

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011
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The meeting was called to order by President Elect, Ray Hollen, with the pledge to the flag. There were 19 members present. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was then passed accepting the August 16, 2011 minutes (Jerry noted the date was wrong on the minutes sent out). Ed mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

<i>Deposits</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Account</i>
Expenses			
	Mahaffey	\$ 100.00	Swank
	Gerald McMullen	\$ 70.61	Gen Fund
	Checks	\$ 20.14	Gen Fund
	Checks	\$ 20.14	Working Cap
	Clearfield Co Cons. Dist	\$ 1,036.68	MuR 1
	FF Cap Transfer	\$ 157.00	Fish Fund to Gen Fund

Jerry mentioned that he had purchased a box of envelopes, two books of stamps, donation for the copies he makes and requested \$10.00 towards an ink cartridge for his personal printer, totaling \$70.61. A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Dane Kalwanaski was passed authorizing reimbursement of this amount to Jerry for miscellaneous supplies.

Dane also had a new signature card from the bank for authorized Board members who can sign checks to sign.

A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was passed authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the Treasurer's Report. Please see attached Treasurer's report for the General and Grant Accounts.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry stated that he had little to report other than the purchase of miscellaneous supplies mentioned above.

Membership Committee:

Bob stated that he had nothing new to report this month.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray stated that Dick Dotts had given him a couple of articles from The Progress for the historical book. Once again we want to thank Jane Elling for the fine coverage. Ray reported that the book has been updated for anyone who wants to take a look at it.

Larry mentioned that he and Jerry had stopped to look at a sign, posted along the highway near Frenchville, from Deercreek Watershed. The sign was very impressive with its' color and clarity, explanation of the project, listing the mission of the group, etc. Larry also had pictures of the sign and a brochure (taken from the holder at the bottom of the sign) for members present to view. Discussion was held as to whether we could construct a similar sign along route 36 to highlight the various CCWA projects. Rachel mentioned that Kelly Williams may be able to help us with information about the sign.

Finance Report:

Larry mentioned, once again, that he still has not received a copy of the SFU report from Madeline Wolf and it is time to look at what direction we want to go. As mentioned at prior meetings we do have a facebook page and twitter account. Once again, we are looking for a volunteer that can help to set up and manage these accounts.

Discussion was continued on ways to make the CCWA profile more public and possibly increase membership. Jerry mentioned that the facts sheets presented by the SFU students were impressive. Ed asked Larry and Jerry to take a look at developing a fact sheet. Art is to get a list of the many accomplished projects.

Jerry mentioned that Art had written a very nice article for the West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition newsletter about the CCWA partnership with the Army Corp of Engineers to tackle Brubaker Run.

Grant Committee:

Dan mentioned that he and Shawn applied for a TAG grant from TU for shocking of Clearfield Creek above Amsbry. Rachel mentioned a possible grant from the Coldwater Heritage Association. She will e-mail information on this grant to Dan.

Cleanup Committee:

The final cleanup of the season is September 25th, Dysart, Laurel Run Sportsman's at 9 AM. This is both a roadway and stream cleanup. Lots of volunteers are needed. Lunch will be served. Ray has posted signage for the cleanup at several locations: Ashville, Loretto, Dysart, and Chest Springs.

Dam Cleanout Committee:

Earl mentioned that he had a brochure of all the permits needed for this project. He also had some pictures from the last time the dam was cleaned out. Eric Davis mentioned that he had done some research on-line about a method of sucking the water and debris out. This procedure is listed as 50% cheaper than a conventional method. Members present were a bit skeptical but Eric will gather more information for the next meeting. Once again, we are open to options and help, including financial, for this project.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted by Art Rose, Chairman of the Tech Committee

Tech Committee Report-September 20, 2011

Klondike Project The slag bed operated for a few days in early September, but apparently stopped because of air in the supply line and was not flowing on 9/9. It was re-started about 9/13 by Earl Smithmyer. The KL1 system continues to remove most but not all of the acidity and iron. The KL1 site was sampled on 9/9 and 9/20.

West Ferris Wheel Project The Good Samaritan application is apparently approved.

Amsbry Project Permitting is underway.

Gibson Project A field visit is planned for Alder Run Engineering in the near future.

Brubaker Project Drill holes from the 2006 project were visited with an engineer from KCI, the contractor for the Corps of Engineers, and open holes were probed with a video camera. Water sampling of the drill holes and discharges is planned for the near future. Students in Dr. Burgos, SFU, design class visited the site on 9/13 and will be developing designs for treatment as class projects. A short report on the project was distributed as part of the WBSRC Newsletter.

Swank Project The completed limestone channel was visited and sampled on 9/3 and 9/9. On 9/3 the outflow was pH 6.6 and was net alkaline at a flow of about 20 gpm, with essentially no iron and aluminum. On 9/9, the flow was about 200 gpm, with pH 5.6 and alkalinity 10 mg/L.

WBSRC meeting The meeting was held in Clearfield on 9/13. Trout Unlimited and others are attempting to get a national Good Samaritan law passed, and to safeguard the funds previously appropriated from the Abandoned Mineland Fund. Another effort is to Renew Growing Greener in the PA legislature. The Wildlife Leadership Academy is offered for teenaged students as a challenging study of individual species, such as brook trout or deer.

Conductivity Monitor This unit has arrived via St Francis University.

BAMR Cresson Plant The first stage in designing this treatment system for the Cresson and Gallitzin area discharges is underway. This plant will markedly improve the headwaters area of Clearfield Creek.

Ace Drilling Site- Earl stated that he and Dick sampled this site on September 16, 2011 for this quarter.

The Following Was Michelle Merrow's Report Presented by Jerry:

Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project:

We received Good Samaritan approval from DEP, and that paperwork will arrive shortly.

We received the contract back from MLS, along with the necessary bond and insurance info. Copies of this info are in the box sent to Ed for CCWA's files.

I wrote a letter requesting the cash advance, which is 20% upfront. Ed (or another officer for Ed) needs to sign them and drop them in the mail. They are pre-addressed and stamped, so all he has to do is pull them out of the envelope, sign, and drop in the mail.

This will allow us to pay the trucking and some of the construction bills without waiting 3 months. **Note:** Ed mentioned that he will take care of sending this out.

I am working on a quarterly report and invoicing which will be finished for 9/30 for the end of the month. I will send it to Art for review and signature, with copies to you. **It would be very helpful if I could get the amount paid so far to BCSWA, and a copy of that check or invoice for the DEP report. I have Dan's bid of \$6/cy for 500 cy, which is \$3000, but I need proof that it was paid to show DEP and get reimbursed. Maybe Dane or Dan could help with a copy of the check or some sort of receipt. Note: Dane stated that he will take care of getting this information to Michelle.**

I have e-mailed Terry Stacy regarding an Oct 3 mobilization date and access to the site for hauling and stockpiling of materials. **Note:** A lengthy discussion was held on the request by BCSWA that CCWA may have to bond the roadway into the Revegetation site. Another possible roadway into the site was looked at by Earl and found to be too wet. We are still looking into the costs of putting an alternative roadway into this site since bonding cost may add an unforeseen additional expense to the project.

We are taking a soil sample of the previous project area to see what application rates need to be for the supplemental fertilizer-Phase I.

I will send Shawn Simmers info on the amount of ash to be hauled to still stay in budget and be able to afford the fertilizer.

West Ferris AMD—The Good Samaritan Application was approved. Michelle needs to sit down with Art to go over the design and drawings. Michelle suggests that we show the site this fall to bidders in early Nov. when some of the greenery is dead to improve visibility.

Amsbry—Michelle and Art need to meet to go over the drawings so that permit applications can be filed. The current drawings show the revised road and camper trailer location, and increased the size of the limestone cell as discussed with Art. A copy of the landowner-grantee agreement is needed for the DEP permit application now since the applicant (CCWA) is not the landowner.

Gibson-Halstock—We need to schedule a convenient time in the next few weeks to look at the wetlands. Art and Sonny should suggest dates, as they both indicated that they want to go. **Note:** Art will e-mail Michelle with a date and time for this meeting.

Morgan Run Ross—A Notice to Proceed was issued to EM Brown. The pre-construction meeting will be on 9/23, and work will start after that. *CCWA's login with OSM needs to be updated so the money can be downloaded when needed, as discussed last month.*

Note: Dane and Larry will update this login.

Morgan Run 7—Bids are due on 9/30, and a portion of the work must start this year.

Morgan Run Tuff—The notice of termination signed previously by CCWA was finally filed as the grass has finally grown nicely and reached 70% stabilization. CCWA will get a letter acknowledging this, and removing CCWA from any permit obligations.

Operation and maintenance is the responsibility of the Morgan Run Watershed Group.

At this time John Foreman gave a very informative presentation on a mobile water treatment plant that is the brainchild of Dick Hall of Butler. John mentioned that this system may be used to treat acid mine water and water from the Marcellus Shale industry, as well. This water treatment process uses ozone to remove solids from polluted streams. John was making arrangements to demonstrate this mobile unit at Brubaker on September 29th.

Old Business:

Data Logger: the new data logger was given to Bryan Rabish, Cambria County Conservation District, for placement. Discussed was the placement of the data logger at a drill site on Turner Run in Clearfield County near Coalport. It was recommended that we visit the drill site to identify the best location for the data logger.

New Business:

Board Meeting: The Board of Directors met on August 16th after the regular monthly meeting to open and review the bids for the Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project. The Board voted on the following motion: a **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed to award the bid to Meadville Land Services and authorize President Ed McMullen to sign the contract for the Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project-Phase II pending review and approval of all bid and bonding documents by Michelle Merrow, ARE.

Apple Cider Festival: CCWA will have a display at the annual Apple Cider Festival at Prince Gallitzin Park on October 2nd. Arrangements were made to haul down the tables, chairs, display board, etc. for this event. We want to thank the Cambria County Conservation for inviting CCWA to set up in their tent.

Winter Meeting Site: Earl was recently at Prince Gallitzin Park and made arrangements for use of the Park's office for our winter meetings beginning in November.

Imprelis: Discussed at an earlier meeting was whether any imprelis (chemical found in spray to treat lawns) that is harmful to shrubbery would be found in the mulch that we were purchasing from BCSWA. Earl talked to BCSWA and was told that none would be found in this older mulch.

Swank Weir: Earl stated that he will take care of installing the weir for this project.

Little Laurel Run: The weir on this stream has washed out and will have to be replaced in the near future.

Next Meeting: October 18, 2011, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Ray Hollen the meeting was adjourned.