

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2009
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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. A **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Ed McMullen was then passed accepting the March minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Larry is recovering from recent surgery. Therefore the following was presented by Dane Kalwanaski who is acting treasurer in Larry's absence.

Mar 1, 2009-Mar 31, 2009

General Fund

Beginning Balance	\$7,438.33
Net Change	(\$315.68)
Ending Balance	\$7,122.65

Grant Accounts

	<u>Beginning Bal.</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Ending Bal.</u>
Working Capitol	\$5,595.60	\$2.35	\$5,597.95
Dominion II	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Blandburg Active	(\$40.00)	\$0.00	(\$40.00)
C&K Passive(Glasgow)	\$23,496.55	(\$4,002.25)	\$19,494.30
MuR1 Assessment	\$5,012.23	(\$830.04)	\$4,182.19
MR Ross	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amsbry	\$8,523.49	\$0.00	\$8,523.49
Ferris Wheel Revegetation	(\$875.00)	\$0.00	(\$875.00)
Ferris Wheel West	(\$94.00)	(\$50.00)	(\$144.00)
KL-2	\$19,556.96	(\$12,345.00)	\$7,211.96
KL-Rose	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Fish Fund	\$3,391.50	\$0.00	\$3,391.50

Total **\$67,067.33** **(\$15,224.94)** **\$51,842.39**
Clearfield Creek Watershed Financial Report

Deposits:

- \$45 in dues Joe Zupon (10), John Kmett (10) and Cresson Sportsman's (25)
- \$750 Allegheny Mountain Chapter Safari Club International, All into Fish fund (\$500 to derby and \$250 toward trout in classroom program)
- \$100 from Montgomery Brothers Plumbing and heating into the Fish Fund for the derby
- \$350 from Ashville VFW into the fish fund (\$250 for derby and \$100 for trout in classrooms program)
- \$25 from Knights of Columbus 9622, Frugality into the fish fund for the fishing derby

Bills Paid:

\$59.85 to NeoNexus for web hosting out of the general Fund
\$137.46 to Earl Smithmyer for Cleanup Supplies out of the General Fund
\$350.00 to Wessel and Company for Tax preparation out of the general fund
\$42 to Gerald McMullen for Stamps out of the General Fund (previously approved)
\$5103 to Hedin Environmental for services on the Glasgow project out of the Glasgow or C&K project fund
(the next group is all to Mahaffey labs for water testing)
\$225 - Klondike Rose fund
\$112 - Ace Drilling general Fund
\$75 and \$75 - Ferris Wheel West
\$280 and \$504 - Muddy Run Assessment
\$45.00 in dues-general account, \$750.00-Allegheny Mountain Chapter

A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Shawn Simmers was passed to accept the report presented by Dane and to pay all invoices.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry reported that he had purchased the additional stamps that were approved at a prior meeting. He had drafted five solicitation letters asking for a donation to the fishing derby: Pepsi, Wal Mart, Valenty Bottled Water, Ebensburg Fishing & Hunting and Dick's Sporting Goods. Jerry also reported that he had contacted Barry Zaffuto, Land Manager for the PA Game Commission, about possibly getting some trees for CCWA to plant. Barry had Art Hamley, who is charge of the tree distribution, contact Jerry. Approximately 2,000 trees were donated to CCWA. Tree planting times were scheduled for Friday morning, April 24th and for Monday April 27th.

A special thanks to the PA Game Commission and Art Hamley who worked very close with Jerry in providing these trees.

Membership Committee:

Bob mentioned that he continues to work on new members. Three new membership cards were received this past month. Please return your membership, if you have not already done so.

Public Relations:

The date for the media day, as mentioned last month, is Friday, July 10th between 11 AM and 1 PM. We will be showing both the Klondike and the Ferris Wheel Revegetation projects.

Historical Committee:

Ray reported that he had one new article for the historical book.

Finance Report:

There was nothing new to report under finance.

Grant Committee:

Shawn reported that Dave Hamilton from OSM had given him 15 American Chestnut trees. Dave asked for a \$5.00 per tree donation. Dan mentioned that part of the recent Dominion's Grant was for the purchase of trees. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed authoring this \$75.00 donation to be taken out of this grant account.

Shawn also reported that the lady from the DEP office in Harrisburg who is responsible for the cutting of the checks is out on medical leave. Therefore, a lot of contractors have not received their checks in a timely manner. No payment has been made to Meadville Land Service for their work at the Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project.

Dan reported that both he and Shawn are keeping their eyes out for other grants that CCWA may be interested in.

Rachel reported that it is the 10 year anniversary for Growing Greener and that they are offering \$250.00 for photos and an article on a recent success story. She suggested that the Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project would be a great story.

Cleanup Committee:

The first cleanup of the season went very well with 39 people present. Special thanks to Dane and the 21 sorority girls from St. Francis University. They certainly were a big help. Earl reported an awful lot of garbage was picked up, although it was not too bad along the stream.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted and discussed by Art Rose, chairman of the tech committee: **Tech Committee Report-April 21, 2009**

Klondike Project Sampling of the KL1 system in March showed 75% removal of acidity and 95% removal of iron. A verbal quotation of \$7000 was received from Ligonier for construction of a slag bed system for adding alkalinity, but this may not include the slag. The 2 new ponds are removing some iron from the inflow water.

W. Ferris Wheel Project The area was visited with Brian Merrow of Alder Run Engineering on 4/9 and an extensive area of acid seeps was outlined. A new weir was installed at the lower end of the Ferris Wheel spoil to compare flow there with the 32R4 weir downstream along the same stream – results show they are very similar, though the downstream site has a little more water and acid constituents. Information for design of the system is now ready for use.

Glasgow Project A final design received from Hedin Environmental and is being reviewed by Malcolm Crittenden. The estimated cost is about \$152,000 which is very close to fitting in our remaining construction budget of about \$151,000. Some features in the design are part of the active system to be operated under the Bond forfeiture program, and some additional funds may be available if needed. We should be able to announce bidding within the next month.

As decided last month, CCWA did not submit a proposal for operation of the active system. However, at present it appears that CCWA may participate by sampling and flushing the passive system, with overall responsibility in the hands of a professional contractor.

Stroud Project A proposal for sampling and inspection at this site was submitted for the Bond Forfeiture Program, but the insurance costs were deemed too expensive by DEP. It now appears that CCWA will be able to conduct this sampling under a contract by a professional operator, as at Glasgow.

Amsbry Project The new owner of this property is Mr. Joseph Judy of Hollidaysburg. A phone discussion with him indicates he is aware of our project and accepts it. He furnished a key to his lock on the gate. The contract for design and permitting on the AM5 discharge was received from DEP, the budget and scope of work were discussed and agreed with Malcolm Crittenden, and the contract was signed and sent to Harrisburg for their approval.

Muddy Run Project The discharges were sampled on 3/20-23 and again on 4/17-20. Quarterly in-stream samples were collected by Carl Underkofler during the month. Three weirs in area ABC need to be replaced or reinstalled, and discharge BW-01 probably needs flow measurement by flow meter rather than a weir.

Educational Program After the last meeting it was decided that the Educational Program in collaboration with Trout Unlimited would be held on July 10 in conjunction with the media day for Klondike. However, discussion of this plan is needed to determine if we can get a good turnout for the program on this date. Possibly it should be in September after schools and colleges have started.

Blandburg Project The discharges were sampled on 4/20. A field test indicates that use of lime slurry may be the most effective and economical type of treatment at Blandburg.

Ace Drilling Site-Earl and Dick were able to sample this site in the past few weeks.

Old Business:

Gary Haluska Pending Grant- The contract for this grant has been received and has been signed by President Earl Smithmyer.

Fishing Derby- date is May 16th. A lengthy discussion was held on finalizing the plans for the fishing derby. Items discussed were: the donation of 200 hot dogs and rolls, cases of soda from Pepsi, bottled water from Valenty's, ice tea from Vale Wood Farms, and ice needed, tickets, start up money, food for the concession stand, measuring box and the stocking of the fish on Friday evening, etc. We will be setting up beginning at 6:30 AM on Saturday morning. Volunteers are always needed. Please plan to attend and support the fishing derby. It is a great time for the kids.

Media Day- As mentioned last month, media day is July 10th. A committee meeting for this event is scheduled for Monday May 11th, 6:30 PM., Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart.

New Business:

Potential Pollution Source- it was brought to the attention of CCWA that a local recycler was possibly dumping antifreeze down a floor drain near Clearfield Creek. The PA Fish Commission was called and this is to be investigated on site by DEP. We will keep you posted on this matter.

Dysart Sportsman Dam- Cleanup- various limbs have broken off the large pine trees around the dam and have fallen in the water. We have someone local who will haul these limbs away for us. An evening cleanup date has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30 PM. Volunteers are needed, as always. Earl suggested that the Porta-John be left at the Laurel Run Sportsman's Dam for a month so others can use it. Next year we are hoping to have the Sportsman's club pay for one month and CCWA the next month early in the fishing season. This is just another example of how CCWA tires to help the local community.

Eureka Mine Cleanup- Clearfield County Solid Waste Authority has received a grant from the Solid Waste Abatement Fund to have this site cleaned up. Earth Movers

has the contract for this project. This dump site is so large that it is not sure, at this time, if the contract will cover removal of all the garbage, tires, appliances etc.

Dominion's Plaque- Earl passed around the plaque received from Dominions for our recent grant. He also stated how nice the luncheon and people from Dominions were.

Trout Unlimited-Rachel Kester-Rachel discussed the information available from the Trout Unlimited website regarding the Technical Assistance Grants. This free technical assistance is offered by TU to groups across the Commonwealth as we all work together to restore streams and watersheds from AMD.

Final Notes: It was suggested that we should personally invite the new park manager for Prince Gallitzin State Park to one of our monthly meetings. We offer Best Wishes to both Larry Sutton and Michelle Mellow who are both recovering from recent surgery.

Next Meeting: May 19, 2009, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM.
Please note this is our summer meeting place.

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