

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 17 members present. We had one visitor present-David Thompson. President Smithmyer welcomed this visitor. At this time President Smithmyer congratulated Shawn Simmers for his nomination as a Board Member and thanked Chuck Sutton for his service. Prior to the approval of last month's minutes it was noted that one of the dates for the cleanup was not a weekend. The August roadway cleanup is August 6th not the 8th. On a **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Dan McMullen the minutes from January 17, 2006 were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

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Regular Account

Beginning Balance, January 1 st , 2006	\$3,744.94
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Office supplies	(51.80)
Web Hosting fees - 2006	(179.40)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	615.00
Donation	5.00
Bank interest	0.17
Ending Balance, January 31 st , 2006	<u>\$4,133.91</u>

Money Held for Deposit at 1/31/05: none

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Grant Account

Beginning Balance, January 1 st , 2006	\$2,560.79
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Project costs:	
KL1 (Growing Greener)	2,956.93
KL2 (EPA)	0.00
KL-Rose	0.00
Brubaker	0.00
Little Laurel Restoration	0.00
Fish Fund	0.00
Heinz Grant	<u>90.00</u>
	(3,046.93)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
New Grant Awards Received	0.00
Grant Expense Reimbursement – Klondike Project	0.00
Restricted Donation (KL1-Rose)	2,500.00
Bank interest	.16
Ending Balance, January 31 st , 2006	<u>\$2,014.02</u>

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Respectfully submitted, Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Larry reported that he had the following for deposit: a check from the Commonwealth of PA-DEP for \$3,500.00 for reimbursement of expenses on the Little Laurel Restoration Project, a check from Jack Calandra for \$179.00 to cover the web site provider's annual fee, and \$165.00 in dues. Special thanks to Jack Calandra for his continued support.

On a **motion** by Bob Funicelli and seconded by Alene Smithmyer the following bills were approved for payment: Clark Cree- \$1,074.00 for surveying on the Brubaker Run drill sites, Mahaffey Lab- \$150.00 for water testing on Little Laurel Run (Klondike I grant), Alene Smithmyer-\$89.04 reimbursement for the fishing derby tickets from Damin Printing, Art Rose-\$28.61 reimbursement for expenses for supplies and postage (Klondike I Project), Art Rose- \$4.50 reimbursement for expenses for copies, Amsbry Project (general fund), Earl Smithmyer- \$5.00-notary fee reimbursement Brubaker Project.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he has been working on the membership cards he has received. At this time there are 84 members.

Membership Committee:

Bob Funicelli reported that he has been soliciting new members. In addition to the 84 members reported above there were 13 additional membership cards given to Secretary McMullen.

Public Relations and Historical Committee:

Jen Demchak reported that Shawn will update the website. He will make a change in the website so that both Art and Jerry can receive e-mails that are sent to the website.

Art reported that he had sent a Press Release to the Mainliner, the Clearfield Progress and the Tribune Democrat reporting that the CCWA had received mine maps and drilling logs from Sam Lansberry. These maps have proved very helpful in helping to locate the clay mine and the drill sites associated with the Brubaker Project.

At this time there was a discussion about the money each county is receiving from the Growing Greener II bond issue passed by the General Assembly. An estimated \$90 million of the total \$625 million will be allocated for what the state has named "County Environmental Initiative." Brian Rabish is to look into this fund and give a report at next months' meeting.

Finance Report:

Larry stated that he had nothing new to report, at this time.

Tech Committee:

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

Tech Committee Report**February 21, 2006****KLONDIKE PROJECT**

The Erosion and Sedimentation Plan was reviewed promptly by the Cambria County Conservation District and about 30 deficiencies noted, most minor. All questions were discussed and remedies agreed in a meeting of John Foreman and Earl Smithmyer with the Cons. Dist. The revised plan is nearly ready to be resubmitted. Approximately 2 days were spent by Foreman on the meeting and revisions. The "Wetland Application" was submitted Jan. 28 to DEP in Pittsburgh and is apparently under review. The stream and discharges were sampled by Earl in January and analyses received.

BRUBAKER PROJECT

Two days have been spent by Foreman and Rose on compiling mine maps, drilling and the like at Brubaker. Rose and Smithmyer located and inspected the drill site locations surveyed by Clark Cree, and planned access roads. We will meet with Art Hamley of the Game Commission on March 3 to finalize arrangements on road and drill pad construction, with the goal of drilling about May. All drill logs were received from Sam Lansberry, and he allowed us to take 10 additional drill logs over the eastern mine extension for which John Foreman is preparing another appraisal for a gift to CCWA.

FERRIS WHEEL PROJECT

A Growing Greener proposal is nearing completion under the direction of Shawn Simmers. Two discussions were held with the Blair County Solid Waste personnel concerning their support and contribution. Robindale Energy has indicated that they will provide alkaline ash at no cost in combination with backhaul of the Amsbry refuse. A very good set of in-kind matches has been arranged from Association members, Blair County Solid Waste and Robindale Energy. An outline of this proposal was presented separately by Shawn. A **motion** by Pat Dumm and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed to accept the Ferris Wheel Revegetation Plan and the Amsbry Project, as submitted by Shawn Simmers and Art Rose.

AMSBRY PROJECT

Discussions with Robindale Energy show that they are very interested in the combined Amsbry-Ferris Wheel project. A final agreement awaits sampling of Amsbry refuse by them, but they anticipate supplying alkaline ash to Ferris Wheel at no cost (in view of the Amsbry backhaul) and paying an access fee of \$1 per ton. Smithmyer and Rose surveyed roads and pile locations on 2/11. Attorney Barbin states that the refuse belongs to the surface owners and is preparing an access agreement, using the map. Additional data on property ownership was obtained from the Cambria Recorder of Deeds, for preparation of a Good Samaritan agreement.

GLASGOW TREATMENT SYSTEM

A draft report suggesting a phased approach to this system was received from Hedin Environmental on 2/21. The first step would be continued flushing of Pond 1 plus drainage and excavation of Pond 2 to determine the nature of plugging. Later steps would be complete reconstruction of Pond 2 and/or construction of a new Pond. Dick Dotts constructed a key to open the flushing valves. Smithmyer and Rose made 2 visits and

were successful the second time in flushing the first pond, which seems to be operating reasonably well. Opening the valves to the second pond produced only a weak flow; this pond appears to need rebuilding. Additional sets of samples indicate that the first pond is removing acidity and metals well, and some additional removal is occurring in the system. After discussion, the group decided to pursue small-scale investigations as a first step. Property owner agreements are needed. A proposal for this site is not planned for this year.

BLANDBURG TREATMENT PLANT AND VICINITY

Smithmyer, Rose, Dick Dotts and Gary Dotts (former operator of the plant) visited the plant on Jan. 28. All major equipment was present and in apparent good condition, and only 2 minor pipe breaks from freezing were noted.

Smithmyer and Rose accompanied Crittenden, Allison and Holencic of DEP on an inspection of the inflow of upper Bear Loop Run into an underground mine that leads to the Blandburg outflows. This is a possible project that would decrease acid flow at Blandburg. A grant for the project may be pursued by the Altoona Water Authority.

After a lengthy discussion President Smithmyer recommended that we look into getting a little more information on this project.

WEST BRANCH CITIZENS GROUP

A meeting is planned for March 14 and a symposium in May, at which Rose is invited to give a talk on vertical flow ponds. Rose is collaborating with Bill Hellier and others on a listing of major acid discharges to the West Branch.

FISH MAPS

Streams in most of the southern half of Clearfield Creek have been classified into type of fish and plotted on the base maps by Smithmyer and others. Jen Demchak is taking a map to Carl Underkofler for classification of streams in the northern half of the watershed.

Old Business:

Fishing Derby Tickets- President Smithmyer reported that he had the tickets for the fishing derby and encouraged all members present to take some tickets for sale. We are also asking anyone who can help sell these tickets to contact Earl. These are a major fund raiser for the success of the fishing derby.

Jen Demchak reported that Boggs Township had agreed to be a sponsor for two projects on Morgan Run. She thanked CCWA for their consideration to be a sponsor for these projects.

New Business:

There was no new business to report at this time.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2006, Prince Gallitzin State Park, Park Office, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Shawn Simmers the meeting was adjourned.

