

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2007
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 14 members present plus 1 visitor. A **motion** by Larry Sutton and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was passed accepting the November minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Regular Account

Beginning Balance, November 1, 2007	\$5,581.50
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Donations	0.00
Bank interest	<u>0.46</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Water Analysis – ACE Drilling site	<u>100.00</u>
Ending Balance, November 30, 2007	\$5,481.96

Grant Account

Beginning Balance, November 1, 2007	\$32,990.98	
<u>Deposits:</u>		
DEP Reimbursement	143,602.66	[KL2 Project]
OSM grant payment	100,000.00	[KL2 Project]
DEP Reimbursement	3,692.50	[Ferris Wheel Project]
Bank interest	<u>5.20</u>	[Working Capital]
Total Deposits	247,300.36	

ENDING FUND BALANCES

<u>Expenses:</u>		
Working Capital	0.00	→ \$ 4,787.88
Amsbry	0.00	→ 11,884.49
Ferris Wheel	0.00	→ 0.00
KL2 (EPA)	243,602.66	→ (20.75)
KL-Rose	0.00	→ 2,500.00
Brubaker	13,250.00	→ .06
Fish Fund	0.00	→ 4,000.00
Heinz Grant	<u>252.00</u>	→ <u>35.00</u>
Total Expenses	257,104.66	
Ending Balance, November 30, 2007	\$23,186.68	\$23,186.68

Respectfully submitted by Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report (Continued):

Larry reviewed the above treasurer's report with the members. He explained that the \$252.00 was for water testing on the Klondike project (Heinz Grant). Larry stated that he will be paying John Foreman \$1,750.00 for work at the Klondike project. He had received the check from John Dawes and the Western PA Watershed Program- \$20,000.00 for the Klondike project that will be deposited. He had received one membership dues-\$10.00- to be deposited in the general fund.. Lastly, an invoice from Ligioner Construction-\$65,984.10- had been received. This will be sent into DEP for reimbursement. There was a brief discussion about the valves that were not working at the Klondike site and they have been replaced. There is some minor work that will have to be completed in the spring.

A **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Art Rose 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 from Rachael Kester, Clearfield County Conservation District. One was about a grant opportunity for watershed groups. This was forwarded to Shawn Simmers, Grant Committee. Next was an e-mail on the latest update on the Muddy Run Dumpsite-DEP had sent out a team of field representatives who along with an officer from the Clearfield County Solid Waste Authority has uncovered names of potential violators. DEP has approved funding from the solid waste abatement fund. They will be advertising for bids and are anticipating a May 2008 cleanup, weather permitting.

Jerry also reported that he may have to purchase a few office supplies for the annual mailing in December. A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed authorizing Jerry to purchase labels and office supplies, as needed, for the annual mailing.

Membership Committee:

Bob Funicelli reported that he will be beginning his solicitation soon for 2008. He also stated that we may have to have additional membership cards printed this year.

Public Relations:

Dan stated that he has his computer at home up and running and will be getting some e-mail addresses from Jerry for public relations contacts.

Historical Committee:

Ray stated that he had nothing to report for this month.

At this time the recent collapse of the steel bridge near Dysart into the Clearfield Creek came up for discussion. It was reported that there was no salt spilled into the stream and that PennDOT has already advertised for bids for removal of the fallen bridge.

It was suggested that CCWA should contact PennDOT and request input on the design of the new bridge (an access road to the stream at the bridge would be helpful for future trout stocking).

Finance Report:

Larry had nothing to report at this time.

Grant Committee:

Dan McMullen stated that he and Shawn were able to complete the Dominion People grant application. Requested was \$2,500 for educational materials, signage, digital camera and a display board.

Shawn stated that he had reviewed the grant information from Rachael. The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is soliciting proposals under its Chesapeake Bay Small Watersheds Grant Program. The program provides grants of up to \$200,000 to organizations to improve watershed health in the Chesapeake Bay basin. Michelle Merrow offered to assist Shawn with an application for the Ferris Wheel Revegetation or another project.

Ray reported that he had talked to State Representative Gary Halluska about a possible meeting with CCWA representatives. Mr. Halluska stated that he would be happy to meet with us after the first of the year.

A big round of applause was given to both Shawn and Dan for their hard work in getting the Dominion's grant in on such short notice.

Election Committee:

Ray, election committee chair, reported that nominations are still being accepted for the Board of Director's position, which will expire in January, 2008, currently served by Bryan Rabish. Earl Smithmyer nominated Dan McMullen at this time. Since no other nominations were received nominations were then closed. Ray stated that he will have a ballot for the election 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, the KL2 ponds have filled and both KL1 and KL2 are now flowing through the entire system. Field analyses on 12/18 indicate good water quality flowing from the systems. A set of samples was collected and sent to Mahaffey Labs for analysis. A group of members restored the weirs on Little Laurel Run. The \$20,000 requested from the Western PA Watershed Program was approved and the funds received. A bill for November was received from Ligonier Construction.

Brubaker Project A proposal for further work on this site awaits word on possible geophysical work to determine the source of water in the D area. The Brubaker report was sent to a geophysicist in California for evaluation of collaboration in a hydrogeology-geophysics program. A meeting to discuss the report with BAMR is scheduled for January. Arrangements have been made with BAMR to sample the Clay Mine discharge and selected other sites in Brubaker Run and submit samples to BAMR in Ebensburg.

Glasgow Project We await word from Malcolm Crittenden as to whether a grant from DEP will be awarded to CCWA for renovation of the treatment systems. Also, we await an estimate from Clark Cree on surveying expenses.

Ferris Wheel and West Ferris Wheel Projects Dr. Neil Korostoff of the Department of Landscape Architecture contacted Arthur Rose and is interested in having students in his design class use the site for a project. The proposals have been sent to him, and the Alderrun Engineering design will be sent when it is finalized. He may be able to advise on vegetation and other aspects of the project. He hopes to visit the site with students in January.

Other Items Discussed Under the Tech Report

Klondike site-we have not received the as-built drawings from Ligonier Construction.

Swank Project- Art stated that he has not heard back from the PA Game Commission about the limestone that was to be placed in the stream at this site. He will contact the Pa Game Commission about this.

Dan stated that he had talked to a PA Game Commission Official about perhaps getting some trees to plant at the Klondike site.

Ace Drilling Site- nothing new to report. Blair County is planning to do some work in this area in the spring.

Michelle Merrow presented the following report:

Ferris Wheel Revegetation: Michelle brought final draft drawings for review by the group. The paper copies were sent with Shawn for his review and comments. Once the drawings are reviewed, they will be finalized and the permit applications submitted. Michelle asked permissions to send Neil Koronstoff material from the Ferris Wheel Project. Permission was granted to release this information.

MR Tuff-a pre-construction meeting was held on December 12, 2007. Contractor provided insurance information required. Notice to proceed will be issued dated December 20. The major part of construction will commence in January, but will be fweather dependent.

MR FROG- All permits are in hand and Clearfield County Conservation District (hereafter, CCCD) is in negotiation with the low bidder to have construction contract documents finalized. Construction will commence in early 2008.

MR TUFF Wetland Mitigation- the CCCD met with the selected bidder to make some minor, non-technical changes in the plan and some product substitutions to reduce the bid price. The contractor would like to start the work soon while the spoil is frozen.

Michelle presented a form entitled "Certificate of Appraisal of Permit Conditions" for this project, and requested CCWA's signature. This form states that CCWA has received a permit for this project, they are aware of the permit conditions, and identifies who is responsible for permit conditions and construction management. Michelle signed the form as being responsible for permit conditions and management, similar to what was done for MR TUFF and MR FROG. The group voted to sign this form, and it was signed by Ed McMullen. As with the other projects, Michelle will be responsible for permit conditions such as notifying DEP and Fish and Boat Commission when the project starts, ends, and if there are problems, keeping copies of permits on site, etc. At this time a **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Larry Sutton was passed that CCWA is in agreement for Michelle Merrow to accept the responsibility for permit conditions, notification and keeping copies of permits on site, etc.

MR 7—All permits are in hand. We are waiting for the Growing Greener Grant awards to see if the construction project is funded. If so, the project will be put out to bid for construction this spring. If not, we'll resubmit the GG application.

MR 8—The design is done, and permit applications have been submitted. CCWA received a copy of a letter from the CCCD stating that the E&S plan/NPDES permit application is complete. The Joint Permit application is also complete at the DEP. We will be awaiting final approvals and the GG grant announcement to see if we receive construction money. If not, we will resubmit the application in 2008.

MR Ross—This is the last funded design project. We (NMBS and Alder Run Engineering) are currently working on this design to be completed in late 2008.

Michelle invited everyone from CCWA to visit Morgan Run in the spring when the mud dries up and construction is a little further along. Members stated that they would be happy to visit these sites that we talk about each month.

Amsbry Site- Michelle and Art discussed mapping costs for aerial photography and mapping/contouring. The use of county photos was discussed, but we will have to find out what resolution, flight height, etc. Alder Run Engineering doesn't have any flights going this fall due to the lateness of the GG grant awards, but Michelle offered to let CCWA "piggyback" on our spring flights to save flight costs. Also, Land and Mapping in Clearfield or Nor East Mapping in Kylertown may have or may know of other flights where CCWA could purchase photos for a small fee.

Old Business:

PA Game Commission Discussion- further discussion was held on the potential agreement with the Game Commission. Earl stated that they would randomly patrol the area and fine any violators but we would have to give them a key to the site and sign an agreement. It was not clear whether all landowners at the Klondike site would have to sign this agreement. Earl stated that he would talk to the PA Game Commission and check on this and report at the next meeting. This was tabled for next month's meeting.

New Business:

Fishing derby: it is not too early to discuss the fishing derby since we like to get tickets out there in February. These tickets benefit the children's fishing derby that will be held on Saturday, May 17th. A **motion** by Jerry McMullen and seconded by Dave McMullen was passed authorizing Earl to have 2,500 tickets printed for the Kid's fishing derby on May 17, 2008.

Next Meeting:

January 15, 2007, Dean Township Municipal Building, Dysart, 6:30 PM

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Bryan Rabish and seconded by Dan McMullen the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

