

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

The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. Due to a problem with the key to the conference room doors, the meeting was moved to Sir Barney's Restaurant. We want to thank Sir Barney's for their hospitality. There were 15 members present and two visitor-Kevin Clark and Nathan Havens (PA Game Commission). Earl welcomed the visitors to the meeting. On a **motion** by Ed McMullen and seconded by Dan McMullen the minutes from October 17, 2006 were unanimously approved. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

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Regular Account

Beginning Balance, October 1 st , 2006		\$4,592.34
<u>Deposits:</u>		
Dues		0.00
Bank interest		0.20
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Road cleanup		66.32
Ending Balance, October 31 st , 2006		<u>\$4,526.22</u>

Money Held for Deposit at 10/31/06: \$0

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Grant Account

Beginning Balance, October 1 st , 2006	\$4,397.95	
<u>Deposits:</u>		
New Grant Awards Received	0.00	
Grant Reimbursements	21,197.27	[Brubaker]
Donations	0.00	
Bank interest	<u>.90</u>	[KL1 Fund]
Total Deposits	21,198.17	

ENDING FUND BALANCES

<u>Expenses:</u>			
KL1 (Growing Greener)	0.00	→	\$ (1,330.08)
KL2 (EPA)	0.00	→	0.00
KL-Rose	0.00	→	2,500.00
Brubaker	22,217.27	→	(1,949.15)
Fish Fund	0.00	→	3,871.08
Heinz Grant	<u>0.00</u>	→	<u>287.00</u>
Total Expenses	22,217.27		
Ending Balance, October 31 st , 2006			<u>\$3,378.85</u>

Money Held for Deposit at 10/31/06: \$0

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Respectfully submitted, Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Larry reported that he had received a check from DEP for \$16,965.00 (Brubaker project) - \$15,945.00 to be paid to Forsyth Drilling and \$1,020.00 for reimbursement for payment to Rodger Bressler (dozer work).

The following invoices totaling \$19,526.86 were received during the month of November and sent to DEP for reimbursement: \$2,556.00-survey for additional boreholes, \$10,150.00-drilling, \$3,231.36-salt for brine, \$1,527.50-water for brine, \$595.00-backhoe for mixing, \$585.00-mixing truck, and \$882.00-lab analysis. Three additional invoices were received on November 21st for work on the Brubaker project: \$4,414.00- Forsyth Drilling, \$572.00- Mahaffey Lab, \$207.58-Art Rose (copying, generator rental and miscellaneous administrative expenses). These will be paid upon reimbursement from DEP.

Larry had also received a check from DEP of \$1,285.50 for final payment under the Grower Greener Grant on the Klondike Project. Our total reimbursement for this project was \$12,865.00 plus we earned \$10.67 in bank interest that must be applied to the grant. Total spent on this project was \$12,910.25 or \$44.58 more than reimbursement. Therefore, a **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed authorizing the transfer of \$44.58 from our regular account to cover the difference. This will close out the Klondike I grant.

Larry also reported that he had contacted Phyllis Coco from Cambria County DEP office concerning an unreimbursed invoice dated September 9, 2006 totaling \$8,904.21.

Larry sent a request for reimbursement to the Cambria County DEP office for \$569.00-Ace Drilling site expenses for the first two quarters. A **motion** by Shawn Simmers and seconded by Alene Smithmyer was passed accepting the treasurer's report.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had worked on a letter for the capital/operating fund drive. A copy of this letter and CCWA letterhead was given to Dick Dotts. Jerry stated that he would like to purchase an ink cartridge for his printer and a USB memory stick to download his CCWA files. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed authorizing the purchase of these items.

Membership Committee:

Bob Funicelli stated that he had nothing new to report but would be starting the new membership drive in January.

Public Relations:

Pat McNulty, committee chair, was not present but Earl reported that Pat had contacted him and that Pat had sent two articles about CCWA to the newspaper.

Historical Committee:

Dick Dotts brought an article from The Progress newspaper. Ray Hollen also gave Alene an article about the Barnes and Watkins bony pile removal. Both articles will be added to the historical book.

Finance Report:

Larry stated that the CCWA must complete the sales tax exemption certificate and file this certificate with the state. Dan McMullen, who is assisting Larry with this paperwork, stated that he will talk to George Letcher, a CCWA member and a CPA, for his help in filling out this lengthy application.

Grant Committee:

Dan McMullen reported that the grant committee has not heard anything on the Ferris Wheel grant application or on the grant for the trees. Both Dan and Shawn are optimistic about these grants.

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 meeting: President Elect- Earl Smithmyer, Secretary- Jerry McMullen, Treasurer-Larry Sutton, Director- Dick Dotts and Ray Hollen. At this time Dan McMullen was nominated for the Director's position by Jerry McMullen.

Tech Committee:

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

KLONDIKE PROJECT THE REPLY TO THE DEFICIENCY LETTER ON THE JOINT PERMIT WAS SENT BY JOHN FOREMAN TO DEP (PITTSBURGH) ON APPROXIMATELY OCTOBER 20, 2006. NO REPLY OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

BRUBAKER PROJECT MOST OF THE DRILLHOLES THAT WILL NOT BE USED IN HAULAGEWAY INVESTIGATION OR WATER SAMPLING WERE FILLED WITH BENTONITE BY FORSYTH DRILLING. THEY ALSO DRILLED ONE NEW HOLE NEXT TO WOPSY ROAD TO INVESTIGATE GEOLOGY, AND RE-ENTERED HOLE B-16 IN AN ATTEMPT TO CLEAR IT OUT AT THE BOTTOM SO WE CAN OBTAIN WATER SAMPLES. TWO TRACER TESTS WERE STARTED ON NOVEMBER 2. SODIUM CHLORIDE BRINE WAS INJECTED INTO HOLE B-16, AND POTASSIUM CHLORIDE WAS INJECTED INTO HOLE E-7 USING A CONCRETE MIXER, 3000 GALLON WATER TRUCK AND A FORKLIFT. SINCE THEN, 10 OR 11 SITES HAVE BEEN SAMPLED DAILY TO TEST FOR TRACER EMERGENCE. WITHIN 1 DAY, HIGH CHLORIDE WAS PRESENT IN THE CLAY MINE OUTFLOW, AND IT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIGH SODIUM, INDICATING RAPID FLOW FROM B-16. TO DATE THE POTASSIUM HAS NOT BEEN DETECTED. MOST ANALYSES ARE BEING DONE BY FAIRWAY LABS, WITH SOME CHECKS BY MAHAFFEY LABS. TWO ADDITIONAL TRACER TESTS WILL BE CONDUCTED THIS WEEK TO TEST FLOW FROM AREA D AND FROM THE HAWS CLAY MINE. A VISIT FROM THE BOREHOLE CAMERA IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 12. SAMPLES OF ROCK CHIP CUTTINGS WERE SUBMITTED TO MAHAFFEY LABS ON APPROXIMATELY 11/13 FOR EVALUATION OF PYRITE CONTENT IN ROCKS OVERLYING THE CLAY MINE. A SMALL PAPER ON GEOPHYSICAL TESTING IN THE B AREA IS BEING PREPARED BY GEOFF MORET.

Amsbry Project Jim Panero of Robindale Energy visited the site on 10/20 with Malcolm Crittenden of DEP and John Foreman to discuss permitting questions. Since then Robindale has learned that they can remove the refuse in January if the required permits can be obtained in time. Their engineer is proceeding with permit application. The sale from Larues to new owners will take place in the near future, but a conversation with Mr. Larue on 11/19 indicated that he will sign the easement agreement to CCWA, so that we can sign the "Landowner Consent" form required in the permitting.

Ferris Wheel Project No word on our Growing Greener proposal.

Glasgow Project A draft of bidding specifications was received from Hedin Environmental. It appears that invitations for bids will be sent out soon, but the autopsy will probably not occur until spring. Phil Schreyer of Uncle Phil's indicated verbally that he was acquiring the area from the Hommer family. Flushing continued.

Blandburg Project In phone calls and an email message, Jon Dietz indicates that he is proposing to conduct studies of an improved treatment method as part of a proposal to DEP on active treatment methods. DEP has been contacted to check on whether this activity at the Blandburg plant is acceptable to them.

Old Business:

Glendale Lake Project-Cambria County Conservation District continues to work on this project for CCWA. A copy of the Proposal/Measure Plan was sent to Earl Smithmyer, Dan McMullen and Barry Wolfe.

Capital/Operating Fund Drive- Dick Dotts stated that the letter drafted by Jerry McMullen was exactly what he was looking for. Dick stated that he would be sending the letter out to potential donors soliciting money for the capital/operating fund drive. Ray Hollen suggested that members brainstorm on potential donors and we discuss this at the next meeting.

Muddy Run-evaluation and funding- work continues on this project. A Chesapeake Bay Grant, due in February, will be sent in for possible funding.

New Business:

Membership cards-Bob Funicelli gave additional membership cards to Jerry to be sent out with our annual letter and membership drive. Bob stated that he had extra cards, if needed.

Next Meeting: Prince Gallitzin Park, Main Office, 6:30 PM, December 19, 2006. Please come and join us for this meeting.

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

