

CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF MARCH 16, 2010
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The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 16 members present and one visitor, Aaron Furgiuele, Trout Unlimited. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was then passed accepting the February 16, 2010 minutes. Earl mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: by Dane Kalwanaski, CCWA Treasurer

For: Jan 31 – Feb 26, 2010

General Fund

Beginning Balance		\$8,327.50
Deposits	Bank Interest	\$0.19
	Memberships	\$255.00
Expenses	Dan McMullen - Recorder	(\$60.93)
	Gerald McMullen - supplies	(\$17.60)
	Damin Printing***	(\$100.00)
	Neo Nexus - Web Hosting	(\$59.85)
Ending Balance		\$8,344.31

Grant Accounts

	<u>Beginning Bal.</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Bal.</u>
Working Capitol	\$5,705.55	\$25,001.10	\$0.00	\$30,706.65
Dominion II	\$650.00	\$0.00	(\$650.00)	\$0.00
Blandburg Active	(\$40.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$40.00)
C&K Passive(Glasgow)	\$1,631.00	\$0.00	(\$152.00)	\$1,479.00
MuR1 Assessment	(\$4,392.77)	\$0.00	(\$2,452.50)	(\$6,845.27)
MR Ross	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amsbry	\$5,662.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,662.96
Ferris Wheel West	(\$75.00)	\$0.00	(\$150.00)	(\$225.00)
Ferris Wheel Reveg	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
KL-2	\$5,552.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,552.96
KL-Rose	\$1,059.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,059.00
Fish Fund	\$3,634.49	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$3,784.49
MuR Mapping	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10,500.00
<u>Totals</u>	\$29,888.19	\$25,151.10	(\$3,404.50)	\$51,634.79

Respectfully Submitted:
Dane R. Kalwanaski, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report Continued:

Deposits:

\$381.00 - Memberships- General Fund
\$25.00 - Donation Knights of Columbus 9622 - Fish Fund
\$34800.00 - DEP Reimbursement - Glasgow C&K Fund
\$3983.50 - DEP Reimbursement - MuR1 Fund
\$7776.74 - DEP Reimbursement - MuR1 Fund

Expenses:

\$295.00 - POWR - Liability Insurance - General Fund
\$40.00 - Damin Printing - Jr Membership Cards - General Fund
\$50.00 - Dan McMullen - Fish for Stewardship Plaque - General Fund
\$2345.29 - Hedin Environmental - Various - Glasgow C&K Fund
\$45610.50 - Smith Excavating - construction - Glasgow C&K Fund
\$487.04 - Arthur Rose - Equipment Purchases - Glasgow C&K Fund

At this time Dane mentioned that on the minutes for last month the membership deposit should total \$255.00 not \$365.00, the extra \$110.00 will be included in this month's deposit.

A motion by Dick Dotts and seconded by Larry Sutton was passed authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that he has had a few e-mails in correspondence. He also had picked up the Junior Membership cards from Damin Printing and will be giving some to Jeff Baird, Penn Cambria Middle School Principal. He has also talked to Ben Watt about the Trout in the Classroom Project and the upcoming field day to release the fish raised.

Membership Committee:

Membership dues are still coming in- 12 individual, a business membership and one junior membership. We want to thank the members who are taking the time to solicit new members.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray reported that he had 2 articles from Dick Dotts that were in The Progress. We want to thank Jane Eling for the great coverage that she gives us.

Finance Report:

Larry reported that we will wait until after Easter to talk to Jack Calandra about other potential donors. Larry mentioned that he had talked to a friend who works in development. Recommended were the following: we should get some endorsement letters (e.g. SRBC, TU Gary Haluska's office, Cambria & Clearfield Conservation Districts, etc.), put a packet together with our accomplishments and completed projects, have a fold out with our mission statement. As Art mentioned most of this is on our website and we do an annual mailing with our accomplishments.

Earl stated that this was talked about at the last board meeting and that Shawn and a few others are working on this packet. Mentioned also was this could be a classroom project for a St. Francis or Mount Aloysius class. Unfortunately it is very close to the end of the semester.

Larry had contacted the local bank from Cresson and told them that we would not be using a line of credit at this time. We do not expect any board member to personally sign for this.

Lastly, Jack Calandra agreed to pay our annual web host fee. He will be making a \$250.00 donation to cover this expense. Jack has done this in the past and we can not thank him enough for his support and generosity to CCWA.

Grant Committee:

Dan stated that he and Shawn submitted a Home Depot Grant for \$2,500.00. If awarded a grant, it will be gift cards that we can use, as needed. Requested was money for lumber, tools and supplies. We were informed that we did not receive either of the Dominion grants that we applied for.

Mentioned also were potential grants from the West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition or Trout Unlimited. Shawn and Dan stated that they will look into these potential grants.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted and discussed by Art Rose, chairman of the tech committee: **Tech Committee Report-March 16, 2010**

Klondike Project The site was visited and sampled on 3/15. KL1 was overflowing so very little treatment. KL2 was fine. A proposal to Foundation for PA Watersheds is being prepared by Dr. Rachel Brennan of Penn State for experiments with chitin at the KL1 site, with the grant to be made to CCWA for administration. It was moved that CCWA authorize the president to sign an acceptable proposal.

West Ferris Wheel Final design is ongoing, and permits are being sought. A wetland waiver will be submitted to PA and the Corps of Engineers.

Glasgow Project The renovated system continues to treat very well, with SAPS 1 essentially completely treating the very severe AMD. A final financial report has been prepared, and a Final Technical report is essentially complete. Modifications in the contract, to allow billing for the entire amount due, have been signed and sent to Harrisburg for state signatures.

At this time a **motion** by Larry Sutton and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed authorizing Dane to pay the outstanding invoices related to this project using the \$34,800.00 DEP reimbursement check and the balance from the working capital account. This motion covered the following invoices: \$2,345.29-Hedin Environmental, \$45,610.50- Smith Excavating, \$487.04-Art Rose.

Muddy Run Project A final table of analyses is being compiled by Sean Bartlett along with Arthur Rose, using the field notes and analysis reports. Descriptions of discharges and recommendations for remediation are being written.

Amsbry Project No activity.

Swartz 13 Project A Letter of Intent was sent to the PA Foundation for Watersheds, but

apparently was not received, according to Brandon Diehl. Based on discussion with John Dawes, a proposal is being prepared for submission by 3/23, and a letter of support has been requested from the Game Commission. Additional sources of funding are being investigated.

A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed authorizing President Earl Smithmyer to sign the proposal for Swartz 13 be sent to PA Foundation for Watersheds.

West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition A presentation on the comprehensive state of the West Branch based on sampling water, fish and other biota on two dates last spring and summer shows that mine drainage problems are greatly diminished since a similar survey in 1984, and Clearfield Creek is no longer a major source of acidity and metals to the West Branch. A more complete report on fish and other biota will be presented at the WBSRC symposium in Williamsport on May 6-7. A short report on CCWA activities in 2009-10 was sent to WBSRC for inclusion in the symposium publication. Amy Wolfe indicates that future Growing Greener funding is in doubt because Watershed Managers are no longer available to monitor projects. A West Branch Sojourn involving a float down the West Branch from Renovo to Northumberland is planned for June.

Ace Drilling Site: Earl reported that he and Dick will be sampling this site in the next few weeks.

The following was reported by Michele Merrow:

Ferris Wheel Reveg—no new news or news about the pending grant.

W. Ferris Wheel AMD-Info was submitted to the US Army Corps of Engineers to determine if they will require mitigation. Mitigation has a big impact on the plans, and we don't want to incur the expenses of submitting everything to have to re-submit, so we sent to the Corps first to check (Tom Pluto). As soon as we hear back, we'll submit to DEP and the Conservation District. Michelle also asked about a site to dispose of excess excavated materials, and the group discussed several areas at Klondike. Michelle will work with Art to come up with a good location where material is needed for reclamation or fill over a potential pipe.

Amsbry—Alder Run Engineering is pulling together permit applications and site plans. Michelle will get together with Art at his convenience so he can be involved as little or as much as he would like in the design process.

Muddy Run Mapping—The Muddy Run mapping money is in the CCWA account. The site will be flown in late March/early April as weather and sun shadow permits. PSU is looking forward to getting the mapping and getting started

Morgan Run- MR Ross—The documents that CCWA received last time were the DEP permit for MR Ross AMD treatment. We hope to get that money and build the system this year.

MR Frog and Tuff—Morgan Run Watershed Group inspected the system the weekend before the meeting during the high flows. There are some issues with leaves/debris, and all-in-all, the system came through the winter well with no major problems. Michelle is happy that MRWG is helping to inspect and maintain. MRWG has several hundred trees coming in April to plant the mitigation wetland site.

Old Business:

Trout Unlimited Stream Assessment- Aaron reported most of the data for this study was gathered in December. Seven sites were sampled beginning at the Amsbry bridge ending below where Brubaker Run dumps into the Clearfield. Water sampling, macro invertebrate study, habitat assessment and stream flow were all recorded. An electro fish study is to be done in July at 2 sites. Final report is due in June; the electro fish study will be a supplement to this report.

Gary Haluska Grant-there was nothing new to report about this grant. Ray stated that he hopes to visit Gary's Patton office in the next few weeks.

Tree Planting: Approximately 250 trees purchased from the Cambria County Conservation District will be available on April 9th. We will be planting these on Saturday, April 10th beginning at 7 AM at the Klondike sites.

Fishing Derby Tickets: Ray stated that he has lots of tickets to give out. Once again, we are asking for your support of the fishing derby by offering to sell or purchase some tickets.

Board Meeting: The Board of directors met on March 2, 2010 to discuss borrowing money under a line of credit. The bank would require someone to personally sign for a line of credit. It was the consensus of the Board that we would not expect anyone to do this and the matter will not be further pursued.

Also discussed at the Board Meeting were procedures and/or options of how to set up an endowment and different types of endowments to safeguard CCWA money, if something were to happen to the organization. A lengthy discussion was held on this matter. No decision was made at this time. Larry agreed to call several endowments and John Dawes to ask for ideas. Further discussion will be held at a future meeting.

Student Membership Cards- Jerry had picked up the Junior Membership cards. These are available to any student 15 and under who would like to become a Junior CCWA member. Fee is \$1.00.

Clearfield Waterdogs Training- Dick and Mabel Dotts attended the Waterdogs training session on how to monitor streams for effects of Marcellus Shale Gas Well Drilling on February 25th. Attendants learned about what problems to look for and procedures for handling these problems. This was the first such training class held in Clearfield County.

New Business:

Award Plaque-Jack Calandra-Dan McMullen has been working on the plaque to be presented to Jack Calandra.

Summertime Meeting Site-A reminder to members that the April meeting is the last winter meeting to be held at the Prince Gallitzin Park office. Summertime meetings will begin in May at Laurel Run Sportsman's in Dysart, 6:30 PM.

Cleanup-Our first cleanup of the year will be held on Sunday, April 11th, 9AM at the Laurel Run Sportsman's. This is both a roadway and stream cleanup.

Next Meeting: April 20, 2010, Prince Gallitzin Park Office Conference Room, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Shawn Simmers the meeting was adjourned.