

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2007  
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 12 members present plus Michelle Merrow from Alder Run Engineering. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Alene Smithmyer was passed accepting the September minutes. At the September meeting the Board of Directors were presented with minutes from the 7 meetings that were held between June and July to discuss the Klondike bids and to negotiate a contract for this project. At this time the Board members present passed a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer to accept the minutes from these meetings.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**Regular Account**

Beginning Balance, September 1, 2007	\$5,739.99
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Bank interest	0.44
<u>Expenses:</u>	
None	-0-
Ending Balance, September 30, 2007	<b>\$5,740.43</b>

**Grant Account**

Beginning Balance, September 1, 2007	\$19,502.88
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Bank interest	1.47 [Working Capital]
Total Deposits	1.47

**ENDING FUND BALANCES**

<u>Expenses:</u>			
<b>Working Capital</b>	0.00	→	\$ 4,778.92
Amsbry	118.13	→	11,884.49
Ferris Wheel	1,057.50	→	(3,692.50)
KL2 (EPA)	0.00	→	(1,429.25)
KL-Rose	0.00	→	2,500.00
Brubaker	0.00	→	.06
Fish Fund	0.00	→	4,000.00
Heinz Grant	0.00	→	287.00
Total Expenses	1,175.63		

Ending Balance, September 30, 2007	<b>\$18,328.72</b>		<b>\$18,328.72</b>
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Respectfully submitted by Larry Sutton, Treasurer

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

Ed stated that we had received \$3.00 in donations at the Cider Festival. Larry reported that this will be deposited in the regular account. Larry also reported the following activity since September 30<sup>th</sup>; a reimbursement check from DEP-\$657.00- Klondike II project for the bid advertising; an invoice from Alder Run Engineering-Ferris Wheel Project, \$1,057.50- mapping and engineering services; from the regular account-\$80.40 to Earl Smithmyer, food for the cleanup; Jerry McMullen-\$82.00-reimbursment for stamps purchased.

Larry also reported that he had received an invoice of \$4,675.00 from Alder Run Engineering for detailed topography and mapping on the Ferris Wheel site. Larry stated that he will be sending this in for reimbursement to DEP.

Larry stated that he had received an e-mail from Donna Carnahan stating that he needs to send in a progress report with any reimbursement request for the Klondike Project. A second application for payment had been received from Ligioner Construction in the amount of \$140,602.56 for work on the Klondike project.

Lastly, Larry had received an invoice for \$1,342.50, Alder Run Engineering, Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project, CAD drafting and revisions. This will also be sent in to DEP for reimbursement.

A **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was passed accepting the treasurer's report.

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

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had not received any correspondence this past month. His only activity was the purchase of \$82.00 of stamps.

### **Membership Committee:**

No new memberships were received this past month.

### **Public Relations:**

A very thorough article by Justin Eger with two pages of pictures recently appeared in The Mainliner about the Klondike Project. Justin stated that he would like to do a follow up article when the project is complete.

Ed brought up for discussion the need to take another look at the public relations committee. At this time Dan McMullen was asked to serve on this committee. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed appointing Dan to this committee.

Larry reported that he has received mailings from other environmental groups; samples of newsletters, public relation pieces etc. These are examples of how it is always a challenge to get the message out there.

### **Historical Committee:**

Alene reported that she had received an article from Dick Dotts that was in The Progress. We want to thank Jane Eling for the fine coverage that she gives us each month. Dick stated that he will contact Jane to see if she would like to do an article on the Klondike Project. Alene also had a copy of the Mainliner article to add to the historical book.

Alene stated that she would like to resign from the historical committee. Ray offered to take over this committee. On a **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Alene Smithmyer Ray was appointed to this committee.

We want to take a moment to thank Alene for all of her hard work in compiling our historical book. At this time a big round of applause was given to Alene for all of her hard work and many hours spent in compiling such a nice historical book. Thanks Alene.

### **Finance Report:**

Larry reported that he had received a letter from Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers (POWR). CCWA is a member since we purchase our general liability insurance through them. POWR has re-evaluated its current strategy with regard to its future and its long-term sustainability. Therefore the following question is put to the membership for a vote. "Do you approve changing the corporate structure of POWR so that POWR will become a supporting organization 509(a)(3) to the Pennsylvania Environmental Council?" A ballot was attached to this letter. After a brief dissuasion and the recommendation of Larry the following motion was passed; a **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Ray Hollen to support the change by POWR to become a supporting organization 509(a)(3) to the Pennsylvania Environmental Council. Larry is to send in our ballot with this vote.

Art stated that he had received a letter from Penn State Center For Watershed Stewardship. They are seeking proposals for projects that could use a team of graduate students for assistance. Since the deadline for this is December 5<sup>th</sup>, this was tabled until the November meeting.

### **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 reported that we barely had enough people to do the job. Next year we will have to look at different ideas to get more people involved. Ray and Jerry did pick a large amount of garbage up from the Klondike area. Some of this garbage was still at the dump site. Earl was to call PennDOT about getting this garbage picked up.

We do want to thank the many volunteers who helped with the 4 successful cleanups this past year and especially the ladies for the fine luncheons provided.

### **Tech Committee:**

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

#### **Tech Committee Report**

Klondike Project Construction proceeded steadily during the month. Construction of earthwork for the ponds at KL2 was completed. In the vertical flow ponds of KL1 and KL2, the liners were installed, underdrain pipes were placed and connected, and the limestone beds were built. Excavation of the stream channel was completed, and a rock channel was built down the slope below the road. An official notification was received that the \$100,000 grant from the Office of Surface Mining was approved. An invoice for

\$102,516 was received from the contractor and submitted for payment. Work is proceeding by Earl Smithmyer on a sign for the project.

Brubaker Project A Supplemental Report was submitted to BAMR on September 26 and discussed with them. This report recommends additional tracer tests to investigate the source of the water flowing to the D Stope and to evaluate the flow of water thru the D mine pool, plus sealing of drill holes providing shallow flow in the B area to confirm the water chemistry in the Clay Mine of this area. A continuing program of sampling the Clay Mine discharge and Brubaker Run was also recommended. Since submitting the report we became aware of a new geophysical method with the potential for tracing the flow. A cost estimate for a survey is being sought. A proposal for funding the above activities will be submitted to BAMR in the next few weeks. Both the very large USERS report with maps and the supplemental report were placed on a CD for greater convenience in handling the report. A copy of the report was sent to the Game Commission. Information on the project was sent to the Cambria County Conservation District for a meeting to discuss funding of projects in the region.

Glasgow Project A meeting at the site with Hedin Environmental and Malcolm Crittenden will be held the week of 10/22 to discuss plans and specifications for rebuilding this passive treatment system. The system was flushed on 9/23, and a set of samples collected and analyzed for acidity. Pond 1 is still removing acidity but the rate has decreased.

Swank 13 Mine discharge EP Bender Coal Co has constructed a channel down the hillside at this site on Gamelands 108, but a visit on 9/23 indicated that no limestone has been placed in the channel, so no treatment of the acidity is occurring. A message was sent to the Game Commission pointing this out.

Web Site New pages have been added for the Glasgow, Amsbry and Ferris Wheel Projects, and the Klondike page was brought up to date. The meeting times, road cleanup and other information have also been updated. Updating of Brubaker page, and new pages for Glendale Lake Project and Fishing Derby will be added in the near future. Photos of the Fishing Derby were obtained from the Historical Book.

The following report was given by Michelle Merrow:

Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project- Development of an erosion and sediment control plan, narrative, and calculations has progressed. The project was discussed with Rob Piper, Manager, Cambria County Conservation District to determine submission requirements. Permit requirements were also discussed with the Conservation District. Art, Shawn and Michelle met on-site to examine some differences in area between the current mapping and previous project area.

Morgan Run-Tuff Project-project was bid, contract negotiated, and waiting for signed contract and insurance. Construction is to begin the end of October.

Morgan Run Frog Project-project was bid, project price negotiated with the low bidder. PA Game Commission has offered to provide a number of trees for the project. All paperwork for the supplemental funding applied for by CCWA was submitted and found to be in order. Receipt of the funding is pending. Construction is scheduled for next fall. Morgan Run Tuff Wetland Mitigation Project-bids for the project are due October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Morgan run 7 Project-the Clearfield County Conservation District is reviewing the E& S and NPDES documents. Construction funding was requested, no word yet.

Morgan Run 8 Project-design is complete, permit applications, the entire plan are complete and ready for submission following CCWA signatures.

**Old Business:**

**Apple Cider Festival**-Ed, Earl, Alene, and Bryan manned our display throughout the day. Ed reported that we had a great display- lots of pictures and a lot of interest by the many visitors. We may have to purchase our own display board for future displays.

**Winter Meeting Site**-Earl reported that we have heard from Dean Township and the **Dean Township Municipal Building** will be the site for our winter meetings beginning in November. This is the old school building located directly across the highway from the entrance to Laurel Run Sportsman's in Dysart.

**New Business:**

**Glendale Lake**- a meeting is scheduled with Dan Bickle, the new Prince Gallitzin Park Manager, to discuss the shoreline project, etc. Art, Earl, John Foreman and Bryan are scheduled to attend this meeting.

**Morgan Run Projects, Ferris Wheel Project**-Michelle Merrow gave an extensive report on the legal aspects and documents that need to be signed for these projects. This included the Morgan Run TUFF and Morgan Run FROG NPDES permit transferee forms, the Morgan Run TUFF and Morgan Run FROG Good Samaritan coverage forms, the Morgan Run 8 joint permit application & NPDES permit application, the Ferris Wheel NPDES permit application and Ferris Wheel general information form. A **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed "to accept the report from Michelle Merrow and, following her recommendation, authorize President Ed McMullen to sign all documents related to Morgan Run and the Ferris Wheel Projects".

**Next Meeting:**

**November 20, 2007, Dean Township Municipal Building, Dysart, 6:30 PM**

**Adjournment:**

On a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

