

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2008
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 16 members present. There was a change to the November minutes. First paragraph should read accepting the October minutes rather than the September minutes. A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Earl Smithmyer was then passed accepting the November minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

During the months of **November**, the following activity took place in the bank accounts:

Regular Account

Beginning Balance, November 1, 2008		\$6,522.89
<u>Deposits:</u>		
Donation		8.00
DEP payment on ACE project		230.00
Bank interest		0.51
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Service plaque		39.00
Ending Balance, November 30, 2008		\$6,722.40

Grant Account

Beginning Balance, November 1, 2008	\$37,488.57	
<u>Deposits:</u>		
DEP advance on grant	34,800.00	[C&K Passive]
DEP reimbursement	192.30	[Ferris Reveg]
Bank interest	3.85	[0.61-MuR1 + 3.24-Working Capital]
Total Deposits	34,996.15	

ENDING FUND BALANCES

<u>Expenses:</u>		
Working Capital	0.00	→ \$ 5,583.89
Blandburg Active	0.00	→ (40.00)
C&K Passive (engineering & survey)	6,685.10	→ 28,114.90
MuR1 Assess	0.00	→ 6,112.61
MR Frog	0.00	→ 0.00
Amsbry	0.00	→ 9,622.49
Ferris Wheel Reveg	0.00	→ 0.00
Ferris West (development & samples)	1,168.93	→ (50.00)
KL2 - EPA (samples)	200.00	→ 9,243.54
KL-Rose	0.00	→ 2,500.00
Fish Fund	0.00	→ <u>3,343.26</u>
Total Expenses	8,054.03	
Ending Balance, November 30, 2008	\$64,430.69	\$64,430.69

Respectfully submitted by Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report Continued:

Larry reported that he had received a check- \$150.00-donation for the fishing derby, from the Ashville Bass Club- deposit in the Fishing Derby Account.

Listed below are the invoices that were received this past month:

- \$297.00- Mahaffey Labs- water sampling, Klondike Project- paid from money from the Western PA Watershed Program grant for this project.
- \$12,145.00- Ligonier Construction- construction of the two additional ponds, Klondike project, to be paid out of the Quick Response Fund after reimbursement from DEP, (payment authorized last month).
- \$3,111.68- Ligonier Construction- for additional survey work for the as-built drawings on the Klondike project. After a discussion it was agreed that \$1,000.00 was fair for the additional surveying required for the 2 additional ponds. Larry was to call Ligonier Construction and discuss this matter.
- * \$875.00 Blair County solid Waster Authority- compost provided for the Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project, paid out of Ferris Wheel Revegetation Grant.

Larry stated that he had sent a letter out to release the bonds for Ligonier Construction on the Klondike project. We are waiting for an invoice on the MR FROG project. A letter will then be sent to OSM requesting funds for payment of this invoice.

A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed approving the \$1,000.00 payment to Ligonier Construction, payment of the invoices and to accept the Treasurer's report.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry stated that he had no new activities to report. He stated that he may have to purchase supplies and stamps for the upcoming annual mailing. A **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed authorizing Jerry to spend up to \$50.00 to purchase stamps and supplies.

Membership Committee:

There were no new memberships at this time.

Public Relations:

Dan had nothing new to report under public relations.

Historical Committee:

Ray stated that he had no new activity under historical.

Finance Report:

There was nothing new under Finances.

Grant Committee:

Dan and Shawn have been working on the application for the Dominion Grant. They are requesting up to \$2,500.00 for trees to be planted on the Ferris Wheel Revegetation site. This application will be mailed by Friday, December 19th.

Election Committee:

Election Committee Chairman, Ray Hollen, reviewed the positions open and the nominations received at the November meeting: Board Member-Shawn Simmers, Treasurer- Larry Sutton, Secretary- Jerry McMullen, and President Elect- Ed McMullen.

At this time the floor was opened for any additional nominations. No further nominations were received. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dave McMullen was passed closing the nominations. Ray stated that he will have a ballot for the election at our January meeting.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted and discussed by Art Rose, chairman of the tech committee: **Tech Committee Report-December 16, 2008**

Klondike Project At KL-1, flow through the new ponds into and through the VFP and final pond resumed during the month. The final outflow had some alkalinity on 11/18 but also appeared to contain some iron, perhaps left over from water prior to the current flow. The "Fuzzy Filter" was plugged by iron precipitate and was frozen, so was removed. Plans are to place a straw filter at the inflow to the VFP, and also to scatter straw or compost along the flow path to the first pond to promote bacterial oxidation. The KL-2 system was continuing to produce net alkaline water. A bill for additional surveying for the "as built" drawings was received from Ligonier. Some added surveying was required for the new ponds, but most of the surveying was for items that should have been provided in the original work. The site was sampled on 12/16.

West Ferris Wheel Project The discharges were sampled on 12/16.

Brubaker Project No activity

Glasgow Project Neil Wolfe of Hedin Environmental is working on the plans for this project. He has suggested that the rebuilt VFP 2 be built on top of the existing compost and limestone, without removing them. This will save the expense of digging out this material and placing it in a deep pit. The approach seems feasible and will be investigated further.

Muddy Run Project All 28 weirs are now installed, and plans are to sample the discharges and also in-stream points on the weekend of 12/19 to 12/23. The plans for sampling and delivering samples to pickup points were discussed at the meeting.

Blandburg Project A group of 5 consulting engineers experienced with AMD treatment visited the site on 11/24. They are to submit preliminary plans for a treatment system to DEP by mid-January, with construction to occur by summer. A set of 5 samples of the several discharges was collected on 12/15/08.

West Branch Education Program The West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition has funds to conduct educational programs at 5 sites in the region. One of these will be Penn State at University Park, with field trips to CCWA sites. They are soliciting

information on school districts, municipal officials, media sources and the like. We need to assemble information for this program. Several suggestions were made on groups to contact for this event.

Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project- Shawn stated that he is waiting for an invoice from Meadville Land Services from this project. He will also be working on the quarterly report for the project.

Ace Drilling Site- Earl and Dick were making arrangement to sample this site later in the week.

The following was report by Jen Denchak:

MR TUFF and MR FROG--We requested an extension through June 2009 due to additional seeding/planting and "clean up" on the projects that is pending.

TUFF Mitigation--This project is complete, except for additional seeding/planting which will be completed in the spring.

Muddy Run Assessment--The groups were going to pull the first round of monthly samples the weekend of December 21st. Quarterly samples will be pulled by Aaron and Carl by the end of the year. We will continue to pull historical data and other information for the restoration plan.

Old Business:

Gary Haluska Pending Grant- As reported last month, Earl signed the contract for this grant. CCWA is still waiting to hear from Representative Haluska's office.

New Business:

Gas Education Meeting--A meeting for watershed groups, sportsmen clubs, and other environmental organizations will be held on Wednesday January 14th at 6:00 pm at the Clearfield County Conservation District. Becky Dunlap of TU and Fred Berry of the conservation district will speak on deep gas well drilling and compare the environmental and economic effects. We will discuss putting together a letter of concern for our legislators and other interested parties. It is being hosted by MCWC and the Philipsburg Chapter of TU.

Next Meeting:

January 20, 2009, Prince Gallitzin Park, Main Office 6:30 PM. Please Note that this is our winter meeting site.

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dick Dotts the meeting was adjourned.