

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF MARCH 18, 2008
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 15 members present plus 1 visitor-Becky Dunlap from TU. President Ed McMullen welcomed Becky. A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was passed accepting the February minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Regular Account

Beginning Balance, February 1, 2008	\$6,312.82
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	495.00
Bank interest	_____ 0.52
<u>Expenses:</u>	
None	_____ 0.00
 Ending Balance, February 29, 2008	 \$6,808.34

Grant Account

Beginning Balance, February 1, 2008	\$43,031.71	
<u>Deposits:</u>		
DEP Reimbursement	59,107.17	[KL2 Project]
Bank interest	_____ 3.55	[Working Capital]
Total Deposits	59,110.72	

ENDING FUND BALANCES

<u>Expenses:</u>		
Working Capital	0.00	→ \$ 4,786.80
Amsbry	0.00	→ 11,884.49
Ferris Wheel – mapping & design	1,398.90	→ (1,398.90)
KL2 (EPA) - various	67,761.63	→ 11,174.51
KL-Rose	0.00	→ 2,500.00
Fish Fund	92.00	→ 3,908.00
Heinz Grant	_____ 0.00	→ _____ 35.00
Total Expenses	69,252.53	
 Ending Balance, February 29, 2008	 \$32,889.90	 \$32,889.90

Respectfully submitted by Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report (Continued):

Larry reported that he had \$20.00 in dues to deposit in the general account. He had received a donation of \$100.00 from Montgomery Brothers Plumbing and Heating to be deposited in the Fish Fund.

Larry had one invoice for payment to reimburse Jerry McMullen for the \$82.00 of stamps purchased (this was approved at the February meeting). Larry also had a completed copy of the IRS 990 tax return that CCWA must file. After reviewing this return and the proper signature, Larry will mail the report to the IRS. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had received a few e-mails this past month. He had purchased the forever stamps, as reported above. He had also contacted Justin Edger from The Mainliner about the election results from the January meeting, the cleanup dates, the article in The Tribune announcing the grants and the date of the fishing derby. Justin stated that he would put something in the paper in the near future.

Membership Committee:

Two membership cards and dues were received at the meeting. Bob will be continuing his membership solicitation.

Public Relations:

Dan had nothing to report other than he had contacted Jerry about the information for The Mainliner.

Historical Committee:

Ray stated that he had a copy of the article announcing the grants that was in The Tribune Democrat for the historical book and also 2 pictures of the collapsed bridge in Dysart.

Finance Report:

Larry had nothing to report at this time.

Grant Committee:

Dan stated that we received \$500.00 from the Dominion People's grant. Two people representing CCWA will attend the awards luncheon on April 18th to be held at the Chestnut Ridge Resort in Blairsville. This money will be used for a badly needed display board and educational maps.

It was recently announced that the CCWA has received the following grants: \$40,000.00- West Ferris Wheel, for design and permitting and \$49,000.00-Muddy Run assessment. This grant application was sent in by Jen Denchak, New Miles of Clean Streams. The original application was for approximately \$64,000.00, thus the assessment will have to be done for \$15,000.00 less. Jen will be at next month's to get over this with the members.

A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed authorizing President Ed McMullen to sign the Growing Green grant agreement for the Muddy Run project in the amount of \$49,000.00 if arrangements are agreeable.

Lastly, Dan stated that he and Shawn were able to complete the grant application for Chesapeake Bay Small Watersheds. He wanted to thank Michelle and Aimee from Alder Run Engineering and Art for their expertise and assistance in filing this grant.

Cleanup Committee:

Neither Dan nor Chuck were able to attend this meeting. Ed stated that he would be contacting each to make sure they get the word. The first cleanup of 2008 is scheduled for April 6th, 9 AM, meeting at Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart. This is both a roadway and stream cleanup. Volunteers are always needed.

Tech Committee:

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

Klondike Project The passive treatment systems continue to treat satisfactorily. Samples from February indicate that some iron was passing out of KL1 system, apparently because the oxidation-settling pond was completely covered by ice, inhibiting oxidation.

Brubaker project In late February, Pam Milevic and Shirley Sholtis of BAMR toured the site with Art Rose. At a following meeting of DEP mining and BAMR personnel, it was decided that a sampling program was warranted but no other major work was planned for the area. On March 14, ten samples of the discharge and various stream locations were collected by Smithmyer and Rose, accompanied by Shirley Sholtis of BAMR. Five of the samples were located to investigate iron precipitation at low pH, an important feature at the Dean mine and some other sites. The DEP is interested in collecting information on this process, and has solicited a proposal to study this at Brubaker.

Glasgow Project Paperwork for a contract for \$174,000 to renovate this site is in Harrisburg and should soon be sent to CCWA for approval. A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed authorizing President Ed McMullen to sign the contract with DEP for the Growing Green Grant Agreement of \$174,000.00 for renovation of the Glasgow passive treatment site.

West Ferris Wheel Project This proposal for design and permitting of treatment systems on three discharges was approved by the state for funding under EPA 319 program. A meeting is being arranged with Donna Carnahan, probably for March 27, to finalize the contract. A **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed authorizing President Ed McMullen to sign the grant agreement for the West Ferris Wheel project if the grant agreement is satisfactory to the Tech Committee and Ed.

Muddy Run Assessment This proposal has been approved for funding by the Growing Greener program. A meeting to finalize a contract with Mario Carello of DEP is scheduled for March 26 in Philipsburg with Jen Demchak and Art Rose.

Amsbry Project The costs of preparing a detailed map of the site using aerial photography is being investigated with Alder Run Engineering and Cree surveying. The map would be used to plan treatment systems. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed recommending we approve topo mapping of the Amsbry discharge area, aerial versus ground surveying, whichever is cheaper.

Ace Drilling Site Earl stated that he and Art were making arrangements to meet and take samples at this site by the end of March.

Ferris Wheel Project- Tom Clark, AMD Project Coordinator, Susquehanna River Basin Commission, is still interested in setting up a meeting to look at this site as a possible research project.

Michelle Merrow Report:

Amsbry—Michelle is helping Art Rose get a cost estimate for aerial photography and mapping.

Ferris Wheel Revegetation—Engineering work is complete and we are in the permitting process. Permits are expected in the next 6 weeks.

West Ferris Wheel AMD Treatment—Michelle noted that the site has already been flown and survey control established as part of the Ferris Wheel Revegetation project. Once the grant paperwork is signed, all that needs to be done is to give Nor East mapping the go-ahead to do the mapping, and Nor East will honor last year's cost estimate.

Morgan Run (MR)

MR TUFF and MR FROG—Construction on these projects is ongoing. The Clearfield County Conservation District (CCCD) inspected the site in March and noted several E&S deficiencies. The contractor has been working to correct the deficiencies. Site conditions are poor due to wetness and mud.

MR TUFF Wetland Mitigation—Construction contract documents have been finalized for this project, and bonds were expected to be submitted this week. The contractor is waiting for the weather to improve and the site to dry up and will be starting construction as soon as weather permits.

MR Smith, MR 1-6—Growing Greener Funding was requested for these next two design projects but not received. The Morgan Run Watershed Group/Clearfield County Conservation District will be re-submitting Growing Greener applications for 2008.

MR7, MR8—Growing Greener Funding was requested for these construction projects but not received. Alder Run Engineering will be re-checking the cost estimates to adjust for price increases in the past year, and the Morgan Run Watershed Group/Clearfield County Conservation District will be re-submitting Growing Greener applications for 2008.

Becky Dunlap, Trout Unlimited, Report:

1. **Environmental Education Grant** – TU in partnership with the Clearfield County Conservation District and the West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition applied for *West Branch Susquehanna Abandoned Mine Drainage Education Programs* through DEP’s Environmental Education Grant program. If awarded, we are interested in coordinating a public information session and subsequent tour of some of the projects the CCWA has been involved in. Award announcements are expected in July.
2. **Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) program** – TU was awarded funds through the DEP Growing Greener program to continue the TAG program. CCWA has been awarded 3 TU-TAG grants to date. CCWA is encouraged to continue to pursue grants through this program.
3. **West Branch Re-evaluation** – TU was awarded funds through the DEP Growing Greener program to complete a re-evaluation of the tributaries of the West Branch between Karthus and Renovo. The last evaluation of these tributaries was in 1984 by the USGS. Becky Dunlap will keep CCWA informed about this activity.
4. **West Branch Restoration Symposium IV** – The next West Branch Restoration Symposium has been scheduled for July 18th and 19th at the Nittany Lion Inn in State College.

Old Business:

Fishing Derby Update: Ray reported that some sold tickets have been returned. He has lots to sell, if anyone would like to take some. Larry stated that any money received will be deposited in the fish fund. Art was asked to put information about the fishing derby on our website. Purchasing of the fish and the anticipated increased cost was discussed. Also discussed was solicitation of several businesses for donations to the derby.

New Business:

Award Notice: President Ed McMullen read a letter sent by Susan G. Reed, District Manager, from the Clearfield County Conservation District informing the CCWA that they have been chosen to receive the “Watershed Group of the Year” Award. As was explained at our meeting, this award normally goes to a conservation group from Clearfield County but since the CCWA does so much work that affects not only Cambria County but also the water quality in Clearfield County, we were chosen.

Earl and Alene Smithmyer will represent CCWA at the Annual Awards Banquet on March 27th at the Masonic Lodge in Clearfield.

Once again, we are very proud to receive this award and want to thank all members of CCWA. It is through the support of many that we are able to be so successful. Thank You!

New Equipment: it was discussed the need for some new equipment, especially with the upcoming assessment of Muddy Run. Most of our PH meters are not functioning properly. Michelle stated that there is some money in the grant for this. Art will review what is needed- individual instruments or combination instruments/kits.

Gary Haluska: Both of the grants received were discussed with Representative Gary Haluska at a recent meeting. A letter will be sent to Gary thanking him for any assistance in receiving these grants.

Next Meeting:

April 15, 2008, Dean Township Municipal Building, Dysart, 6:30 PM

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Larry the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.