

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were no new members or visitors present for this meeting. It was noted that there were two corrections to the November minutes-the date was wrong on the minutes sent out, it should read November 21st not the 19th and under the treasurer's report a change was made to the last sentence in paragraph two. Rather than say "These will be paid", it was changed to Forsyth will be paid. . . . On a **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Ray Hollen the corrected minutes were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Regular Account

Beginning Balance, November 1 st , 2006	\$4,526.22
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	0.00
Bank interest	0.19
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Transfer to Grant A/C – close KL1 Fund	44.58
Ending Balance, November 30 th , 2006	<u>\$4,481.83</u>

Money Held for Deposit at 11/30/06: \$0

Grant Account

Beginning Balance, November 1 st , 2006	\$3,378.85	
<u>Deposits:</u>		
New Grant Awards Received	0.00	
Grant Reimbursement	16,965.00	[Brubaker]
Grant Reimbursement	1,285.50	[KL1 Fund]
Transfer from Regular A/C	44.58	[KL1 Fund]
Bank interest	.96	[Fish Fund]
Total Deposits	18,296.04	

ENDING FUND BALANCES

<u>Expenses:</u>			
KL1 (Growing Greener)	0.00	→	\$ 0.00
[CLOSED]			
KL2 (EPA)	0.00	→	0.00
KL-Rose	0.00	→	2,500.00
Brubaker	16,724.58	→	(1,708.73)
Fish Fund	0.00	→	3,872.04
Heinz Grant	0.00	→	287.00
Total Expenses	16,724.58		
Ending Balance, November 30 th , 2006	<u>\$4,950.31</u>		<u>\$4,950.31</u>

Money Held for Deposit at 11/30/06: \$0

Respectfully submitted, Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Larry reported that he had received the following invoices to be paid all related to the Brubaker Project: Mahaffey Labs- \$701.00, Keith Truck Service-\$455.00 & \$260.00, Fairway Labs (water analysis)-\$4,726.00. John Foreman also presented the following invoices for reimbursement that he had prepaid: Unibar-\$733.52, Forestry Supplies, Inc.- 2 invoices, \$527.34 & \$341.02. Larry had also received \$10.00 in dues for deposit. On a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ed McMullen the Treasurer's report was accepted.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he will need to purchase a few supplies for the upcoming annual mailing to all members-stamps and labels. **A motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Art Rose was passed authorizing the purchase of these items. Jerry spoke about an article that was e-mailed to him from Rob Piper about the AML Reauthorization. PA is expected to receive at least \$1.5 billion over the next 15 years. President Smithmyer had given Jerry a copy of the Easement and Agreement with the LaRue's covering the property near Amsbry. **A motion** by Larry Sutton and seconded by Ed McMullen was passed accepting this Easement and requiring the agreement to be recorded at the Cambria County Courthouse. Earl was to sign the agreement, have it notarized and recorded.

Membership Committee:

Bob Funicelli was not able to attend this meeting due to another commitment. In an earlier conversation with Earl he stated that he had nothing new to report and will be working on the 2007 membership campaign.

Public Relations:

There was nothing new to report, at this time.

Historical Committee:

Alene reported that she had received lots of articles related to the AML Reauthorization. She had also received an article on the November minutes from the Patton Courier. Dick had given her an article from The Progress on last month's minutes and Jerry had given Alene an article from the Tribune Democrat announcing the Ferris Wheel Grant of \$77,402.00. All will be added to the historical book. We do want to thank the newspapers for their coverage.

Finance Report:

The sales tax exemption certificate paperwork is nearly complete. After the completion of the annual financial report for 2006, this will be sent to the state.

Grant Committee:

As mentioned above, the grant committee was notified that CCWA has received a \$77,402.00 grant for revegetation on the Ferris Wheel project. They have also been contacted by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation who would like to send a field representative to meet on-site to investigate the planting of trees on this area. There was a brief discussion as to additional grants and projects that the grant committee could look

into. Shawn said that the committee will investigate some of these. At this was time there was a big round of applause congratulating the grant committee on their success in securing a grant for the Ferris Wheel area. As stated by President Smithmyer “this area has been bare for approximately 50 years. It will be nice to see something done.”

Election Committee:

Ray Hollen, committee chairman, reported that nominations are still being accepted for the following positions-President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer-2 year terms- and a Director’s position- 3 year term. The following nominations were made at the October and November meetings: President Elect- Earl Smithmyer, Secretary- Jerry McMullen, Treasurer-Larry Sutton, Director- Dick Dotts, Ray Hollen and Dan McMullen. No new nominations were received at this time. A **motion** by John Strittmatter and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed closing the nominations at this time. Elections will be held at the annual meeting in January. The election committee will have a ballot ready for the above elections.

Tech Committee:

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

Klondike Project Finally, the “wetlands permit” has been received for this project. Plans will be made for bidding and construction in the spring.

Brubaker Project Tracer tests showed transport from both the B area and the D area within about 1 day, indicating significant flow from both branches of the mine. A supplemental test from the B area is in progress. Sampling for tracer tests has been mostly on a daily or more frequent basis by Foreman and Smithmyer. Potassium tracer from hole E-7 on the Ridge Mining Strip has apparently not broken through. Tracer of bromide injected into hole G-1 is being checked at the Bender treatment plant and in several other drillholes to test whether that water is separate from the Dean Clay Mine water. The borehole camera from US Office of Surface Mining was used to examine 6 holes on December 12. A “stream” was observed in hole B-16. Field work on this project is essentially complete. A report is expected in the next few weeks.

Ferris Wheel Project The DEP announced that we have been awarded and EPA 319 grant of \$77,402 for revegetation of the Ferris Wheel strip mine. An early step will be aerial photography and preparation of topographic mapping of the area, followed by permitting.

Amsbry Project During the month, the Larues signed the easement agreement with CCWA, giving us rights to remove coal refuse and construct and maintain AMD treatment systems on the site. They also signed the Landowner Consent form giving Robindale Energy the right to remove refuse. If the required permit can be obtained, Robindale hopes to remove the refuse in January when they have equipment available during shutdown at Seward. However, they will still provide ash to the Ferris Wheel site at no cost.

Glasgow Project It was decided to defer activity on this project until spring. Flushing continues.

Blandburg Treatment Plant At the instigation of Malcolm Crittenden of DEP, the plant was visited with Bill Gongaware and Mike Kaufman of Chemstream. They will make cost estimates for running the plant that hopefully will be lower than the existing cost. Arrangements were pursued with the Trust that owns the plant for Jon Dietz to conduct experiments on an improved treatment method at the plant.

New proposals A proposal on Muddy Run assessment is underway by Jen Demchak. We need to consider whether to prepare a proposal for design and permitting at the Ferris Wheel or some other site on Little Laurel Run

Old Business:

Glendale Lake Project-Cambria County Conservation District continues to work on this project for CCWA.

Capital/Operating Fund Drive- Dick Dotts stated that he had sent out 2 letters and is waiting for a response. Dick stated that he would like to see this solicitation letter placed in the Ad Bargain. A **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Larry Sutton was passed authorizing placement of this letter in the Ad Bargain. **A special meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 9th, 6:30 PM, Prince Gallitzin Park, Park office to work on the Capital/Operating Fund drive.** We are asking all members to attend this meeting and assist us with this project.

Muddy Run-evaluation and funding-Jen Demchak stated that she has a rough draft of the grant for this project. Art has been assisting Jen. Kevin Clark stated that he has contacted a former professor at Penn State University to see if students may want to assist with this evaluation. Jen will be working on a cost analysis and have something to report for the next meeting.

New Business:

PennDOT building-Earl stated that he had received a phone call from a concerned citizen about the construction of the new PennDOT building along route 53 North of Ashville. This will be a storage shed for the salt that is used on the highways. There is concern of possible leaching of the salt into Clearfield stream that is close by. We are certainly **NOT** accusing PennDOT of any wrongdoing but are just concerned.

Next Meeting: Prince Gallitzin Park, Main Office, 6:30 PM, January 16, 2007. Please come and join us for this meeting.

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

