

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2007
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. President McMullen had the visitors present at this time introduce themselves. There were a total of 9 visitors present during this meeting. We want to welcome the visitors. On a **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Alene Smithmyer the minutes from the January, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer s Report

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

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Regular Account

Beginning Balance, January 1, 2007	\$4,492.01
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	425.00
Donation	4.00
Grant Reimbursement (ACE Drilling)	715.00
Bank interest	0.37
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Office supplies	124.57
Lab fees (ACE Drilling)	100.00
Ending Balance, January 31, 2007	<u>\$5,411.81</u>

Money Held for Deposit at 1/31/07: \$0

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Grant Account

Beginning Balance, January 1, 2007	\$5,179.79
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Grant Reimbursement	26,609.96 [Brubaker]
Bank interest	<u>1.88</u> [Fish Fund]
Total Deposits	26,611.84

ENDING FUND BALANCES

<u>Expenses:</u>			
Amsbry	45.50	→	\$ (45.50)
Ferris Wheel	0.00	→	0.00
KL2 (EPA)	0.00	→	0.00
KL-Rose	0.00	→	2,500.00
Brubaker	25,129.38	→	0.06
Fish Fund	0.00	→	3,875.19
Heinz Grant	<u>0.00</u>	→	<u>287.00</u>
Total Expenses	25,174.88		
Ending Balance, January 31, 2007	<u>\$6,616.75</u>		<u>\$6,616.75</u>

Money Held for Deposit at 1/31/07: \$0

Respectfully submitted, Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report: (continued)

Larry reported that he had received \$190.00 in dues for deposit. There were 4 invoices for payment: Damin Printing-\$93.28, (fishing derby tickets), fishing derby fund; Neo Nexus-\$14.95 (web site fee), general fund; Larry Sutton-\$222.59 (office supplies for capital/operating fund drive), general fund; and Cambria County Conservation District-\$125.40 (Clearfield Creek Watershed Association brochures), general fund. A unanimous **motion** by John Strittmatter and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed to accept the treasurer's report and for payment of these four invoices.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had received several e-mails this past month. One e-mail, forwarded by Rob Piper, explained that the bank charges (fees associated with opening/sustaining bank accounts as well as interest for loans related to projects) are now considered eligible for both Grower Greener I and Grower Greener II projects. A second e-mail from Rob stated that the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp is seeking applicants. Contact www.riverscamp.com for more information. Jerry had also received an e-mail from Dustin Drew explaining that non-profits and charities can register with <http://www.goodsearch.com/> (a search engine similar to Google) and for each search done, the non-profit gets a small monetary donation. Jerry will contact Sean Demchak about this. Lastly, Jerry had received an e-mail from a Tribune Democrat reporter who would like to do a story about CCWA at a later date. Jerry sent the names and phone numbers of the officers for her to contact. Jerry also made a copy of the recorded LaRue agreement and mailed it to them.

Membership Committee:

Bob Funicelli was not able to attend the meeting but he did give 7 memberships to Earl. Jerry reported that he received 10 additional membership cards since the last meeting. These are still coming in at a slow pace and ask anyone who has not sent in their membership to please do so.

Public Relations:

Pat McNulty was not present for the meeting. Jerry reported that he had discussed with Justin Edgar, a reporter from the Mainliner, about the possibility of putting something covering CCWA in this local paper each month.

Historical Committee:

Alene had nothing new to report at this time.

Finance Report:

Larry reported that work is progressing on the input of the 400 plus names and addresses for the Capital/Operating Fund Drive. Plans will need to be made for the signing of these letters by various members and the assistance with the mailing.

Grant Committee:

Dan McMullen reported that he, Earl, Art, and Shawn had a meeting earlier in the day at the DEP office in Ebensburg with Malcolm Crittendon and Donna Carnahan

concerning the Ferris Wheel Project. Discussed were the ins and outs of the project- the layout, any changes or modifications to the proposals.

Dan stated that he is working on a grant to League of Women Voters for educational material and possibly a copier.

Tech Committee:

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

Klondike Project. After several inquiries to the Corps of Engineers about approval of the "Wetland Permit", we finally heard today that the application has been transferred to a new engineer, who has yet to examine the application. We still hope to bid and construct this project in 2007. The Hite-Dodson heirs have been contacted to attempt to remove the deficiency in notarization of the easement agreement that prevent recording of this agreement.

Brubaker project. Several days were sent by Foreman and Rose preparing maps and other results for the report on this project.

Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project. A meeting on the contract for this project was held on February 20 with Malcolm Crittenden. The flying for aerial photography is being scheduled by Michelle Merrow of Alder Run Engineering. This photo will assist in compiling a map for the erosion and sediment control plan.

Ferris Wheel Treatment Proposal. Smithmyer and Rose visited the site on January 19 with Michelle Merrow of Alder Run Engineering. She is preparing a budget for an EPA 319 Proposal. She recognizes considerable areas of wetlands which will have to be considered in the project. A part of the proposal has been written by Art Rose.

Amsbry Project. Robindale Energy has received permits for this project. They have generalized comments on reclamation required, but no specific requirements. We will follow this up with Robindale.

Glasgow Project. Flushing continues.

Old Business:

Glendale Lake Project- Earl stated that he had nothing new to report on this project.

Capital/Operating Fund Drive-as discussed earlier in the finance report the letters will soon be ready for signatures and mailing.

Muddy Run-evaluation and funding- Kevin Clark reported that both he and Jen Demchak have nearly completed this proposal. There was a brief discussion as to the number of weirs and monthly sampling that will be required for this project. The building and installation of the weirs and the sampling by CCWA members will count towards the match needed. Carl and Rachel will do the sampling in Clearfield County; Cambria County will be done by other CCWA volunteers.

PennDOT Building- Jerry reported that he had stopped at the PennDOT office in Ebensburg and spoke to Mark K. Pardoe, Cambria County Maintenance Manager, about the new PennDOT building being constructed along route 53 North of Ashville. Mark discussed with Jerry PennDOT's SEMP Plan-Strategic Environmental Management Program. There are three main focus areas of this program; E & S Controls, Stockpiles &

Facilities and Winter Services. Mark assured Jerry that PennDOT will be following this plan. It was also agreed that an on-site meeting will be arranged with Paul Burns, project manager, to discuss this project with CCWA representatives.

CCWA Brochures- we want to thank Bryan Rabish and the Cambria County Conservation District for their co-operation in updating and producing a very nice brochure about CCWA, its' projects and many activities.

Fishing Derby-Earl reported that he picked up the 2,500 tickets printed for the fishing derby. He is asking all members to support the fishing derby by purchasing/selling as many tickets as possible.

New Business:

Presentation-at this time Andrew Gavin, from the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, gave a very informative power point presentation covering the public participation of TMDLs (Total Maximum Daily Loads) for Clearfield Creek. This presentation was part of a public forum for this study. Representatives from Amfire Mining, the PA Coal Association, and several other visitors were present to listen to the data presented. We want to thank Andrew and his associates for this fine presentation and for answering the many questions.

Tax Exemption Certificate-a letter has been received from the state confirming that they have received our tax exemption application and will process this within 60-90 days.

Letter of Support-a letter from Clearfield County Solid Waste Authority has been received asking for our support in their effort to clean up the large dump site located between Muddy Run Road and Mine # 10 road in Beccaria Township. A support letter will be drafted and sent to the Authority which will be attached to their grant application.

Board of Directors Position- Ray Hollen reminded the Directors that the position vacated by Earl is still open. The Board of Directors will meet soon to vote on an appointment for this position.

Next Meeting: Prince Gallitzin Park, Main Office, 6:30 PM, March 20, 2007. Please come and join us for this meeting.

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

