

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
MARCH 20, 2012
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 14 members present plus Rachel Kester, TU. There was one change to the February minutes-under Treasurer's report- the \$100 charge from Mahaffey Labs should be taken out of the FW Revegetation account not the WFW Construction account. A **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Art Rose was then passed accepting the February 21, 2012 minutes with this change. Ed mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Deposits/Expenses for Meeting

Deposits	Description	Amount	Account
	Memberships	\$ 45.00	General Fun
	Clean Steams	\$ 564.45	General Fund
	DEP Reimbursement	\$16582.48	Amsbry Fund (already recorded)
Expenses			
	Malhaffey Labs	\$ 50.00	Swank
	Mahaffey Labs	\$ 50.00	KL-2

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

A **motion** by John Strittmatter and seconded by Alene Smithmyer 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.

Discussion was held on the Muddy Run Account. In the past there was a problem with the Mahaffey Lab billing. Also, the account is showing an \$8.28 deficit. There was \$1,375.00 administration fee from this project that was put into the Working Capital Account. A **motion** by Eric Davis and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed to pay the \$800.00 outstanding to Mahaffey Labs for the Muddy Run Project and to also transfer \$8.28, both from the Working Capital Account, therefore closing out the Muddy Run Account, total transferred \$808.28.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that he had several e-mail correspondences this past month. Jerry reported that someone from the TIC program will be calling CCWA about our experience with this program. Jerry reported that approximately 60 dues have come in thus far this year. We are doing well, down only a few dues from last year. He, once again, reminded members to send in their dues if they haven't done so.

Membership Committee:

Bob was unable to attend this meeting. Three memberships had come in the past month. As reported above dues are coming in well, down only a few from last year.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray stated that he had nothing new to report. Channel 6 News had mentioned the upcoming cleanups for both April and June.

Finance Report:

There was nothing new to report under finance.

Grant Committee:

Ray had recently stopped at Representative Gary Haluska's office to inquire about any possible grants available. The office gave him a book that lists potential State and Federal grants. Dan stated that he would review this book.

Cleanup Committee:

Dave McMullen reminded the members of the first cleanup of the year on April 1st. We will be starting at Laurel Run Sportsman's, Dysart, 9 AM. Ray stated that he has placed posters announcing the cleanup in several locations.

Dam Cleanout Committee:

Earl mentioned that all of the permits for this project have been received. Dan stated that he had recently talked to Amy Wolf, TU, and they are not able to help us with this project. Project is to be completed between June 15th and the end of October. Original estimated cost is \$18,000. It was suggested that we will have to solicit private money for this project. Art is to e-mail Dan information from a recent EPA Program meeting that he attended that may be a possible funding source. Earl will be scheduling a cleanout committee meeting in the next couple of weeks.

Tech Committee:

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

Tech Committee Report-March 20, 2012

Klondike Project Inspected and sampled on 3/20.

W. Ferris Wheel Project We will be planning for solicitation of bids and bidding in the next month.

Gibson Project A conceptual design was discussed with Michelle Merrow. A limestone channel and flushable limestone bed with settling ponds will be designed.

Amsbry Project No activity.

Swank Project Sampled on 3/20. Flow continues very high, and treatment only partial.

Brubaker Project Three sites were sampled, completing the 6-months of monthly sampling. Quarterly samples will be collected for another 6 months. The acidity and iron are markedly lower than in 2006-7. No activity by Corps of Engineers.

Meeting of West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition This group met on 3/13 in Clearfield. Plans for the Symposium on 4/27-28 were discussed. We may want to have a display at the session. A field trip will visit the new treatment plant in North Cambria and our Glasgow site on 4/28. The undesirable stocking of trout in streams that have native trout was discussed. The native trout will rapidly populate the stream if the conditions are right.

EPA 319 Program Meeting The annual meeting of this program was held on 3/15 in State College. Doug Goodlander, the new head of this office in DEP, was introduced. A talk discussed the possibility of PENNVEST funding for watershed improvements. Some PENNVEST projects are being approved for stream improvement. This may help replace the decreased Growing Greener funding. A grant-writing consultant, Martha Riecks, pointed out some websites with information on grant funders (foundationcenter.org/collections available in libraries, www.guidestar.org, www.gwpa.org). The PA Association of Non-Profit Organizations (PANO, www.pano.org) offers workshops and also has liability insurance.

Data Logger- Bryan Rabish reported that he has photos of our data logger and will be sending them to Art. Bryan also reported that Nate from the Cambria County Conservation Office is the person who goes out on-site to check the data loggers.

Ace Drilling Site- Earl reported that sampling at this site will be done during the first week of April.

The Following Was Michelle Merrow's Report Given by Art:

Revege 2--Meadville Land Service plans to seed on or about April 2, weather permitting. Michelle had gotten bids on additional fertilizer. Cresson Feed Mill has much better pricing than MLS. Also, CCWA has a credit for fertilizer purchased earlier at Cresson Feed Mill.

Amsbry--Michelle had previously given Art the specifications to review. Michelle is to mail Art the final plans for final comments so we can close out that project on schedule.

W. Ferris Wheel AMD--As discussed with Art, the plan is to put it out for bid in mid-April. Michelle is to coordinate with Art on this. The goal was to close out Amsbry before getting into the two WFW grants too much.

Gibson-Halstock--Michelle and Art met and decided on design flows and a treatment concept. We are working on a preliminary grading plan to make it work given the site elevation constraints.

Old Business:

Fishing Derby Tickets/Fishing Derby: Ray reminded everyone to keep selling tickets, there are a good many out and to return sold tickets as soon as possible. Dan stated that he had talked to Rebecca Holler, TU Education Coordinator, and she would like to come to the fishing derby and have a presentation for the children. Discussion was also held on solicitation of various merchants for the derby.

Penn Cambria TIC Project: Jerry reported that the TIC brook trout are still doing well with approximately 125 fingerlings. They are a little smaller than the fingerlings from last year.

Field Trip-March 30, 2012: There will be 65 students and 5 teachers for the field trip. They will be leaving the school around 8 AM and will be staying later since the students do not have to be back to catch the afternoon buses. Earl and Alene will take care of purchasing the food and paper supplies for both the field trip and upcoming cleanups. Earl asked for volunteers to help setup the Sportsman's Club and do a general cleaning on March 29th at 6:30 PM. Jerry is to contact Justin Eger, the Mainliner reporter. Bryan Rabish is to bring the nets and material necessary for the kids to do a macroinvertebrate study on both Beaver Dam Run and Clearfield Creek.

New Business:

Weir Replacement: Earl mentioned that we need to replace the weir at the bottom of Little Laurel Run. We will need a 20 foot and 16 foot 2 X 12 for this project. Ed said that he could haul the lumber for the weir.

The Following Was Reported By Rachel Kester, TU:

- 1) The 6th West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Symposium will be held on April 27-28, 2012. I have included the registration form and agenda. Please pass along to the membership. On the second day of the symposium (April 28) we will be hosting a tour of the Barnes and Tucker Lancashire #15 active treatment plant in the headwaters of the West Branch, as well as the Glasgow treatment system. Also, on the 28th will be a teacher's workshop to unveil the new state-certified AMD curriculum that TU has developed. Teachers can get six Act 48 credits for attending. See the registration form for more information or visit www.wbsrc.org/symposium.html.
- 2) Field work to re-survey Clearfield Creek for trout is scheduled for the week of June 24th. We will be utilizing a new electro-shocker that should be able to handle the elevated conductivity levels that prevented us from capturing the fish last time. We will be in touch as the date gets closer to confirm the exact day and time. Also, be thinking of other streams in the area that are not on the wild trout list (http://www.fish.state.pa.us/waters_trout.htm) but that you know contain trout. If TU gets funding from the PFBC Unassessed Waters program this year, we hope to focus on unassessed streams in the Clearfield Creek watershed.
- 3) Money has been secured to perform a chemical and biological assessment and write a restoration plan for Potts Run, which flows into Clearfield Creek about 6 miles downstream of Madera. There will be a public meeting sometime in the next couple of months to provide more information about the project and recruit volunteers, but contact me if anyone is interested to help hike the stream, set weirs, etc. beginning in the next month or so.
- 4) Morgan Run – MR Ross Passive Treatment System is currently under construction with MR7 construction to begin soon. Permitting and design work are also underway for MR Chew, near Dimeling. Clearfield County Conservation District plans to apply for construction funds in the next round of Growing Greener. MR Tuff and MR Frog continue to function and the stream is showing signs of improvement. TU and the Clearfield Conservation District will be collecting water and macroinvertebrate samples

next week as part of on-going monitoring, with a fishery survey scheduled for later this summer.

- 5) Art mentioned TU's new nationwide policy to not stock over native trout populations. For more information, see an article from the President of the PA Council of Trout Unlimited, Ken Undercoffer, on page 4 of their current newsletter found here: www.patROUT.org (left had bar).

Next Meeting: April 17, 2012, Conference Room, lower level at Prince Gallitzin Park, 6:30 PM.

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