

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2008
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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. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was passed accepting the September minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

During the months of **September and October**, the following activity took place in the bank accounts:

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Regular Account

Beginning Balance, September 1, 2008	\$6,208.63
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	110.00
DEP payment on ACE project	460.00
Bank interest	<u>1.14</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Road & Stream cleanup	147.03
Web host fees	59.85
Water samples on ACE project	<u>50.00</u>
Ending Balance, October 31, 2008	\$6,522.89

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Grant Account

Beginning Balance, September 1, 2008	\$35,284.55	
<u>Deposits:</u>		
Grant payment by OSM	43,905.60	[MRFrog]
DEP reimbursement	4,961.93	[4,686.93-Ferris West + 275-Working Capital]
Trout Unlimited reimbursement	1,162.00	[Working Capital]
Bank interest	<u>6.68</u>	[1.10-MuR1 + 5.58-Working Capital]
Total Deposits	50,036.21	

ENDING FUND BALANCES

<u>Expenses:</u>			
Working Capital (display board accessories)	3.69	→	\$ 5,580.65
Blandburg Active	0.00	→	(75.00)
C&K Passive	0.00	→	0.00
MuR1 Assess (weir material)	18.82	→	6,112.00
MR Frog (construction)	43,905.60	→	0.00
Dominion	180.00	→	0.00 -
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Amsbry	0.00	→	9,622.49

Ferris Wheel Reveg	0.00	→	(192.30)
Ferris West (development by Alder Run)	3,568.00	→	1,118.93
KL2 - EPA (samples + repair patches)	156.08	→	9,443.54
KL-Rose	0.00	→	2,500.00
Fish Fund	0.00	→	3,343.26
Heinz Grant	<u>0.00</u>	→	<u>35.00</u>
Total Expenses	47,832.19		

Ending Balance, October 31, 2008	\$37,488.57		\$37,488.57
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Note: The fund above in **bold** is a new project.
Respectfully submitted by Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report Continued:

Larry thanked everyone for the nice get well card and all of the prayers and well wishes that he received.

Listed below are the invoices that were received this past month:

- \$50.00- Mahaffey Labs-West Ferris Wheel project- West Ferris Wheel grant.
- \$35.00-transfer from the Heinz Grant to the Blandburg Active Treatment Fund. This will close out the Heinz Grant account.
- \$3,745.10- Hedin Environmental-C & K Passive Treatment Site, design and mapping, set up bid documents- paid from grant for this project.
- \$2,940.00- Cree Surveying- surveying for this project- paid from grant for this project.
- \$200.00-Mahaffey Labs- Klondike project- paid from money from the Western PA Watershed Program grant for this project.
- \$12,145.00- Ligonier Construction- Klondike project- to be paid from the Quick Response Program Grant. Documentation to be sent to Malcolm Crittenden, DEP for his review and approval.
- \$1,118.93- Alder Run Engineering- work on the West Ferris Wheel Project- West Ferris Wheel grant.
- \$39.00- Servinsky Jewelers- plaque purchased- General Account.

Larry had the following for deposit:

- \$34,800.00-advance from DEP for the C & K Passive Treatment Project, deposited into this grant account
- \$230.00- reimbursement from the Clean Stream Foundation- Ace Drilling site, deposited into the general account.
- \$192.30- DEP reimbursement Ferris Wheel Revegetation project- deposited into this grant account
- \$8.00- donations from the Cider Festival- deposited into General Account.

Larry also had a photo of Ed, Earl and Jerry standing in front of the display board. This photo will be sent in with the final report for the Dominions' Grant.

A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was passed authorizing Larry to pay the above listed invoices, transfer the \$35.00 from the Heinz Grant and to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry stated that he had no new activities to report.

Membership Committee:

Bob stated that he had no new members at this time.

Public Relations:

Dan had nothing new to report under public relations.

Historical Committee:

Ray was unable to attend this meeting due to his work schedule. Dick Dotts brought in a nice article on CCWA's minutes that appeared this past month in The Progress. Once again, we want to thank Jane Elling for her great coverage. This will be forwarded to Ray for the Historical Book.

Finance Report:

There was nothing new under Finances.

Grant Committee:

Dan stated that he had received an e-mail from Dominion's explaining that CCWA may apply for another grant up to \$2,500.00. After a brief discussion, it was decided that any grant money received would be used to purchase additional seeding and trees at the Ferris Wheel Revegetation site. A **motion** Art Rose and seconded by Dane Kalawanaski was passed authorizing Dan and Shawn to submit a grant application for up to \$2,500.00 To Dominion Peoples to b used for the Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project.

Election Committee:

At this time President Ed McMullen opened the nomination for the following positions-Board Member, Treasurer, Secretary and President Elect. The following nominations were made;

Board Member-Shawn Simmers nominated by Dan McMullen.

Treasurer- Larry Sutton nominated by Dick Dotts.

Secretary- Jerry McMullen nominated by Dick Dotts.

President Elect- Ed McMullen nominated by Dan McMullen.

Just a reminder that nominations will also be accepted at the December meeting, after which nominations will then be closed. Elections will be held at the annual meeting in January, 2009.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted and discussed by Art Rose, chairman of the tech committee: **Tech Committee Report-November 18, 2008**

Klondike Project Two additional ponds were constructed by Ligonier Construction in early November, using the Quick Response funding. These ponds will allow the removal of additional iron before the water flows into the previous system. Flow has been restored through these ponds and through the system. An experimental filter of “Fuzzy Balls” was placed on the inflow to the vertical flow pond, to remove suspended iron particles before entry into the VFP, but was removed on 11/18 because it appeared completely plugged. Satisfactory revised “As built” drawings were received from the surveyor, Landmark Engineering. These drawings were incorporated into a Final Report, which was sent to DEP on 11/14. Approval of this report should allow DEP to send us the final payment for the project, and to pay Ligonier the final bill. A set of 3 analyses from the KL-2 system and 3 from weirs on Little Laurel Run, collected on 10/21, were received from Mahaffey Labs.

West Ferris Wheel Project Two analyses were received from samples collected on 10/21.

Brubaker Project No activity

Glasgow Project A detailed topographic map of the site was completed by Cree Surveying. The map will be used by Hedin Environmental to design the renovation at the site. A brief report was received from Hedin Environmental for their field visit on 10/1/08 and work on the conceptual design. Bills were received from Cree Surveying and Hedin Environmental.

Muddy Run Project Rachel Kester, Carl Undercofler and Aaron Fureguiel have walked the middle section of Muddy Run, and one new site for a weir has been identified in this section. None of several other sites were examined by Rose in areas A and C were considered to justify sampling. Weirs at Brookwood Shaft, Eureka Shaft and BW03 near Brookwood were rebuilt by Smithmyer, Rabish and Aaron, and the weir on the McCartney land near Mountindale has been installed by Group E. The three remaining weirs are expected to be installed in the next 10 days. We have a total of 27 sites planned for sampling starting in December.

Blandburg Project A map and elevations of critical locations was completed by Cree Surveying and sent to Dietz and Gourley for design. DEP decided to solicit proposals from 5 additional consulting firms, who will visit the site on 10/24. Analyses of 4 samples collected on 10/18 were received from the DEP Lab. Another set of samples was collected on 11/18.

Amsbry Project No activity.

Swank 13 Project No activity.

Ace Drilling Site- Earl stated that he will be taking water samples in early December.

The following was reported by Rachel Kester:

Morgan Run- the MR Tuff system is about 95% complete and Michelle has begun filling the ponds. This will be a slow process because of low flow conditions in the stream. Michelle doesn't want to turn the intakes on full force and risk drying up about 2 miles of

Morgan Run while the ponds fill up. They are holding water nicely and the water quality in Morgan Run is already improving (pH went from about 4.0 to 5.5) simply because the bad water is being held in the ponds and is not making it to the stream. Once treatment actually begins, it is anticipated that the stream quality will improve even more.

MR Frog is about 80-85% complete. The contractor is waiting for some valves to be delivered.

MR Tuff Wetland Mitigation site was about 99% complete the last time I talked to Michelle. EM Brown was supposed to be out of there very soon.

The Morgan Run Watershed Group took a tour of the treatment sites on Sunday, November 9 to learn about the systems and talk about operation and maintenance. They also decided to wait until spring to do their final wetland and tree plantings. They will be calling on CCWA to assist with these efforts. Also, a media day/open house will be planned for spring once everything greens up out there. Last day for construction on Tuff and Frog is December 31.

Kratzer Run fish habitat improvement/stream bank stabilization project was held on November 7 by the Anderson Creek Watershed Association. The project was very successful. Many volunteers showed up to help and all the materials were donated to complete the project. Another project is being planned just down stream for the spring. If anyone would like to see the current project or help in the spring with the next project, it would be a great time to learn how to construct these structures and why they are great tools to improve fish habitat and stop erosion problems. Please call Rachel at 814-765-8130 if you would like to go see the structures or would like more information.

Old Business:

Gary Haluska Pending Grant- Earl signed a contract for this grant in early November. It will be approximately 6-8 weeks, after a final review, before we receive the signed contract. Once again, we want to thank Representative Gary Haluska for his effort in securing this grant.

New Business:

Teamwork-At this time Art mentioned the special effort put forth by many individuals and teams in both their walking of Muddy Run and the installation of the 27 weirs.

Next Meeting:

December 16, 2008, Prince Gallitzin Park, Main Office 6:30 PM. Please Note that this is our winter meeting site.

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