: September 21, 2010, Laurel Run Sportsman's, Dysart, 6:30 PM.

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