

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2009
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The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 12 members present and one visitor- Brad Carlson. Earl welcomed Brad to the meeting. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Larry Sutton was then passed accepting the November minutes.

Treasurer's Report: The following was reported by Dane Kalwanaski, CCWA Treasurer.

For: Oct 31 - Nov 30, 2009

General Fund

Beginning Balance		\$7,844.57
Deposits	Clean Streams (ACE)	\$230.00
	Interest	\$0.20
Expenses	Mahaffey Labs (ACE)	(\$84.00)
Ending Balance		\$7,990.77

Grant Accounts

	<u>Beginning Bal.</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Bal.</u>
Working Capitol	\$5,605.51	\$0.24	\$0.00	\$5,605.75
Dominion II	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Blandburg Active C&K	(\$40.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$40.00)
Passive(Glasgow)	(\$10,503.59)	\$0.00	(\$28.00)	(\$10,531.59)
MuR1 Assessment	(\$2,768.77)	\$0.00	(\$812.00)	(\$3,580.77)
MR Ross	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amsbry	\$6,926.00	\$0.00	(\$50.00)	\$6,876.00
FerrisWheel West	(\$3,020.38)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,020.38)
FerrisWheel Reveg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
KL-2	\$5,552.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,552.96
KL-Rose	\$1,473.00	\$0.00	(\$264.00)	\$1,209.00
Fish Fund	\$3,634.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,634.49
Total	\$8,859.22	\$0.24	(\$1,154.00)	\$7,705.46

Respectfully
Submitted:

Dane Kalwanaski

Treasurer's Report Continued:

Deposits: None

Expenses:

\$175.93 to Ed McMullen for Camera and Supplies, General Fund

\$56.00 to Damin Printing for Membership Cards, General Fund

\$532.00 to Mahaffey Labs for Water Testing, MUR1

\$280.00 to Mahaffey Labs for Water Testing, MUR1

\$100.00 to Mahaffey Labs for Water Testing, Klondike Rose

\$25.00 to Mahaffey Labs for Water Testing, Glasgow C&K

Bills Reported but not Payable:

\$2,345.29 to Hedin Environmental Services, Glasgow C&K

\$486.04 to Art Rose for Lab/Field Supplies, Glasgow C&K

A **motion** by Shawn Simmers and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed authorizing payment of the above listed invoices and to accept the Treasurer's report.

It was noted that DEP is very slow in paying its' bills. Smith Excavating is looking for payment for work completed on the Glasgow project. A lengthy discussion was held on how the lack of/or slow payment from DEP makes CCWA look bad, since we can not pay the contractor until we receive reimbursement. This may impact future projects. Larry suggested that we contact Gary Haluska to see if we can get our recent invoices paid.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry stated that he had a few e-mails in correspondence. Jerry had the membership cards that were ordered from Damin printing. He had also talked to Barry Zafuto, land manager for the PA Game Commission, about ordering some trees for the Klondike sites. Barry has visited these sites first-hand and is familiar with the areas where we wish to plant the trees. He suggested a good mix of a couple of species of oaks, hawthorne and crabapple trees. The PA Game Commission is willing to donate these trees to CCWA.

A discussion was held about possibly taping the meetings. Due to another commitment earlier in the evening, Jerry is very late for the CCWA meeting making it very difficult to compile the minutes each month. Earl suggested that we look into the cost of a tape recorder. Dave stated that he may have one that we could use. We will report on this at the next meeting.

Jerry reported that he may have to purchase some office supplies and stamps for the annual mailing.

Membership Committee:

There was nothing new to report under membership. New membership for 2010 will begin in January.

Public Relations:

There was nothing new to report under public relations.

Historical Committee:

Art talked about the e-mail he had sent out covering the Klondike project and the research that is being done at this site. Art will be contacting additional people about these projects.

Finance Report:

Larry reported that he met Jack Calandra to ask for a possible donation to the Working Capital Fund. Earl stated that he would also like to meet with Mr. Calandra sometime in January. Larry agreed to set this meeting up for then.

Grant Committee:

Dan reported that he and Shawn are working on two Dominion Peoples' grants; one is for General Operating Expenses to purchase two flow meters, the other is for Working Capital-up to a \$1,000.00 grant.

Earl suggested that if we receive this grant that we should fill in an abandoned well and pump house that is located on the Hite/Dobson property at the Klondike site. There is concern for the safety of someone falling into the abandoned well.

CCWA has been notified that we have received a \$10,000.00 grant from Western PA Watershed Foundation for topography and mapping on Muddy Run. Therefore, we withdrew our Growing Greener grant application. Art had a letter for President Earl Smithmyer to sign stating that we would withdraw our GG grant application.

Election Committee:

As reported in October there is one Board Member's position (a 3 year term) that will expire in January, 2010. Dan McMullen nominated Ray Hollen for this position at the November meeting. No other nominations were received at this time. Nominations were then closed by President Smithmyer. 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-December 15, 2009**

Klondike Project Testing of slag samples in collaboration with Malcolm Crittenden has discovered some slag near Johnstown that generates high alkalinity in bucket tests of coarse fragments. Construction of a simple test bed at KL-1 is being investigated. Dr. Rachel Brennan reports encouraging results with lab tests using chitin for AMD treatment, and indicates probable future construction of a test system at KL-1

West Ferris Wheel Project The discharges were sampled on 12/15/09.

Glasgow C&K Project The site was visited several times. Grass is growing in the disturbed areas. The VFP 1 is slowly filling from an estimated 5 gal/min inflow. A set of pH meters and iron and alkalinity kits was purchased for \$486 for use in future

monitoring of this site. We currently owe Smith Construction a total of about \$110,000 including \$28,396 from September.

Muddy Run Project Monthly sampling of discharges was completed in November. A set of stream samples is to be collected by Carl Underkofler in December. Jen Demchak requested field notebooks to obtain flow measurements and other data. The Groups C and E books are being sent her but the Group A book is not yet available. Jen is working on the background sections of the report. We have been told that the \$10,000 for air photos and mapping will be granted by the Western PA Watershed Foundation, so we voted to withdraw our proposal for this project from the Growing Greener competition.

Amsbry Project No activity

West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition The quarterly meeting was attended on 12/8. A symposium is planned for May 6-7, 2010. Among other items, it appears that grants for supplies might be available from Home Depot.

Future Mini-Symposium with Trout Unlimited Trout Unlimited wishes to conduct another mini-symposium in our area in 2010. We would be committed to assistance with the technical program and field tour. Signing of a "Partnering Form" to be submitted with the TU proposal was recommended and approved. President Smithmyer suggested that we establish a date as soon as possible so that facilities can be reserved.

Montclair State Revegetation-AMD project A draft of the proposal to OSM was received from Michael Hardy. He requests a letter of support for this project including access for sampling at Klondike and Ferris Wheel, and future cooperation on revegetation of a small area at Ferris Wheel using vetiver, a grass with desirable properties.

Ron Jenkins An email was received from Mr. Jenkins who grew up at the former village of Clear Creek near Flinton, and has a website (www.ronnierayjenkins.com) which includes stories of his boyhood in the area including swimming in Clearfield Creek. He has been contacted regarding providing a historical page for our website and has agreed to provide this.

Other items discussed under the Tech Report:

Ace Drilling Site- Earl reported that he and Dick will attempt to sample this site on December 17th. Malcolm has requested that Mahaffey Labs use a different form- Module 8.1. Shawn is to contact Mahaffey Labs to make this arrangement.

Old Business:

Trout Unlimited Stream Assessment-Aaron Furgiuele, Trout Unlimited, had contacted Earl about starting the stream assessment on Friday, December 18th, 8AM beginning at Brubaker stream. This will be the micro invertebrate study to be conducted at 6 sites. Aaron and Becky Dunlap will be doing additional sampling on Tuesday, December 22nd. All of this is weather permitting.

Gary Haluska Grant- Earl had nothing new to report on this grant. As reported earlier, Larry will be contacting Gary's office about lack of payment from DEP.

Fly Ash Hearings-Shawn reported that approximately 40 people attended the Fly Ash Hearing held on December 8th, Ebensburg DEP office. Both Rob Piper and Art Rose, CCWA members, testified at the hearing held by the Environmental Control Board in support of the beneficial use of fly ash. Shawn thanked them for their testimony and

support. In strong opposition of any use of fly ash was the Sierra Club from Pittsburgh and a CCWA member from Cresson.

Camera Purchase: Ed had the camera and accessories that was purchased for CCWA.

New Business:

Possible Contamination- Dick Dotts reported that he had been contacted by a local resident concerning possible contamination from leaking oil drums stored at a farm on Kid Long Road near Spindley City. Dick stated that he would do a preliminary investigation and contact the DEP office in Ebensburg.

Next Meeting: January 19, 2010, Prince Gallitzin Park Office Conference Room, 6:30 PM. Please note this is our winter meeting site.

Adjournment: Prior to adjourning Earl took the time to thanks everyone for all that they do and to wish the members a Merry Christmas. On a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dane Kalwanaski the meeting was adjourned.

