

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF OCTOBER 20, 2009
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The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 14 members present. A **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Dane Kalwanaski was then passed accepting the September minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

The following report was presented by Dane Kalwanaski, CCWA Treasurer.
For: Sept 1 - Sept 30, 2009

<u>General Fund</u>		
Beginning Balance		\$6,935.02
Deposits	Ace Drilling	\$1,000.00
	Interest	\$0.18
Expenses	Earl Smithmyer	(\$13.99)
	Alene Smithmyer	(\$60.00)
Ending Balance		\$7,861.21

<u>Grant Accounts</u>				
	<u>Beginning Bal.</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Bal.</u>
Working Capitoll	\$5,604.69	\$0.37	\$0.00	\$5,605.06
Dominion II	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Blandburg Active	(\$40.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$40.00)
C&K Passive(Glasgow)	(\$10,450.59)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$10,450.59)
MuR1 Assessment	\$486.72	\$0.01	\$0.00	\$486.73
MR Ross	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amsbry	\$6,970.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,970.00
Ferris Wheel				
West	(\$2,870.38)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,870.38)
KL-2	\$5,552.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,552.96
KL-Rose	\$1,879.00	\$0.00	(\$141.00)	\$1,738.00
Fish Fund	\$3,634.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,634.49
<u>Total</u>	\$12,766.89	\$0.38	(\$141.00)	\$12,626.27

Treasurer's Report Continued:

Deposits:

General Fund- \$100.00- lifetime membership, \$10.00-individual membership, \$6.00-donation from the Apple Cider Festival.

Ferris Wheel Revegetation Grant- \$17,638.12-reimbursement from DEP.

Expenses:

\$20.98 - Ed McMullen, Cleanup Supplies/food, General Fund

\$59.85 - NeoNexus, Web Hosting fees, General Fund

\$52.00 - Gerald McMullen, Office Supplies, Cleanup Supplies, General Fund

\$11,896.91 - Meadville Land Services, Services/work, Ferris Wheel Reveg

\$5,741.21 - Alder Run Engineering, Services/Work, Ferris Wheel Reveg

\$1687.50 - New Miles of Blue Stream, Services/Work, Muddy Run

\$265 - Mahaffey Labs, Water Testing, Klondike-Rose

\$560 - Mahaffey Labs, Water Testing, Muddy Run

\$196- Mahaffey Labs, Water Testing, Muddy Run

\$28 - Mahaffey Labs, Water Testing, Glasgow C &K

\$812 - Mahaffey Labs, Water Testing, Muddy Run

\$150 - Mahaffey Labs, Water Testing, West Ferris Wheel

\$44 - Mahaffey Labs, Water Testing, Amsbry

\$25 - Mahaffey Labs, Water Testing, Glasgow C&K

A **motion** by Ed McMullen and seconded by Dave McMullen was passed authorizing payment of the above listed invoices and to accept the Treasurer's report.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry stated that he had little to report other than a few e-mails in correspondence. He had a copy of a thank you letter to be sent to Rudy Husband at Norfolk Southern.

Membership Committee:

Two new memberships were received this past month- a lifetime and an annual membership. Both were from people who attended the TU Symposium on September 19th.

Public Relations:

There was nothing new to report under public relations.

Historical Committee:

Ray stated that he had received several articles from Dick Dotts to be placed in the historical book.

Finance Report:

Art has filled out the form but he needs the 501(c)3 information. Both Earl and Larry will work together to finish this application and forward it to M & T Bank. It was suggested that the Fish Fund account be transferred to M & T Bank. A **motion** by Ray

Hollen and seconded by Dave McMullen was unanimously passed authorizing the transfer of the Fish Fund to M & T Bank.

Cleanup Committee:

The cleanup was a huge success with 31 people attending. Approximately 30-35 bags were picked up. This is the most people that we have had from the past several cleanups. We want to thank all who took the time to attend this cleanup. Special thanks to Margie McMullen who helped with the luncheon and made two apple pies for dessert.

Ed suggested that we move the fall cleanup to the end of September. Early October conflicts with the Cider Festival and the next weekend is a holiday weekend. This will be considered when the cleanup dates are set next year.

Grant Committee:

The final report for the Ferris Wheel Revegetation project was sent in by Shawn Simmers prior to the August 31 deadline.

Election Committee:

There is one Board Member's position (a 3 year term) that will expire in January, 2010. This position is currently held by Ray Hollen. Nominations will be accepted at both the November and December meetings. They will then be closed after the December nominations until voting at the annual meeting in January 2010. Ed and Ray volunteered to Chair the election committee.

Tech Committee:

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

Tech Committee Report-October 20, 2009

Klondike Project Samples from 9/15/09 show that iron removal in the 2 new ponds decreased during September, though considerable iron was removed in channel upstream of the ponds. The final outflow iron continued to be low. The cause of this change is being investigated. A new set of samples was collected on 10/20/09.

West Ferris Wheel Project No activity.

Amsbry Project A set of samples was collected on 10/20/09. A design and permitting contract with Alder Run Engineering was received and signed.

Muddy Run Project Samples were collected on 10/18/09. Analyses from August and September were received and entered into the spreadsheet.

Glasgow Project Most work is now completed on this construction project. Remaining work is mainly completion of emplacing limestone and compost in VFP 2, and revegetation of disturbed areas. Water is flowing into VFP 1 but the flow rate is currently very low. A bill for \$53,002 was received from Smith Excavating and Construction.

Tours and Workshops for Schools and Students A request was received from Allison Felix of St. Francis University to collaborate on a workshop proposal for science teacher education. After discussion, a letter of support was signed by President Smithmyer indicating that CCWA will conduct tours and work projects with teachers and students if the proposal is funded. The proposal includes a small amount of funding for analyses.

Michael Hardy, a student at Montclair State University in New Jersey, inquired about research on vegetation methods at the Ferris Wheel Project. He visited the site on 10/8, and

indicates he will propose testing using a few acres of the Ferris Wheel site in a doctoral research proposal to the US Office of Surface Mining. He plans to attend the CCWA meeting in November to discuss his proposed research.

A tour of the Brubaker and Klondike areas for a group from Penn State interested in microbial processes was planned for 10/17 but was postponed owing to the weather. The tour will be rescheduled for November.

Rachel Kester of Trout Unlimited indicates that the science teacher from Grier School near Tyrone is interested in a tour and field project at a mine drainage site. Their visit to Klondike and possibly other sites is tentatively set for 11/8

Other items discussed under the Tech Report:

Ace Drilling Site- Earl reported recent vandalism at the site to proper authorities- a broken lock and lid missing. He was able to do his water sampling this past month.

Swank Mine Site- a brief discussion was held about the cost to secure limestone for this project. Larry suggested that CCWA pursue securing funds through Bob Eyer and John Dawes at the Western PA Conservancy.

Old Business:

Trout Unlimited Symposium and Educational Tour Results: A lot of very positive feedback was received from those who attended this symposium. Earl had requested assistance from TU for the stream evaluation on a couple of sections of Clearfield Creek that we would like to have done. It was mentioned that this is a good time of the year to do this evaluation. Art will work on getting the form filled out for this request.

Fishing Map- Earl stated that the map is a work in progress. There were a lot of interest and comments of our fishing map that was part of the display at the Cider Festival. Earl noted that several people mentioned of fish being caught near the Flinton area.

Gary Haluska Grant- Earl mentioned that he has recently talked to Trudy, Gary Haluska's secretary, and we are still hopeful to receive this grant.

Apple Cider Festival Results: \$6.00 in donations and one new membership were received. Earl noted that he talked to a lot of people. A brief discussion was held as to whether we need something to hand out at the Cider Festival. Earl asked members present to "look around" for ideas and we will discuss this at a future date. Anyone who has an idea please contact us.

Camera Purchase: Ed reported that he checked on prices for a digital camera. A camera plus a memory card, case, etc. should not exceed \$250.00. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dave McMullen was passed authorizing Ed to spend up to \$250.00 on a camera and accessories.

Trout in the Classroom: Ben Watt had invited someone from CCWA to meet with the students in his classroom who are participating in the Trout in the Classroom Project. Earl and Alene represented CCWA in the classroom. Earl stated that it was very positive and the students seemed very excited about the project. It is recommended that these fingerlings be stocked in a tributary of Clearfield Creek. Two sites were suggested but no decision has been made at this time.

Earl would like to plan a field day for the kids participating in the Trout in the Classroom program. This could be held in conjunction with a trout stocking. A tour of Brubaker and the acid mine discharge and perhaps a luncheon for the kids were discussed.

Winter Meeting Site: Prince Gallitzin Park has notified CCWA that we may use their conference room for our winter meetings. The meeting in November will be held at the Park Office.

New Business:

Michelle Merrow mentioned the following:

We submitted the Muddy Run mapping request to Both Growing Greener and the Foundation for PA watersheds to try to make the odds of getting funding better.

The letter from the CCCD was for MR Tuff wetland mitigation. The letter agreed that the site was stabilized, and released EM Brown from site responsibility since their work is done.

Next Meeting: November 17, 2009, Prince Gallitzin Park Office Conference Room, 6:30 PM. Please note this is our winter meeting site.

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