

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2007
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 15 members present plus 3 visitors. Ed welcomed these visitors. A **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed accepting the October minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Regular Account

Beginning Balance, October 1, 2007	\$5,740.43
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Donations	3.00
Bank interest	<u>0.51</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Road & stream cleanup	80.44
Postage	<u>82.00</u>
 Ending Balance, October 31, 2007	 \$5,581.50

Grant Account

Beginning Balance, October 1, 2007	\$18,328.72	
<u>Deposits:</u>		
DEP Reimbursements	105,694.34	[KL2 Project]
DEP Reimbursement	15,600.00	[Brubaker Project]
Bank interest	<u>3.76</u>	[Working Capital]
Total Deposits	121,298.10	

ENDING FUND BALANCES

<u>Expenses:</u>		
Working Capital	0.00	→ \$ 4,782.68
Amsbry	0.00	→ 11,884.49
Ferris Wheel	0.00	→ (3,692.50)
KL2 (EPA)	104,285.84	→ (20.75)
KL-Rose	0.00	→ 2,500.00
Brubaker	2,350.00	→ 13,250.06
Fish Fund	0.00	→ 4,000.00
Heinz Grant	<u>0.00</u>	→ <u>287.00</u>
Total Expenses	106,635.84	
 Ending Balance, October 31, 2007	 \$32,990.98	 \$32,990.98

Respectfully submitted by Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report (Continued):

Treasurer Larry Sutton was not present, at this time, due to a conflict with his work schedule. Jerry McMullen reviewed the above treasurer's report with the members present. The \$20.75 expense under KL2 was for the lock and keys: the \$13,250.06 is the amount that is to be paid to John foreman upon the receipt of all final maps and related material: the \$2,350.00 was for water testing at Fairway Labs. There was a brief discussion about the \$100,000.00 request from OSM for payment and the matching of an invoice for this amount.

An invoice for \$75.00 was received from Mahaffey Labs. This invoice is to be paid out of the Heinz grant.

A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Bryan Rabish was passed accepting the treasurer's report.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had received a few e-mails this past month: Malcolm Crittendon, from DEP, had requested that Ace Drilling Project be added to the agenda each month since the CCWA is contracted to perform routine maintenance on this facility. Jerry also received an e-mail on grant information that will be discussed under the grant committee.

Membership Committee:

Bob Funicelli reported that it is near the end of the year and that he will be soon starting to solicit membership for next year (2008). He did bring in membership cards that are sent out each year with the annual December mailing.

Public Relations:

Dan McMullen was unable to attend this meeting. Jerry reported that Dan had asked him to convey to the members that he is just setting up his home computer and is getting started in working on public relations. Dan has taken a picture of the Klondike site sign and will be digitizing this for a future article. Dick Dotts reported that there was a very nice article by Jane Eling on the front page of The Progress with pictures about the Klondike Project. Featured were Earl, Dick, Art and John in these pictures. We want to thank Jane for taking the time to visit the Klondike site first-hand and writing such a fine article on this project.

Historical Committee:

Ray reported that he would add the above article to the historical book. He was also given some pictures from Alene Smithmyer taken at the Klondike site. Ray also stated that he would welcome more pictures and articles to be added to the historical book.

Finance Report:

There was nothing to report at this time.

Grant Committee:

At this time there was a discussion about the Dominion Peoples grant that is due on December 14th. Items discussed that may be covered under this grant were: a display board that is badly needed by CCWA, potential match funds that may be applied to future projects, and money for organizational and outreach material. Shawn stated that he still had some information from a similar grant applied for several months ago that he could utilize for this grant. Shawn and Dan will try to meet the December deadline for this grant.

A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was passed authorizing Shawn to file for this grant on behalf of the CCWA and for any related documents to be signed by President Ed McMullen.

Election Committee:

The Board Member position now being served by Bryan Rabish will expire on January, 2008. Nominations are now being accepted for this board membership. Bryan Rabish was nominated by Dick Dotts. At this time there were no other nominations. However, nominations are being accepted until the end of the December meeting. Elections will be held at the annual meeting in January.

Tech Committee:

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

Klondike Project During the past month, construction of the KL1 and KL2 treatment systems has been completed, and the stream restoration is nearly completed. Acid drainage is flowing into the two systems, and the water flowing out of the KL1 system has pH near 7. The vertical flow pond of the KL2 system is not yet filled. Construction of the stream channel is complete, except that diversion of the stream into the channel will be delayed until spring while the grass becomes better established in the channel. The contractor has moved his equipment from the project. It was suggested that partial payment of the 10% withholding from the contractor be executed in another month or so when the ponds have completely filled. On a visit on 11/20, Donna Carnahan of DEP expressed satisfaction with the project. On October 26, Dick Dotts brought a reporter for the Clearfield Progress for a visit, resulting in a good article on the project in the paper. A call to the Western PA Watershed Program indicates that their meeting to approve grants was underway on 11/20 (and a few days later we received word that our application for \$20,000 was approved). Installation of Danger signs was discussed, as was repair of the weirs on Little Laurel Run.

Brubaker Project An estimate of \$242,000 for a specialized geophysical survey to trace the source of the water flowing into the D Stope area was received from Willowstick Geophysics, but was judged much too high. Late last week, an inquiry was received from them asking about a survey of a smaller area, and this possibility is being followed up. Also, inquiries on conduct of a similar geophysical survey have been made of the US DOE group in Pittsburgh that has done geophysics on AMD problems, as well as a university research program and a private consultant. When the geophysical possibilities are clear, a proposal for minor further work at Brubaker will be submitted to DEP Bureau

of Abandoned Mine Reclamation. We still await return of maps of the clay mine, videotapes from borehole camera investigations, and other CCWA property from John Foreman.

Glasgow Project A field meeting was held at the site with Hedin Environmental, Malcolm Crittenden, Earl Smithmyer, Dick Dotts and Art Rose to discuss plans and specifications for renovation of this system, assuming receipt of a \$173,000 Growing Greener Grant from DEP. Hedin Environmental has submitted a proposal for developing detailed plans and bidding documents for \$15,000, plus construction supervision for up to \$5000 more. Discussion indicated that Rose, Smithmyer and Dotts can do most of the construction supervision, so that the \$5000 for this purpose proposed by Hedin can be minimized. Signing a contract for the Hedin work awaits word on receipt of the grant. Also, an estimate is awaited from Clark Cree on a detailed map of the project area. The amount of the grant appears to be adequate to rebuild VFP's 1 and 2. During November, VFP 1 was drained and several holes dug to examine the treatment material. Four to six inches of red iron oxide precipitate covers the compost, which is only 4 to 6 inches thick. The limestone fragments are covered and cemented with white precipitate. The red mud, compost and some limestone will have to be removed and replaced.

Blandburg Project At the suggestion of Malcolm Crittenden, the former C&K treatment plant at Blandburg was visited and possibilities were discussed. If we can obtain landowner approval, we are planning to submit a proposal for some kind of treatment system for the half dozen acid flows near the plant. The hope is that eventually BAMR will have the funds for this plant.

Glendale Lake Project On 10/18 Smithmyer and Rose joined personnel from the Soil Conservation Service, Cambria County Conservation District and the Fish Commission at Prince Gallitzin Park. A survey was conducted of shoreline topography so that plans can be drawn for reconfiguring the eroded shoreline.

West Ferris Wheel Project No word on the Growing Greener Proposal has yet been received.

Additional Tech Items Discussed

Earl stated that he would he is concerned for the safety of anyone who would fall into one of the ponds at the Klondike site. He would like to see a stake driven into the ground and a rope attached to this stake so a person could pull himself out. Earl also stated that he would like to put up No Trespassing signs around the ponds. Also, additional locks need to be purchased. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Jerry McMullen was passed authorizing Earl to purchase No Trespassing signs, locks, and rope, not to exceed \$100.00.

There was a discussion about an agreement with the PA Game Commission who could patrol this area to keep out 4 wheelers. No decision was made on this-tabled until next month.

The weir upstream on Little Laurel Run has washed out in the recent heavy rain. Earl felt that it could be repaired and reinstalled. A work crew was meeting at Sunday, November 25th at 8AM.

Ferris Wheel Project-the final drawings are complete. At an earlier meeting \$1,250.00 was authorized to spend for the permitting at this site. However, an additional \$135.00 is needed for this permit. A **motion** by Larry Sutton and seconded by Art Rose was passed approving an additional \$135.00 for permitting fees for the Ferris Wheel

project. Michelle Merrow sent an e-mail stating that Ed is to be reimbursed \$10.00 for notary fees.

Morgan Run- Rachael Kester stated that she had talked to Michelle Merrow about all transfer forms for MR TUFF. An article recently appeared in the Philipsburg Journal about the groundbreaking ceremony for the project. No dirt has been moved yet due to clarification of the permit and all insurance forms from the contractor. MR FROGG-they are waiting to hear from OSM about additional funding for the project. They are also negotiating with 2 bidders on a wetlands mitigation project that will have to be rebuilt downstream.

ACE Drilling Site- Earl stated that he visited the site last week with Malcolm. There was no flow but samples were taken from the pond. Next quarter for testing will be the first quarter of 2008.

Old Business:

There was no old business to report.

New Business:

Clearfield County Conservation District-Rachael stated that the Clearfield County Senior Environmental Core produces a quarterly newsletter. Rachael stated that CCWA may submit an article on some of our projects. Suggested was the Amsbry site since it was such a win-win project- cleaned up the environment, helped the landowner, CCWA received a fee from this project and it helped the Co-Gen plant in Seward.

West Branch- Art stated that he has a student who is willing to take samples on the Clearfield Creek, Moshannon Creek and the West Branch at Karthus. TU would pay for the sampling through CCWA. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed giving Art permission to sponsor the sampling on Clearfield Creek, Moshannon Creek and the adjacent West Branch.

Website-Larry stated that his nephew is interested in helping with the website but would not be available until early next year. Please visit our website and you will see the many updates and changes that have been made.

Lastly, Ed stated that at a recent parent visit to his daughter's ninth grade environmental class the teacher was very interested in the many projects of CCWA. It was suggested that CCWA could offer a speaker for a short presentation. It is nice to see a teacher excited about the next generation of future environmentalist.

Next Meeting:

December 18, 2007, Dean Township Municipal Building, Dysart, 6:30 PM

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Bryan Rabish and seconded by Dick Dotts the meeting was adjourned at 8:36PM.

