

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2007  
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 18 members present and two visitors- Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering and Joe Sohmer a friend of Shawn's. We welcome these visitors to our meeting. From the August minutes Jerry stated that he will correct the spelling of Pam Milavec's name. Kevin Clark stated that the number of miles restored in the Morgan Run projects is 2 miles not 3.5. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed accepting the August minutes with the change.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

**Regular Account**

Beginning Balance, August 1, 2007	\$6,039.46
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Bank interest	0.51
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Accounting Fee	250.00
Road Cleanup	11.98
Service Plaque	38.00
Ending Balance, August 31, 2007	<b>\$5,739.99</b>

**Grant Account**

Beginning Balance, August 1, 2007	\$15,205.02	
<u>Deposits:</u>		
Campaign donations	500.00	[Working Capital]
Robindale Access Fees	4,203.29	[ Amsbry ]
DEP Reimbursements	11,164.00	[Brubaker]
Bank interest	1.32	[Working Capital]
Total Deposits	15,869.11	

**ENDING FUND BALANCES**

<u>Expenses:</u>			
<b>Working Capital</b>	0.00	→	\$ 4,777.45
Amsbry	0.00	→	12,002.62
Ferris Wheel	2,635.00	→	(2,635.00)
KL2 (EPA)	772.25	→	(1,429.25)
KL-Rose	0.00	→	2,500.00
Brubaker	8,164.00	→	.06
Fish Fund	0.00	→	4,000.00
Heinz Grant	0.00	→	287.00
Total Expenses	11,571.25		
Ending Balance, August 31, 2007	<b>\$19,502.88</b>		<b>\$19,502.8</b>

Respectfully submitted by Larry Sutton, Treasurer

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

In addition to the above treasurer's report Larry presented an End Of Grant Summary for the Brubaker Mine Sealing Study. The total grant was for \$211,620.00, actual spent was \$185,507.30 or \$26,112.70 under budget.

Larry had the following invoices for payment: Earl Smithmyer-\$32.55, lock & keys for the gate at the Klondike site, Dan McMullen-\$85.88, cement for the poles for the gate at the Klondike site. Both invoices are to be paid out of the Amsbry Fund; Alder Run Engineering, two invoices- \$817.50- August & September, \$240.00-April. Both invoices were for professional engineering services as part of the Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project.

Michelle Merrow stated that Alder Run Engineering would need funds for the permits for this project- estimated to be less than \$1,100.00. Jerry stated that he would have to purchase stamps for the monthly and annual mailing in December. The following **motion** was made by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen: a **motion** to accept the treasurer's report, authorize Larry to pay the above 4 invoices, approve a future payment to Alder Run Engineering not to exceed \$1,100.00 and to authorize secretary Jerry McMullen to purchase \$82.00 of stamps. This motion passed unanimously.

Lastly, Larry stated that the Brubaker project was the first real project completed by CCWA and we should be proud of our accomplishment. At this time there was a big round of applause given to everyone involved in this project. It took a lot of hands and an awful lot of time to bring this project to completion. Thank You!

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

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had received an e-mail from William Capouillez stating that the PGC's SGL 120 lease with Bender Coal has provided for the completion and stream restoration of the trib to Clearfield Creek from SGL 120. CCWA members were invited to tour the site with PGC and Bender Coal reps and invite the media. Art stated that he would tour the site with Earl, look at the work done and perhaps write a press release for this project.

### **Membership Committee:**

No new memberships were received this past month.

### **Public Relations:**

Jerry stated that he had attended a seminar at the Altoona Mirror on sending information for publishing to the paper. It was very informative and he will be in contact with the paper about upcoming events.

Jerry reported that he had recently contacted Justin Eger from The Mainliner about visiting the Klondike site to take pictures and do a follow up story.

### **Historical Committee:**

Alene reported that she had received several articles this past month for the historical book. An article on the Klondike was in the following papers: The Altoona Mirror, The Mainliner, The Progress and the Tribune Democrat. There was also an article in The Progress about a DEP meeting seeking input on the use of its funds for mine cleanup attended by two CCWA members- Carl Undercofler and Art Rose.

**Finance Report:**

Larry had nothing new to report at this time.

**Grant Committee:**

Shawn stated that the status of the Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project would be covered under the tech report. Dan had nothing new to report, at this time.

**Cleanup Committee:**

Chuck Sutton reminded those present that this is our last cleanup of the year and we barely had enough volunteers at the August cleanup. We will be doing both the normal roadway cleanup and also the stream cleanup from Ashville to Dean. Cleanup date is Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 9 AM. Lunch will be provided. Come and bring your hip boots and a friend. The cleanup committee will be placing fliers announcing this cleanup. Earl stated that the county prisoners have been working on route 53 from Ashville towards Cresson.

**Tech Committee:**

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

**Tech Committee Report**

Klondike Project Construction on this project advanced rapidly during the month. The three ponds at KL1 were dug and berms built up to the final shape, ready for installation of the liner, limestone and compost. At KL2, the area has been cleared and grubbed, and ponds are being excavated and berms built. Some rock has been encountered in the south end, but the ponds are expected to be done this week. A bill for \$104,265.09 from Ligonier Construction for work during August was received, approved and sent to DEP.

In early September, word was received from DEP that the EPA 319 grant was extended for another year to September 30, 2008. Also, David Hamilton of US Office of Surface Mining reported that our application for \$100,000 had been approved by the Pittsburgh office and sent to Washington for final approval, expected this week.

Brubaker Project A revised report on the Brubaker project was submitted to CCWA and to DEP on September 17. The report recommends sealing the mine in two places to reduce flow and protect against sudden breakouts. Grouting to cut off inflow of water is recommended for the D Stope area. A supplemental report is being prepared by Rose. The project was completed for \$185,507, well under the budget of \$211,620.

Glasgow Project A phone call from Malcolm Crittenden indicates that DEP has obtained \$175,000 for renovation of the Glasgow passive treatment system. The main focus will be on rebuilding of VFP 2, which is currently plugged with Fe oxide precipitate. Conversion of the manganese removal bed to a vertical flow pond is also planned. CCWA must contract with DEP for this work, which probably requires that we retain an engineer to plan the work and write specifications.

West Ferris Wheel Proposal No word has been received on this proposal, but apparently DEP is currently evaluating the Growing Greener proposals.

Web Site A web page on the Glasgow project has been placed on the web site, and one has been prepared for the Amsbry project. Arthur Rose is now able to modify the web site, and will try to keep it up to date.

Other items discussed under the tech report:

Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project- Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering, gave the following report:

Since the last meeting, we discussed permitting requirements with the personnel of the Cambria County Conservation District to ensure that we were submitting the correct permit applications. We were instructed that we would need E&S plan approval as well as an NPDES permit. We have prepared these applications, and presented the application for E&S plan approval to Ed McMullen for signature. We have also prepared the NPDES permit app. and will present it when the limit of disturbance is finalized.

We also discussed any permitting requirements for fly ash, papermill sludge, and sawdust with Doug Saylor of the Moshannon DEP to verify that there were no additional requirements that we had not covered. The fly ash and papermill product are covered under the General Permits for these materials, and there are no requirements at this time for sawdust.

During this time, we developed a draft plan set consisting of existing conditions plans, proposed conditions plans, erosion and sediment control plans, construction and E&S details, E&S notes, and stabilization and seeding schedules. A copy of these draft plans was available for review at the meeting.

We worked with Shawn Simmers and Dr. Rose to develop a draft stabilization schedule that will incorporate a variety of stabilization materials (fly ash, sawdust, and papermill waste) and seeding mixtures. After this schedule is finalized, the plans can be finalized and submitted to the Cambria Co. Conservation District. After a brief discussion, it was determined that we will finalize the schedule and present final draft plans to Shawn and Dr. Rose to review.

The potential use of chicken waste was discussed. This issue may require additional permitting and coordination. Shawn Simmers will discuss with Rob Piper of Cambria Co. Conservation District. We will hold off finalizing the plans until next week or so until we hear back from Shawn regarding additional information. As needed, the plans can be revised in the future to incorporate the chicken waste materials if desired.

In 2006, the CCWA signed an NPDES permit application for the Morgan Run Tuff (MR TUFF) AMD treatment facility. Since the time of submission, the permit application form was revised by the DEP, so a new form was needed. I presented the updated form to ED McMullen for signature, and gave him a copy for the CCWA records

Morgan Run Watershed- A joint permit approval has been received on the Morgan Run FROG project site, one of the construction projects that will be taking place in the headwaters of Morgan Run. Additional funding is being sought from OSM for the Morgan Run FROG project. CCWA will be the sponsor for the additional funding of \$80,250 to complete the construction project. On Tuesday September 18<sup>th</sup>, a pre-bid meeting was held at the Morgan Run Wetlands Mitigation Project. This project will involve the mitigation of 1.6 acres of wetlands that will be impacted during the construction of the TUFF and FROG treatment systems.

Kevin Clark has taken a position with Wetlands Habitat Management, Inc. out of State College. He still plans on attending CCWA meetings and being part of the association. We wish Kevin the best of luck in his new position.

Klondike Gate- The gate for the Klondike site was installed by the following members- Ed, Dan, Dave, Ray, Larry, Chuck, Earl, Joe, Jim and Jerry. Dave McMullen will be getting some reflective tape to put on the gate. Special thanks to Jim Smithmyer for all his effort in fabricating this gate.

**Old Business:**

**Apple Cider Festival**- plans were discussed for the Apple Cider Festival that will be held on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at Prince Gallitzin Park. Bryan Rabish will meet Earl to pick up the tables. We will have our display board, pictures of the Amsbry and Klondike Projects, our banner, CCWA brochures, our fish map, membership cards and the historical book as part of our display this year. There was a brief discussion as to whether or not we could display a sign asking for donations/contributions. If you are at this year's festival please stop in and visit us.

**Winter Meeting Site**-Earl is waiting to hear back from Ted Sodosky, Dean Township, concerning the use of their building for our winter meetings. Earl will have more information at next month's meeting.

**New Business:**

**Klondike Litter**-Dan McMullen was concerned about the litter that is being left behind by the workers at the Klondike project (grease tubes, water bottles, etc.). Earl stated that he would talk to the project foreman about this problem. Jerry stated that he would like to see some of the piles of litter, dumped years ago, along the roadway into the site cleaned up. It was discussed that if there is not a lot of trash along the section of route 53 that the prisoners cleaned up and if we have enough volunteers, perhaps we can clean this litter up during our Sunday cleanup.

**Next Meeting:**

**October 16, 2007, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM**

**Adjournment:**

On a **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Dan McMullen the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.