

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
DECEMBER 20, 2011
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 12 members present. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was then passed accepting the November 15, 2011 minutes. Ed mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Deposits:

Description	Amount	Account
West Ferris Construction	\$61,000.00	WFW Construction
Revegetation	\$ 7,661.31	FW Revegetation
TOTAL	\$68,661.31	

Expenses:

Description	Amount	Account
Alder Run	\$15,025.00	Amsbry
Alder Run	\$ 621.19	Amsbry
Meadville Land Services	\$19,641.31	FW Revegetation
Meadville Land Services	\$18,401.25	FW Revegetation
Gallagher Supply	\$ 3,120.00	FW Revegetation
Gallagher Supply	\$ 1,920.00	FW Revegetation
Gallagher Supply	\$ 2,400.00	FW Revegetation
Gallagher Supply	\$ 3,480.00	FW Revegetation
Earl Smithmyer	\$ 15.33	General Account
Dick Dotts	\$ 32.85	General Account
Gerald McMullen	\$ 61.60	General Account
TOTAL	\$64,718.53	

Earl, Ray and Dick repaired the water control structure box at the Ace Drilling site. An invoice will be sent to DEP for the \$94.45 in materials and 12 hours of labor/\$20.00 hour.

A **motion** by Eric Davis and seconded by John Strittmatter was passed authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Please see attached Treasurer's report for the General and Grant Accounts.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry mentioned the following e-mail correspondences: an e-mail on the December issue from the West Branch Restoration Coalition; an e-mail to save the date- April 27th & 28th, 2012- for the 6th west Branch Susquehanna Restoration Symposium; and an e-mail from Kelly Williams discussing the possibility of bringing some guests to one of our meetings (members present were open to this idea). Jerry mentioned that he had purchased stamps for the annual mailing that he is working on to be sent to all

members. Discussed was printing of the annual letters and Watershed News in color. Michelle Merrow offered to print these for CCWA.

Membership Committee:

There was nothing new to report at this time.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray stated that Dick Dotts had given him a couple of articles from The Progress. Ray is still looking for a couple of pictures for the historical book.

Dick Dotts mentioned that Jane Elling is going to retire. He is to stop at the paper office to see who is going to replace her. Jane has always given CCWA excellent coverage in The Progress. We want to wish her the best of luck in her retirement.

Finance Report:

Larry was unable to attend this meeting due to a work commitment, no finance report at this time.

Grant Committee:

Dan mentioned that the committee has completed three grant applications this past month. Two were sent to Dominion Gas: one for general operating expenses-\$1,000.00 and one for educational and outreach support- \$2,500.00. They also sent in a grant application to DEP for educational and outreach use-\$3,800.00. Special thanks to the grant committee for their hard work and to Michelle Merrow for her assistance on these.

Dam Cleanout Committee:

Earl mentioned that he had nothing new to report at this time. All permits are ready to go and he will be giving these to Bryan Rabish, CC Conservation District.

Election Committee/Nominations:

At this time the floor was opened for the Board Member position that will expire in January, 2012. One nomination was received at the December meeting-Bryan Rabish nominated by Ray Hollen and seconded by Jerry McMullen. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen to close the nominations at this time was passed. Elections will be held at the annual meeting on January 17, 2012. Ray stated that he will have ballots for the election.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was e-mailed to Jerry by Art Rose, Chairman of the Tech Committee. Art was unable to attend this meeting.

Tech Committee Report-December 20, 2011

Klondike Project The project was visited and sampled 12/13. Flow to the slag bed had been turned off a few days previously to avoid freezing. Samples from 11/15 show only 7 ppm Fe and 105 mg/L acidity, about as before.

Swank Project Samples from 11/15 show removal of nearly all iron and most of the acidity, as before, at a high flow rate of 320 gal/min. Flow on 12/13 was 557 gal/min, with similar field data.

Amsbry Project Sampling on 11/15 gave results similar to previous results. It was not visited on 12/13. A reimbursement request has been prepared but awaits a report on progress from Alder Run Engineering.

Gibson Project The discharge was sampled on 11/15. Flow and chemistry were similar to previous sampling. A message from Donna Carnahan indicated that copies of all invoices should be sent to her rather than a DEP address; this was done.

Ferris Wheel After several attempts, it turned out that the bank account number submitted to DEP for automated payment was in error. We should have received a payment of approximately \$7600 by now.

West Ferris Wheel No activity.

Brubaker Project The 3 sites were sampled on 12/13 and samples submitted to DEP BAMR in Ebensburg. Reports of Senior Projects from Penn State Engineering students were received and are being reviewed. They have evaluated a variety of active and passive treatment methods.

West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition A quarterly meeting was held on 12/13 in Lock Haven. A Powerpoint computer presentation is available for our use in presenting the improved condition of the West Branch. A new OSM/VISTA assistant has joined the Clearfield County Cons. Dist. and is available for capacity building and to help watershed groups. One possible task is to develop more participation in maintaining the Morgan Run treatment systems. We may want to put some of our project reports on the WBSRC website. The proposed merger of OSM and BLM (federal bureaus) has been delayed for further consideration after input from Trout Unlimited, John Dawes and others. NPDES permits for AMD projects by watershed groups are not likely to be required, after comments. A West Branch Symposium is being planned for late April.

Ace Drilling Site- Site was sampled in December for this quarter.

The Following Was Reported by Michelle Merrow:

Ferris Wheel Revegetation Phase 2—The project has started. Most of the ash and compost were moved to the site. 3000 tons of ash out of 4000 tons has been moved to the site. Michelle presented bills from Meadville Land Service and Gallaher Trucking, plus an application for reimbursement to the DEP. The road bond/permit is still in place, but will be inactivated once the heavy hauling is done. The group discussed and voted to accept the additional leaf compost available from the Solid Waste Authority at the bid rate of \$6/cy to incorporate into the project. Due to trucking costs being less, we are able to afford the additional organic material.

A **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed to purchase approximately 250 cubic yards of compost at \$6.00/cy from the Blair County Solid Waste Authority for the Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project-Phase II.

Amsbry—Michelle and Art discussed the design concept, and Michelle is incorporating design revisions suggested by Art.

Morgan Run Ross—The contractor has started on the site. Clearfield County Conservation District was awarded \$20,000 by the Foundation for PA Watersheds to provide for plantings and limestone. CCWA will need to log in to the OSM website for reimbursement at some point in the spring, and Dane was working through the process of keeping the account active.

Morgan Run 7—The paperwork received by the CCWA from CCCD was for a minor amendment to remove non-essential items such as end sections from the scope of work. The items were removed because there was not enough money for them.

Old Business:

Data Logger: Bryan Rabish suggested that the data logger be placed on North Witmer Run above the fish hatchery of Glendale Sportsman. There is to be a gas well drilled nearby at the Woehler gas well site. Bryan is hoping to install the data logger by early January. Bryan reported that the data from this instrument can be downloaded into an excel spread sheet. Dan is to purchase a flash drive to accommodate this information.

Fishing Derby Tickets: Jerry reported that the estimated cost to print the fishing derby tickets was \$108.00 from Damin Printing Co. Two weeks lead time is needed for the printing job. Jerry is to order 3,000 blue colored tickets, to be available for distribution at the January meeting.

Penn Cambria TIC Project: Jerry reported that he had talked to Jeff Baird, Principal at the Penn Cambria Middle School. Jeff stated that they have approximately 200 brook trout in one tank and 100 in another. There are no longer any egg sacs, all fingerlings are free swimming. The school sent one chiller back for repair/replacement based on the information forwarded to them on these problematic chillers.

New Business:

Christmas Cards: Ed passed around several Christmas cards sent to CCWA.

Card/cookies: Earl reported that he and Alene will take care of getting a card and some of Alene's homemade cooking to give to the park office as a little thank you for the use of their conference room.

Next Meeting: January 17, 2012, Conference Room, lower level at Prince Gallitzin Park, 6:30 PM. This is our annual meeting. A reminder that elections will be held for the one Board member position.

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