

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2005**

The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 20 members present. We had two guests present-Beth Dillon from the Susquehanna River Basin Commission and Gary Cocek from the DEP Harrisburg office. On a **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Ed McMullen the minutes from the November 15, 2005 meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

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

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Regular Account

Beginning Balance, November 1 st , 2005	\$3,861.72
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Memorial Mass – Jerry Eckenrode	(10.00)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	0.00
Close-out Petty Cash account	100.00
Bank interest	0.16
Ending Balance, November 30 th , 2005	<u>\$3,951.88</u>

Money Held for Deposit at 11/30/05: none

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Grant Account

Beginning Balance, November 1 st , 2005	\$2,515.40
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Project costs:	
KL1 (Growing Greener)	150.00
KL2 (EPA)	0.00
Brubaker	0.00
Little Laurel Restoration	0.00
Fish Fund	0.00
Heinz Grant	<u>0.00</u>
	(150.00)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
New Grant Awards	0.00
Grant Expense Reimbursement – Brubaker Project	2,561.77
Grant Expense Reimbursement – Klondike Project	1,081.92
Bank interest	<u>.31</u>
Ending Balance, November 30 th , 2005	<u>\$6,009.40</u>

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Respectfully submitted,
Larry Sutton, Treasurer

On a **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Dan McMullen the treasurer's report was unanimously accepted. Larry reported that he had received a check for deposit for reimbursement on the KL1 account (Klondike Project) totaling \$601.01 and \$20.00 in dues. At this time three invoices were submitted for payment- an invoice from Floral and Country Gift Shop for flowers-\$47.70, reimbursement to Art Rose for the Little Laurel Restoration Plan and related costs incurred-\$3,300.00 and an invoice to the service provider for our website, NMBS-\$145.00. On a **motion** by Alene Smithmyer and seconded by Ran Hollen the bills were unanimously approved for payment.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he and Art were working on the Watershed News that is to be mailed to all members. This report, accompanied by a letter announcing the annual meeting in January, and a membership card (to all members who have not paid the 2006 dues) will be sent out over Christmas. Jerry had received an e-mail from Barry Zaffuto concerning the clay mine map. Art will be contacting the PA Game Commission in the future for their assistance on the Brubaker Project. Jerry had contacted Jack Calandra's office for an address for future correspondence. It is through Mr. Calandra's generous annual support that we are able to maintain our website.

Membership Committee:

Larry Sutton had received two membership cards this past month. Membership committee chair Bob Funicelli reported that he would wait for the response from the December mailing before making any personal solicitations.

Public Relations and Historical Committee:

Pat McNulty, Public Relations Chairman, reported that he has recently been discouraged by the lack of press coverage from the local newspapers. We are thankful for the coverage that CCWA does get in both The Progress and The Mainline Newspaper.

Alene Smithmyer reported that she had nothing new to report on the Historical Committee.

Finance Report:

Larry reported that he had nothing new to report, at this time.

Tech Committee:

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

Tech Committee Activities, December 2005

Klondike Project

Since the last meeting, five days have been spent by John Foreman and Art Rose on the permit applications for the Klondike Project. The Erosion and Sedimentation application is essentially finished, and the drawings for this bring the Wetland application close to completion. We hope the latter can be completed and submitted in early January. An extension of the grant, which expires 12/31/05, is being requested, but nearly all remaining funds will be spent on permit application fees. Two checks totaling \$750.00

are to be sent out: \$500.00 to the Cambria County Conservation District (application fee) and \$250.00 to the Cambria Clean Water Fund (permit fee).

Brubaker Project

Cree Surveying used the surveyed property corners to register the Dean Clay Mine map on the detailed topographic map from DEP. The clay mine outflow and entry on the two maps fit within a few feet, giving confidence to our knowledge of the underground mine location. Cree is currently surveying the proposed drill site locations, but has had difficulty from a locked gate. The Dean Clay Mine map has been scanned into Foreman's computer, and a listing of mine maps to be compiled has been prepared. Three copies of an agreement with Sam Lansberry are expected to be signed by President Earl Smithmyer and Secretary Jerry McMullen on 12/20/05, which will allow CCWA to obtain the drill logs from him.

Ferris Wheel Project

In a phone call with Art Rose, Mr. Mike Martin, Director of the Blair County Solid Waste Authority, was positive about cooperating on revegetation of the Ferris Wheel area. We are awaiting analyses of the soil samples for nutrients. Art will take the samples to the Penn State Soil Lab for testing. Approximate cost will be \$60.00 for this testing. Art stated that he and Shawn Simmers will be working on a proposal to request Growing Greener funding for this project.

Glasgow Treatment System

On 12/20, Dr. Robert Hedin and Kim Weaver of Hedin Environmental met at Glasgow with Art Rose, Earl Smithmyer, Malcolm Crittenden and Tom Holencik. Hedin Environmental will prepare a report and recommendations for the system under the DEP's Technical Assistant Grant program. Possible projects at the site will probably be phased, starting with simple inexpensive steps that will improve the existing treatment systems, possibly leading to an additional acid removal system developed from the manganese removal bed.

West Branch Citizens for a Clean Watershed

At a meeting on December 6, Amy Wolfe of Trout Unlimited proposed a media program to publicize our activities and goals, and a Symposium to discuss activities. With help from Jerry McMullen, Art Rose has sent Amy a list of newspaper contacts for our area. The Susquehanna River Basin Commission will compile information on acidity sources in the drainage, probably funded by a Growing Greener Grant. Another meeting will probably be held in January to discuss the compilation with SRBC. Art suggested to Amy that Earl Smithmyer should be added to this group.

Old Business:

Proposal for Sampling and Flushing- 2 sites on Sugar Run- President Smithmyer had reviewed the proposed amount and determined that the costs incurred will be covered. After a brief discussion, it was determined that Earl will sign the agreement for the first quarter.

Elections- One more nomination for the Board Member position was received- Dan McMullen. At this time we have 4 nominees: Dan McMullen, Chuck Sutton, Dick Dotts and Shawn Simmers A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Ed McMullen was passed closing the nominations.

Stream Maps-Earl reminded the members that we have not forgotten about the project of identifying and color coding the streams in the Clearfield Creek Watershed that sustain fish. We are still waiting for the maps for this project.

New Business:

Donna Carnahan –Donna has accepted a job with the DEP office in Harrisburg. We wish her the best of luck in her new position.

Guest Speaker-Beth Dillon- at this time Beth presented a power point presentation on the “Pollutant Loadings to be Assessed for the Clearfield Creek Watershed.” Beth discussed how the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) has been contracted to assist with Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) development for the Clearfield Creek Watershed. To address any water quality impairments, the Clean Water Act requires Pennsylvania to develop TMDLs for the watershed and determine the necessary pollutant reductions. We want to thank Beth for this very informative presentation and for answering the many questions asked.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2006, Prince Gallitzin State Park, Park Office, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Brian Rabish and seconded by Ed McMullen the meeting was adjourned.