

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF  
FEBRUARY 15, 2011  
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 20 members present and one visitor who joined as a member. Jerry mentioned that there were a couple of spelling errors in the minutes that he would correct. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dane Kalwanaski was then passed accepting the January 18, 2011 minutes. Ed mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

<b>Deposits</b>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Account</i>
	DEP Reimbursement	12,223.16	MuR1/Working Capital
	\$10,848.16 Mur 1		
	\$1,3750 Working Capital		
	Clean Streams – Ace		
	Drilling	230.00	Gen Acct
	Allegheny Mtn SCI	625.00	Fish Fund
	Haluska Grant	10,000.00	Haluska
	Donation	700.00	Gen Acct
	Memberships	375.00	Gen Acct
<b>Expenses</b>			
	Mahaffey	28.00	KL-Rose
	Mahaffey	56.00	Amsbry
	Land & Mapping Services	2,423.00	MuR Mapping
	Dane Kalwanaski - promo	493.01	Gen Acct
	Altoona Mirror - booth	365.00	Gen Acct
	Pro Active Sports - Shirts	525.00	Gen Acct
	Canan Station - Brochures	225.00	Gen Acct

Respectfully Submitted:

*Dane R. Kalwanaski, Treasurer*

A **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Dave McMullen 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 stated that he had received several e-mail correspondences this past month. He had sent out 3 thank you letters. Jerry stated that he had spent a lot of time in correspondence with Dan on the brochure.

**Membership Committee:**

Bob stated that he is still working on the 2011 membership drive. Jerry reported that several membership cards have been received this past month. Once again, membership cards are coming in at a good pace but we encourage anyone who has not sent theirs in to please do so.

**Public Relations/Historical Committee:**

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

**Finance Report:**

Larry stated that he had nothing new to report from Saint Francis University. He is waiting to hear back from the students and should be in touch with them next week.

Larry stated that the endowment document from The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies in its final form has been returned. Larry suggested that we sign the document and set up the endowment but not fund it, at this time. Larry reported that he had talked to Bill Barbin, a local lawyer, about some of our concerns that were mentioned at the January meeting. Mr. Barbin was okay with the language in the final draft of the endowment document.

Lastly, Larry reminded Dane to contact Jack Calandra in June for the annual donation to support the CCWA web host fee.

**Grant Committee:**

Dan reported that he and Shawn are looking at several grants. He has had several e-mail correspondences from Michelle and Carolyn Itle about potential grants. Michelle also suggested that Art send a letter of intent for the Swank Project to the Community Foundation of the Alleghenies for potential funding of the this project.

**Michelle Merrow Reported the Following:**

The Foundation for PA Watersheds has an open grant round. Letters of interest are due 2-25-11. There was some confusion at the meeting about the date, but it is 2-25.

Michelle asked about CCWA acting as a sponsor for Morgan Run Watershed Group for a shortfall of \$30,000 for construction for the Foundation for PA Watersheds (FPW) grant. CCWA would be a fiscal administrator, on behalf of MRWG. However, CCWA is going to ask for money for the Swank project. Michelle stated that she felt that the Swank project should be the priority, as there are other options for Morgan Run Ross, such as going back to DEP, while CCWA has little options for Swank with future grants from Growing Greener, etc. being questionable. Michelle will contact Branden Diehl from FPW to see how applying for 2 grants affects CCWA's chances for Swank. Art Rose indicated that last year, CCWA applied for Swank and the Chitin project, and were only able to get one grant for the Chitin project. Michelle will report back to CCWA next meeting, and a decision will be made. Contacting FPW or submitting a letter of interest does not mean CCWA has to submit a grant application for Ross.

Larry Sutton also asked questions about what acting as a grant administrator did for CCWA in terms of fiduciary responsibility (i.e. what happens in there is an accident, the contractor doesn't finish the project, etc?). There was some discussion on this. Liability coverage is available through the Good Samaritan Act. Also, Michelle said that she takes steps in the contracting process to protect the project "owner". While the whole group hasn't seen them, Art has been through our contracting documents for the W. Ferris Wheel projects, and the contract documents are strict in terms of insurance, liability, indemnification, etc. In this case where funding is coming from two entities through two sources (CCWA and Clearfield County Conservation District), Michelle suggested that we list both entities as Owners to protect both. The group didn't really resolve this or decide on an action, but as we get the Ross project out to bid, as CCWA will be administering OSM funding for Ross, Michelle will talk to the group about this again, and offer to add CCWA to the contract documents to protect them. This whole issue comes about as a non-profit group is needed to hold FPW and OSM funds, and CCCD can't do it, or they would.

### **Brochures Update:**

Several members have continued to supply pictures and material for the new brochure. Dan has corresponded numerous times with Rebecca Holler. Jerry has assisted in the proof reading of the brochure. Rebecca has been very helpful and has come up with a new map and layout for that side of the brochure. Jerry had found a printer, Canan Station Printing Shop, that printed and folded the brochures at a very reasonable price.

Dan had a few copies of the finished brochure printed on the 80 # glossy paper. The remaining copies will be available by the end of the week. We are very happy with the updated brochure and want to give thanks to all involved and a special thanks to Dan McMullen and Rebecca Holler for their many hours spent working on this brochure.

Finally as a thank you to Rebecca Holler for all that she has done for CCWA and the brochure a unanimous **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed authorizing Dane to purchase a \$50.00 Sheetz gift card to be mailed to Rebecca.

A discussion was held as to whether CCWA would want to produce a newsletter that could be sent to the members during the year. Rebecca Holler offered to assist CCWA with this newsletter. Jerry reminded members that the Watershed News is an annual newsletter mailing sent to all members. No decision was made at this time.

### **Ben Watt Presentation:**

Ben Watt, Penn Cambria Middle School Science teacher, made a short presentation and gave an update on the Trout in the Classroom project sponsored by CCWA. The school received approximately 200 eggs, of these 150 hatched. Due to natural mortality and predation there are about 70 fingerlings left to be released. The fingerlings are much larger this year. The chiller for the tank went down last week. Snow and ice were being used to keep the tank cool until the chiller can be repaired and sent back to the school. The Ph in the tank dropped and baking soda was used to help raise the Ph. All of this resulted in additional learning for the students.

Ben stated that he will have to send in the application for next school year for the TIC project and asked if CCWA would be willing to sponsor them once again. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed to continue CCWA sponsorship

of the TIC project at the Penn Cambria Middle school next school year. Ed was to sign this agreement.

The release date is set for March 30<sup>th</sup> and the students will also be assisting the PA Fish & Boat Commission in stocking trout in Clearfield Creek on that day. CCWA will also provide a field day for these students including lunch and a trip to two of our AMD sites. Ben is to give us a final count of the number of students.

Ben also mentioned that he had added a saltwater tank with different invertebrates and has a tank that contains different fish that are found in our waterway. Ben reviewed the display board that his students had made for the Fishing & Hunting Show.

Art asked for photos from the TIC program and also the field day that can be added to the website.

### **Tech Committee:**

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

#### **Tech Committee Report- February 15, 2011**

Klondike project No activity

West Ferris Wheel project Final agreements with the three property owners (Cooney Angels Trust, Blair County Solid Waste Authority and Hite-Dodson estate, now Garman LLC) are in their hands and awaiting signature. All appear agreeable, and receipt of signed agreements is expected in a week or two. Also, a Good Samaritan application protecting the landowners and CCWA from liability has been prepared and is being signed by the landowners. The construction contract will be finalized in a meeting with Donna Carnahan on 2/18. A design change in Phase 2 is being discussed with Alder Run Engineering.

Amsbry Project The site was visited and sampled on 2/15. The second discharge continues to be small (12 gpm).

Brubaker Project A draft Scope of Work was received from the Corps of Engineers and suggestions made for improvement. Plans for study by students of the upstream Brubaker watershed were discussed with Dr. Strohsneider of St. Francis University. A tracer test to evaluate the source of discharge BBC-26, which emerges from mine spoil, is planned for later in February.

Glasgow Project The passive treatment system continues to function very satisfactorily, releasing net alkaline water.

Gibson Project No activity. The contract will be finalized at a meeting with Donna Carnahan on 2/18.

Swank Project No activity. Possible funding sources are being investigated. A proposal for additional funding will be submitted to the Foundation of PA Watersheds in February.

Ferris Wheel revegetation Funds were received in the CCWA bank account from the PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development for this project, based on efforts of Rep. Haluska.

Ace Drilling Site- Earl reported that Malcolm Crittendon, DEP Office, in Ebensburg said that the Ace Drilling contract would be renewed. Earl and Dick are to sample this site in March, weather permitting.

**The Following Was Reported by Michelle Merrow:**

**Ferris Wheel Reveg, Phase 2**—Art indicated that the Haluska Grant of \$10,000 expires in June, so we need to get moving. The purchase of seed, fertilizer, compost was discussed. Michelle indicated that it was unlikely that the project would be done by June, so we may need to pre-buy some material. We will look into that and keep working on it as everyone worked too hard to get the Haluska money to not spend it. Michelle will work with Shawn and Dan to get the project moving.

**West Ferris AMD**—The DEP and Army Corps of Engineers have been through the project. They have suggested some modifications to reduce impacts to streams and wetlands to be able to waive wetland mitigation requirements and issue a simpler permit. Michelle brought a revised design concept that basically moved a few treatment components around, and discussed it with Art after the meeting. Michelle has given these revisions precedence as the biologist on the project will be going on maternity leave, and Michelle wants to get the revisions in to DEP before the biologist leaves so we don't have to have a new biologist involved.

**Amsbry**—Michelle has been developing two concepts based on discussions with Art, Malcolm Crittenden, Pam Milovac (DEP). We are looking at active treatment and passive treatment, and capital and long-term operation costs for both to pick which will be best, and which can realistically be funded. Alder Run Engineering will pick back up on this after W. Ferris AMD is re-submitted to DEP.

**Morgan Run**

**MR ROSS**—CCWA received a letter from CCCD (Clfd Co. Conservation District) stating the the E&S plan for the stream crossing on the new access road was approved. The plan now goes to DEP for permit issuance, and CCWA will be getting another letter soon.

Michelle brought a revision to a grant application for MR Ross that was signed last time. The award limits for this year have been reduced to \$100,000, so the application was revised so that CCWA is asking for \$100,000 instead of \$130,000. Ed McMullen signed the application after the meeting. A copy was given to CCWA for the files.

**MR FROG**—Earthmovers never completed the planting or the valve cover this fall. The Conservation District sent a certified letter to Earthmovers stating that they will be keeping the \$8530 that the CCCD had been retaining to have someone else provide the valve cover and plant the trees. Michelle also spoke with the bonding company and they are holding \$8530 of the bond as well just in case the \$8530 doesn't cover the work remaining. The \$8530 should be more than enough to finish the work, and CCCD is getting quotes on the plantings. Michelle brought a copy of a letter requesting quotes for CCWA's records.

CCWA received a \$7300 grant from Foundation from PA Watersheds in December for some trash racks and modifications to the high flow bypass so that more of the high flow water is treated. At the January meeting, CCWA decided to utilize EM Brown, Inc.

Michelle brought a copy of the notice to proceed that was issued for this work for CCWA's records.

**Muddy Run Mapping**—Final mapping was received. The final invoice from Land and Mapping was given to Dane. CD copies of the mapping were given to PSU and Art Rose. Alder Run Engineering kept a copy for safekeeping as well. PSU will use it to teach design of AMD treatment projects. Michelle will send a copy of the drawings to Dan McMullen. A final report is due, and Michelle will bring a draft for next month's meeting. Art is to look for the letter from the grant source that states what public agencies that the mapping needed to be posted to, which was a condition of the grant.

**Old Business:**

**Hunting & Fishing Show**-At this time we reviewed the list of volunteers and the times they were to be at the Hunting & Fishing show to be held at the convention center in Altoona. Also reviewed were the items needed for the setup volunteers. Dan was to pick up the brochures from the printer. Jerry displayed the shirts that were ordered. The shirts were printed with the CCWA blue logo on them and are for sale at \$21.00 each.

Special thanks to Jack Calandra who sponsored CCWA at this show and also gave us a generous donation for the printing of the brochures.

**Fishing Derby Tickets**- Ray reported that he still has lots of these tickets for sale. If you can help sell some of these tickets or you would like to purchase some tickets to support the fishing derby please get in touch with us.

**New Business:**

**Cleanup Dates for 2011- Listed below are the cleanup dates for 2011:**  
**April 10<sup>th</sup>, 9AM, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, Roadway & Stream Cleanup.**  
**June 12<sup>th</sup>, 9AM, Burger Hut, Coupon Road, Route 36 Cleanup.**  
**August 7<sup>th</sup>, 9AM, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, Roadway Cleanup**  
**September 25<sup>th</sup>, 9AM, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, Roadway & Steam Cleanup**  
**Please mark these dates on your calendar. Volunteers are always needed.**

**Board Meeting:** Board members were to meet after the regular meeting to vote on the proposed language change to the by-laws for the new endowment document. They were also to vote on an appointment for the one open Board Member position created when Ray Hollen, a member at large, became the President Elect.

**Next Meeting: March 15, 2011, Prince Gallitzin Park Office, Lower Level Rear of Building, 6:30 PM.**

**Adjournment:** On a **motion** by Dave McMullen and seconded by Alene Smithmyer the meeting was adjourned.