

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF  
FEBRUARY 21, 2012  
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 19 members present. There were 2 people present from the Clearfield County Conservation District including Vista worker Von Holguin. Don Sheridan, representing Cresson Sportsmen, also attended this meeting. Ed had all members present introduce themselves. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was then passed accepting the January 17, 2012 minutes. Ed mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Deposits/Expenses for Meeting			
Deposits	Description	Amount	Account
	Membership	\$ 275.00	General Fund
	DEP Reimbursement	\$48,962.56	Revegetation
	Donation	<u>\$ 20.00</u>	General Fund
	TOTAL	\$49,257.56	
Expenses			
	Mahaffey Labs	\$ (50.00)	Swank Fund
	Mahaffey Labs	\$ (25.00)	Amsbry Fund
	Mahaffey Labs	\$ (25.00)	Gibson Fund
	Mahaffey Labs	\$ (100.00)	WFW Construction
	Alder Run Engin.	\$ (328.91)	Revegetation Fund
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	Meadville Land Svcs	\$(37,468.91)	Revegetation Fund
	County of Blair	\$ (3,480.00)	Revegetation Fund
	TOTAL	\$(	

Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month.

Art recommended that under the Amsbry Fund we separate the money that we have received in the past from selling the gob pile at this site and the grant money that we have received for this project.

A **motion** by Larry Sutton and seconded by Dan 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 reported that he had several e-mail correspondences this past month: Rob Piper congratulating us on our recent large grant received, Dan Yahner-PGC on filling our tree request from their extra trees. He had also contacted Dianne Byers from The Progress and sent an e-mail to Kathy Mellott-The Tribune Democrat. Jerry reported that approximately 53 dues have come in thus far this year. We are presently down from

previous years but dues are still coming in. He, once again, reminded the members present that it is a task each year to maintain our high level of membership.

**Membership Committee:**

Bob reported that he had 3 new membership cards to turn in and continues to solicit new memberships.

**Public Relations/Historical Committee:**

Ray stated that he had received a couple of new articles for the historical book from Ed and Dick. Ray also reminded the newer members present that we maintain a historical book if they would like to look at it some time. Dick mentioned that he will be contacting Dianne Byers at The Progress newspaper concerning the upcoming student field trip.

**Finance Report:**

Larry stated that he had nothing new to report for the brochure for perspective donors to our capital fund. Even though we have not received the digital copy from SFU we do have their marketing report study on CCWA. Art is to compile a list of some of our many projects and we are looking for volunteers to assist with producing the individual project sheet.

**Grant Committee:**

Dan mentioned that he had sent an e-mail to Amy Wolfe, TU, and had talked to Becky Dunlap about shocking a section of Clearfield Creek. TU has recently purchased some new equipment and they are willing to work with CCWA on a stream shocking.

Art mentioned that he had finished the final copy of the Dominion grant report and will e-mail it to Dan.

**Dam Cleanout Committee:**

Earl mentioned that all of the paperwork for this project has recently been sent to PA Fish & Boat Commission at Bellefonte and we are waiting for their approval. Time frame for this project is between approximately June 15<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>, since there is a native trout stream running into the dam. Jerry mentioned that he had contacted a friend at New Enterprise Stone & Lime Company. They expressed interest in supplying an excavator for this project.

**Tech Committee:**

The following tech report was presented by Art Rose, Chairman of the Tech Committee.

**Tech Committee Report-February 21, 2012**

Klondike Project The system was inspected and sampled on 2/21. It continues to remove most of the iron and acidity. The slag bed is not operating because of freezing weather. Three or four of the pipes are broken in the section below the road.

W. Ferris Project We received a grant for \$528,616 for Phase 2 of construction for W. Ferris Wheel. The contract is currently being finalized. We will probably bid Phase 1

and 2 in the next few months. The discharges and the little Laurel Run stream weirs were sampled on 2/3.

Gibson Project No Activity

Swank Project The system was sampled on 2/21. It continues to remove most of the metals and acidity, but flow has decreased to about 240 gpm from 800 gpm last month.

Amsbry Project An invoice for \$16,145.19 was submitted to DEP.

Brubaker Project The 3 discharges were sampled on 2/13/12 and submitted to DEP for analysis. An email from the Corps of Engineers indicates that they are negotiating with the contractor for the additional sampling and tracer test.

Eric Davis mentioned that a recent article in The Progress reported that one of the Marcellus Shale gas well drillers had applied to the Susquehanna River Basin Commission for a permit to withdraw 1.5 million gallons/day from Clearfield Creek.

Ed reminded Art that we are willing to help with some of the monthly sampling that he does. Art stated that perhaps other could help sample the Klondike, West Ferris Wheel and the Gibson sites.

Ace Drilling Site- site is to be sampled by Earl and Dick in March. Art reported that he has sent in the invoice to DEP for reimbursement of the expenses incurred during the recent repairs done by CCWA members at this site.

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

Ferris Wheel Revegetation Phase 2—There has been no activity on the site since last month. Applications for payment from Meadville Land Service, Blair County Solid Waste Authority, and ARE were presented to Dane. Michelle suggested holding \$1900 from Meadville Land Service's application due to a change order that was still under discussion. Michelle also indicated that MLS still had some tilling to do to incorporate the material when the site dries out but they had asked for full payment for the item. CCWA is holding 20% retainage, which is \$19,352.87 right now, which would be more than enough to finish this work if they didn't do so, but there is no indication that they won't.

Copies of the application for reimbursement that was submitted to DEP last month were given to Art for the records and Dane so he knows where the money should be deposited when the money arrives. A new application for reimbursement for this month's bills was presented to CCWA for signature, and Michelle will bring copies of this one to the next meeting. Since we are getting down to the last budget items, a letter for re-allocation of funding between internal budget categories is needed, and Michelle will draft and bring it to the next meeting.

The additional fertilizer was discussed. A budget supplement will be coming to pay for the fertilizer. The group gave Michelle the ok to get prices from MLS and local contractors for application of additional fertilizer this spring. Michelle will bring them to the next meeting. Also, the potential for running over the seedlings that were planted on the site was discussed. Since most didn't survive, CCWA indicated that the fertilizer could still be applied.

Last month, the group discussed the \$1000 supplement to this contract that was to be used for education and sampling. Art presented a bill that can be charged against the \$1000 supplement. This grant expires along with the Revegetation funds on Sept 30, 2012. Last month, Michelle indicated that two one-year extensions were possible in case CCWA didn't spend the \$1000. However, the grants center will hold the last 10% of the grant until the final report is received, which would be about the last \$17,000. CCWA will need this money to pay MLS's final bills, which will be coming this spring as soon as the site is seeded. Michelle suggested that CCWA look at spending this money sooner, and at least before September, so the project can be closed rather than having DEP hold this money.

Amsbry- Michelle presented a Mitigation Statement to be submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers. The statement explains that CCWA is not proposing mitigation, and why. After discussing the draft statement, CCWA requested that the following sentence be removed before the statement is signed—"As an alternate, we would be willing to provide a fee in lieu of mitigation to offset the wetland impacts associated with this project." Michelle will remove the statement and send it to Ed for signature.

Gibson-Halstock—Michelle and Art will meet to go over design info. Also, Michelle needs to visit the site to obtain access info to see how they are accessing the site for the PGC timber harvest.

Morgan Run Frog and Tuff—Michelle and Jim Fetchu visited these sites today, and they are working properly. Carl Undercoffler and Kelly Williams had also recently visited the sites and done some sampling. About 1.5 miles below the sites, the pH of the stream is 5.5, which is good given extremely high flows in the stream. Metals (iron and aluminum) leaving the systems were less than 0.5 mg/l, which is good.

Morgan Run Ross—No activity. Contractor is waiting for better weather.

Morgan Run 7—CCWA received a letter from DEP extending the permit through the end of 2012. The federal wetlands permit, which was from 2007, needs to be renewed. To accomplish this, a Cultural Resource Notice was submitted, and CCWA may receive a letter from the PA Historic and Museum Commission. Michelle presented permit renewal information to the group to be signed (a Joint Permit application for wetland impacts to be presented to the Army Corps of Engineers along with the permit screening form). Michelle also presented an Acknowledgment of Appraisal of Permit Conditions for the DEP permit, which is to be signed by the permittee (CCWA) and the person responsible for the site. The group voted to sign the paperwork so the project may proceed. Michelle asked Earl to please let her know if any paperwork arrives in the mail for MR 7 over the next month.

A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed authorizing President Ed McMullen to sign the "Acknowledgment of Appraisal of Permit Conditions" form for the DEP permit on Morgan Run 7.

**Old Business:**

**Fishing Derby Tickets:** Ray reminded everyone that he has lots of tickets for anyone who can help sell or would like to purchase some of them. Once again, ticket sells are a large part of the support for the fishing derby.

**Penn Cambria TIC Project:** Jerry reported that the TIC brook trout are still doing well with approximately 50 fingerlings. Unfortunately, Ben Watt was out of town for several days and all of the certified brown and rainbow trout purchased by the school were lost. After further investigation by a TIC representative it was determined that the PH level in the tank was too high. As part of the learning process for the students, they had to clean and flush this tank with chlorine.

The date for the Penn Cambria student field trip is March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Data Logger:** Bryan Rabish reported that the data logger has been monitoring Witmer Run since early January. He has been out to check on the data logger three times. Since the flash drive purchased for the data collected by the data logger is 16 G, he may also install the Saltlick data on the flash drive. Bryan also reported that he will have to update the software on the data logger.

**New Business:**

**Cleanup Dates-2012:** Cleanup dates for 2012 are:

April 1<sup>st</sup> – route 53 and stream cleanup

June 10<sup>th</sup> – route 36 cleanup

August 12<sup>th</sup> - route 53 cleanup

September 23<sup>rd</sup> – route 53 and stream cleanup

Please put these dates on your calendar. Cleanups begin at 9 AM. It takes lots of volunteers for a successful cleanup. At both the April and September cleanup we do 9 miles of roadway and 5 miles of stream.

**WBSRC Symposium:** Art reminded everyone of the upcoming symposium on April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. As part of this symposium there will be a field trip to Potts Run and also to the CCWA treatment system at the Glasgow site.

**Glendale School District:** Earl had been contacted by the school district and asked to sign, as a representative of CCWA, the TIC Start Up Application. CCWA is happy to support Glendale School District on this project.

**Fertilizer Stored at Hines Feed Mill:** Earl indicated that there is a ½ ton of fertilizer at Cresson Feed Mill. We will try to have that fertilizer moved to the Ferris Wheel Revegetation Phase II site and used as part of the supplemental fertilizer.

**West Branch of Susquehanna River Sojourn:** Kelley Williams, Clearfield County Conservation District, reported that a canoe trip on the West Branch of the Susquehanna is planned for May 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> starting at Curwensville and ending at Renova. Different activities are planned. All are invited to be part of this trip. For more information visit the SRBC website.

**Next Meeting: March 20, 2012, Conference Room, lower level at Prince Gallitzin Park, 6:30 PM.**

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