

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF OCTOBER 18, 2005**

The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 16 members present. One new member was present-Daniel Havrilla and one guest- Charlie Hasson from the Cambria County Conservation District. It is nice to see new faces at the meeting. On a **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Ed McMullen the minutes of the meeting of September 20, 2005 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

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

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<u>Regular Account</u>	
Beginning Balance, September 1 st , 2005	\$3,697.41
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Road Cleanup	(34.68)
Postage	(14.80)
Service plaques	(74.20)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	290.00
Donation	10.00
Food Sales (Skeet Shoot)	70.51
Bank interest	0.15
Ending Balance, Sep 30 th , 2005	\$3,944.39

Money Held for Deposit at 9/30/05: none

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<u>Grant Account</u>	
Beginning Balance, Sep 1 st , 2005	\$5,465.81
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Project costs:	
KL1 (Growing Greener)	301.01
KL2 (EPA)	0.00
Brubaker	2,500.00
Little Laurel Restoration	0.00
Fish Fund	0.00
Heinz Grant	<u>0.00</u>
	(2,801.01)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
New Grant Awards	0.0
Grant Expense Reimbursement	0.00
Bank interest	.45
Ending Balance, Sep 30 th , 2005	\$2,665.25

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Respectfully submitted, Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had met with Justin Eger, a reporter with The Mainliner, and was very pleased that Justin did publish information on the skeet shoot and the road/stream cleanup. We are always thankful for any press coverage that we receive. Jerry reported that he will have to buy a large roll of stamps for future mailings. A **motion** by Brian Rabish and seconded by Alene Smithmyer was passed authorizing Jerry to purchase the stamps.

Membership Committee:

Jerry was given 26 memberships cards for 2006 that were filled out during the skeet shoot.

Public Relations and Historical Committee:

Dick Dotts presented Alene Smithmyer with a newspaper article from The Progress. Alene reported that she had cut two other articles out of the Altoona Mirror and these will be added to the historical book.

Finance Report:

Larry Sutton reported that two bills were paid-Mahaffey Labs, \$150.00, for water testing and \$82.84 for reimbursement to Earl and Alene for food and refreshments costs for the skeet shoot and roadway cleanup.

Tech Committee:

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

**Tech Committee Report
October 18, 2005**

KLONDIKE PROJECT

Four days were spent by John Foreman and Art Rose on completion of the Joint permit (wetlands) and the Erosion and Sedimentation permit applications. These applications are close to complete.

A brief tour of the site was conducted for Malcolm Crittenden on October 5.

LITTLE LAUREL RESTORATION PLAN

The EPA review of the Restoration Plan resulted in one comment, which was addressed by adding several sentences to the report. The comment dealt with the status of the stream in the 3030(d) list, and how CCWA would act to remove the stream from this list when it is cleaned up. The revised report was submitted to DEP for forwarding to EPA. Copies went to the Conservation District, the DEP Williamsport Office and Malcolm Crittenden. Final approval of the report is expected in the next few weeks.

Art Rose attended a meeting in Harrisburg on September 29 to discuss improvements in the preparation of EPA 319 restoration plans. Our report received some very positive comments from EPA. Approval of the Little Laurel Restoration Plan will put us in a favored position for further EPA funding of projects in the plan.

BRUBAKER PROJECT

The appraisal of the Clay Mine map and drill records by John Foreman is complete. The appraisal will be forwarded to Sam Lansberry, and assuming he is still willing, he will donate the map and drill logs to us. We will then be in position to move forward on the project.

The weir at the mouth of Brubaker Run was replaced by Smithmyer and several other members.

Ferris Wheel/Amsbry/Cresson Borehole Projects

The barren area in the Ferris Wheel strip mine was visited with Malcolm Crittenden on October 5. He was very interested in this site for a Growing Greener II project. The possibility of revegetating the area using alkaline ash from Ebsburg or Seward was discussed. If the ash is brought in, removal of refuse piles at Amsbry could be accomplished as a backhaul for the ash, so Amsbry was also visited. Use of alkaline ash from Appleton Paper is also a possibility for the Ferris Wheel.

The possibility of the Cresson borehole as a growing Greener II project was also discussed.

On October 10, Earl Smithmyer, Brian Rabish, Art Rose and Charlie Hasson collected 10 soil samples from the Ferris Wheel site for determination of acidity. The samples await word from Crittenden on whether DEP will pay for these analyses.

GLASGOW PROJECT

Crittenden had suggested last month (September) that CCWA apply for a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) to evaluate the former C&K passive treatment system on Muddy Run near Glasgow. The application was completed and submitted to Trout Unlimited. The TU contractor, Hedin Environmental, has prepared a scope of work which has been accepted. They will visit the site, collect field and office data, and prepare a recommendation for us on improving the performance of the system. There will be no cost to CCWA at this stage. Because of a lack of water flow into the system, the site visit will have to wait until more precipitation has restored the water table.

Crittenden is also interested in this project for Growing Greener II funding. On October 5 we visited the site with him and discussed possibilities.

West Branch of the Susquehanna Citizens for Clean Water

This committee met on Oct. 5 in Clearfield and discussed how to promote AMD cleanup of the watershed. The above name was tentatively adopted. It was agreed that a comprehensive appraisal of AMD problems in the watershed was needed, and DEP should be urged to take the lead in this. The Barnes and Tucker discharge at Duman into the headwaters of the West Branch was recognized as a major potential problem. Since the meeting, an invitation to a meeting with the Deputy Secy. of DEP has been received.

Other tech business: President Smithmyer suggested that we take one of the Clearfield Creek Maps and color code, with a corresponding legend, each of the streams in Cambria and Clearfield Counties that can hold fish. John Foreman offered to make 10 more maps for this project. Interested volunteers will then meet to plot this map.

Old Business:

Brubaker Weir Project: recently a work crew installed a weir on Brubaker Run near Dean. This was a very large weir-24 feet long. Art Rose would like an additional weir installed on the upper end of Brubaker Run. Earl Smithmyer and Charlie Hasson are to take a look at a location for this weir.

Skeet shoot: the annual skeet shoot on Sunday, September 25th was a huge success. There were a total of 29 shooters, some good and some not so good. We want to give special thanks to the Holtz Family for their hospitality and the use of their range. Also, we want to thank the many volunteers who helped throughout the day.

Roadway/stream cleanup: this cleanup on Sunday, October 9th was also very successful. There were a total of 37 volunteers for the cleanup. It was reported that there was very little garbage along the stream other than the bridge areas and that some areas along the roadway were not nearly as bad as in the past. There was a discussion as to the possibility of not doing the normal route of one our cleanups next year and possibly doing the area along route 36 from Ashville to the Buckhorn. Once again, special thanks to the volunteers that come out to help.

Apple Cider Festival: our participation with the Cambria County Conservation District at this festival went very well. CCWA got some very good visibility from the many people who visited our display.

New Business:

There was no new business at this time.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for **November 15, 2005 at Prince Gallitzin State Park, Park Office, 6:30 PM. Please note the change in the location for the winter month's meetings.**

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ed McMullen the meeting was adjourned.