

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2010
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The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 17 members present and one visitor, Rebecca Holler, a VISTA worker from Trout Unlimited. Earl welcomed Rebecca to the meeting. There was one change to the October minutes, under Election Committee, it should be Dave McMullen rather than Dan McMullen. A **motion** by Dane Kalwanaski and seconded by Alene Smithmyer was then passed accepting the October 19, 2010 minutes with this change.. Earl mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

For: Sept 1 – Sept
30, 2010

General Fund

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|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Beginning Balance | | \$8,673.45 |
| Deposits | Bank Interest | \$0.23 |
| | Membership | \$10.00 |
| Expenses | | |
| Ending Balance | | \$8,683.68 |

Grant Accounts

| | <u>Beginning Bal.</u> | <u>Deposits</u> | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Ending Bal.</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Working Capitol | \$30,714.19 | \$1.04 | \$0.00 | \$30,715.23 |
| MuR1 Assessment | (\$10,529.76) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$10,529.76) |
| MuR Mapping | \$4,825.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$4,825.00 |
| MR Ross | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Amsbry | \$5,637.96 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,637.96 |
| FerrisWheel West | (\$11,682.76) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | (\$11,682.76) |
| FerrisWheel Reveg | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| KL-2 | \$5,552.96 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$5,552.96 |
| KL-Rose | \$659.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$659.00 |
| KL-Chitin | \$12,740.72 | \$0.00 | (\$11,481.41) | \$1,259.31 |
| Fish Fund | \$3,104.17 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,104.17 |
| <u>Totals</u> | \$41,021.48 | \$1.04 | (\$11,481.41) | \$29,541.11 |

Respectfully Submitted
Dane R Kalwanaski, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report Continued:

Deposits:

\$14.00 - Apple Cider Festival Donations - General Fund

Expenses:

\$353.60 - Cresson Feed Mill - Fencing - KL-2

\$19.95 - NeoNexus –Website fee- General Fund

\$118.50 - Earl Smithmyer - Food and Supplies, Cleanup- General Fund

\$132.59 - Earl Smithmyer - Lumber - KL-2

\$457.88 - Smithmyer Plumbing and Heating - Pipe - KL-2

\$125.00 Mahaffey Labs - W. Ferris Wheel

\$100.00 - Mahaffey labs - KL-Rose

\$20.00 - Cambria County Conservation District - Flyers - General Fund

Transfers:

\$453.00 from General Fund to Grant Account Fish Fund

(Breakdown:)

\$183.00 in GF from 50/50 to Grant account Fish Fund

\$300.00 in GF from concession start-up to Grant Account Fish Fund

\$30.00 taken from Grant Account for Mahaffey bill, should have been from GF (Ledgers reflect from General Fund currently)

A motion by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ed McMullen was passed authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the Treasurer's Report and all pending changes.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry stated that he had a few e-mail correspondences this past month. Jerry stated that he may have to purchase supplies for the annual mailing to the members. He had also received an e-mail from Rob Piper concerning the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that NPDES permits are required for remediation projects at abandoned coal mine sites.

Michelle mentioned that there are new NPDES requirements for earth disturbance projects. Michelle and Bryan Rabish talked about the new NPDES discharge permitting requirements which will require NPDES permits for pollutant discharges and establish effluent limits for pollutants such as metals (aluminum, iron) in AMD treatment systems. This could have a very large impact on volunteer organizations. Rebecca Holler said that Amy Wolfe from TU is working on this issue and trying to have a waiver or general permit process developed for volunteer AMD projects. Also, Michelle said that there are new Chapter 102 and NPDES earth disturbance regulations that include practices such as forested buffers that will also have a big change on permitting of treatment projects. It will increase the cost and complexity of the permits.

Membership Committee:

There were no new members for this month. Bob stated that he is gearing up for the new year.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Art had a very comprehensive article on the crab shell project at the Klondike for the historical book. This project has had very favorable results and may be used in a larger scale at other sites. Also, there was an article in the Mainliner recently about the Cresson Sportsmen sponsoring a TIC program at Penn Cambria. This is in addition to the TIC tank that we are, once again, sponsoring.

Finance Report:

Larry stated that the project with Dr. Leyman at Saint Francis University will be a spring semester project.

Grant Committee:

Earl and Alene attended the luncheon in Indiana, PA on November 12th to receive the \$8,000.00 check from WPCAMR. We are very pleased to announce that CCWA will be receiving the \$10,000.00 grant that we have been pursuing through Gary Haluska's office. Special thanks to Rep Haluska and his staff. We want to also thank Ray Hollen for his persistence in following up on this grant. Earl and Jerry met at Gary Haluska's office last week to sign the paperwork.

Shawn mentioned a couple of educational grants that are available that he and Dan will be looking into. Discussed was the possibility of using any money received for the student field trip in the spring or to purchase a computer.

Michelle and Rebecca Holler mentioned that there are some grants that CCWA might be able to use for the computer and/or advertising, such as the Foundation for PA Watersheds grant for capacity building and organization needs.

Election Committee: The following nominations were received:

Secretary- Jerry McMullen- nominated by Dick Dotts, Art Rose second
Treasurer- Dane Kalwanaski- nominated by Dick Dotts, Art Rose second
President Elect- Earl Smithmyer- nominated by Dick Dotts, Art Rose second
Ray Hollen- nominated by Alene Smithmyer, Larry Sutton second
Board Member- Dan McMullen- nominated by Dick Dotts, Art Rose second

Brochures Update:

Rebecca Holler, Trout Unlimited, was present at this meeting to see how she could help us with our Brochure update. Rebecca mentioned that she had recently helped another group with their brochure. Mentioned were the more recent projects that we would like to have included in the brochure- chitin project, slag bed project, TIC project, and the Muddy Run assessment and Morgan Run projects, etc. Rebecca asked that we forward this information to her and she would work on an updated brochure for us.

Earl asked the following to serve on this committee- Art, Ray, Ed, Larry, and Jerry. Larry presented an idea with a fold out brochure that had a Clearfield Creek map on one side and articles on the back. This idea was well received by the members.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted by Art Rose, chairman of the Tech committee.

Tech Committee Report-November 16, 2010

Klondike Project On Nov. 1-2, the slag bed was largely constructed and was put into operation about a week later. Three truckloads of coarse slag (4 inch) were delivered, along with a load of fine slag, but only about 2/3 of this slag was used because of an incorrect specific weight furnished by the supplier. Some problems were encountered with leakage from the small dam on Krug Creek, but have now been partly fixed. The outflow from the bed is about 4 gal/min with alkalinity 300 mg/L, which is sufficient to neutralize the acidity remaining after passage through the vertical flow pond. The crab shell experiment also continues to add alkalinity.

West Ferris Wheel Project An invoice for \$11,782.76 was sent to DEP for costs in the period Oct 2009 to May 2010. Efforts on permitting the construction continue. Michelle Merrow indicates that the Corps of Engineers will not visit the site, and that permits will be handled by the state without a field visit.

Gibson Project The Landowner Commitment letter was signed by E.P. Bender Co., with the qualification that an agreement is reached with the Game Commission for trading the land for some other asset. This qualification was discussed with the Game Commission.

Amsbry Project An invoice for \$3572.86 for expenses on this project between Sept. 30, 2009 and Sept. 30, 2010 was submitted to DEP. Michelle Merrow and Arthur Rose discussed the conceptual design of the project. Problems at the site include extensive shallow ground water, additional acid discharges, and limited space and vertical relief for the treatment ponds.

Swank 13 Project The site was visited 3 times with Nate Havens, Dan Yahner and Neil Itle of the Game Commission, along with potential contractors. Informal estimates by John Slovikoski indicate that we may be able to do most of the project with the \$8000 available, though several thousand more would be helpful. The Game Commission will have a road to the site upgraded as part of a timber sale. CCWA will sign a contract with the Game Commission for the work to be done, including reclamation and replanting at the end of the project, which will probably not take place until summer 2011.

Brubaker Project The gate into Brubaker has been closed and locked recently, but discussions with the Game Commission indicate that the gate is closed based on their needs. If we supply a lock to the Commission, they will install it so that we can get in with our key. This action will make studies of the clay mine discharge by Penn State and others much easier. No communication has been received from the Corps of Engineers

St. Francis Student Projects On Nov 12, two sites were toured with Drs. Bill Strosnider and Joel Bandstra of Environmental Engineering at St. Francis University. They are looking for a site at which their students can plan a watershed assessment, and carry out some sampling. Sites toured were in the headwaters of Muddy Run near Blandburg, and Japling Run at Madera. The upper watershed at Brubaker was also discussed, and will probably be visited later when access through the gate is possible.

The following was reported by Michelle Merrow:

W. Ferris Wheel AMD—Permit materials have been submitted. ACOE does not want to see the site this fall/winter.

Ferris Wheel Reveg—No Activity

Amsbry—Art and Michelle met before the meeting to discuss a treatment concept, and will be moving forward with preliminary design. They are investigating another discharge on the site that had substantial flow the last time that Alder Run Engineering was out, and samples were collected. Michelle is working on the passive treatment concept for the site, as the water chemistry is not severe. However, site constraints such as high groundwater might make that difficult. Michelle and Art will keep working and report back to the group.

MR7-CCWA is the permittee for the MR 7 treatment system project Joint Permit (for wetland impacts and waterways obstructions). The permit is expiring Dec. 31, 2010. The mitigation portion of the project is complete, but the treatment portion is not built yet. Clearfield Co. Conservation District received funding to build it, and construction is scheduled for the spring, but a permit extension is needed. Michelle asked CCWA to authorize her to approach DEP about a permit extension (by writing a letter) for the MR7 project. A motion was made, and the group approved it. If there is any paperwork or anything else that CCWA must do, Michelle will bring that back to CCWA.

Muddy Run Mapping—Michelle expects product and a bill from Land and Mapping for next meeting.

Ace Drilling Site: Earl reported that he and Dick will be sampling this site next week for this quarter.

Old Business:

Gary Haluska Grant: As mentioned above we have received this grant. Dane is to send the information on our checking account to Haluska's office so this money may be electronically transferred.

Slag Bed Project: Earl mentioned that there are some problems with the retention pond for this project. Help is needed to haul stone and dig clay to be placed around the pond. A work day was planned for Sunday morning on November 21st at 8 AM.

Cleanup-September 26th: Earl mentioned that recently a person dumped a truckload of trash on the State Game Lands near Clearfield Creek. Found in this trash was the name of a person from Altoona. Al Colian, PA Fish Commission, was contacted and followed through with a fine and cleanup of this illegal dumping. Earl wanted to mention to all that if we find trash dumped along the highway or stream when we do our cleanups and we are able to find the person responsible we will prosecute. Please leave the trash where it is found, in the stream or along the roadway.

Trout in the Classroom Project-Penn Cambria-Jerry reported that he had recently talked to Mr. Baird, Penn Cambria Middle School Principal. The school has

received the fish eggs and are working on the process to get these hatched into fingerlings. Jeff also mentioned that he strongly encourages any CCWA member to visit the classroom and see firsthand the learning experience for the students. Please call first and he will be happy to accommodate us.

CCWA Computer: two months ago the hard drive crashed in our computer. We do use this computer for CCWA business and pictures and hopefully will have a power point presentation in the future. Dane had a spread sheet listing the different types of computers, software and costs. After a discussion about the types of computers and software needed the following motion was passed- a **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by John Strittmatter authorizing Dane to spend up to \$1,000 to purchase a new computer and programs/software, as needed.

Promotional Items: Dane presented to the members a very informative spread sheet of the different promotional items available and their related costs. Upon review and discussion the following motion was passed- a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Alene Smithmyer to purchase 1,000 Post It Notes at a cost of \$420.00. We are hoping to have the CCWA logo printed on these Post It Notes.

New Business:

Prince Gallitzin Park Office: Alene mentioned that it would be nice if we were to purchase a box of candy and a card to show our appreciation for the use of the park office. Jerry stated that he will buy a box of Mid's candy for the December meeting.

Neo-Nexus, Webhost: Dane mentioned that our webhost company would like us to register for monthly electronic payment of our webhost. Dane will provide this information to Neo-Nexus.

Project Files: Larry wanted to mention that Art has agreed to take over the project files and wanted to thank him for getting these up to date.

Next Meeting: December 21, 2010, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, Lower Level, rear of Building, 6:30 PM. Please note this is our winter meeting site.

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Dane Kalwanaski and seconded by Ed McMullen the meeting was adjourned.

Final Note: Earl asked the Board members to stay for a short meeting to discuss the proposed endowment document with the Community Foundation For The Alleghenies.