

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2009  
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The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 15 members present. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ed McMullen was then passed accepting the May minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The following was presented by Dane Kalwanaski who is acting treasurer during Larry's recovery.

**Clearfield Creek Watershed Association Financial Report**

May 1, 2009-May 29, 2009

**General Fund**

Beginning Balance	\$6,467.52
Debits	\$522.12
Credits	(\$53.95)
Ending Balance	\$6,935.69

**Grant Accounts**

	<u>Beginning Bal.</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	<u>Ending Bal.</u>
Working Capitol	\$5,599.14	\$1.19	\$5,600.33
Dominion II	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Blandburg Active	(\$40.00)	\$0.00	(\$40.00)
C&K Passive(Glasgow)	\$14,391.00	\$0.00	\$14,391.00
MuR1 Assessment	\$3,398.28	(\$839.95)	\$2,558.33
MR Ross	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Amsbry	\$8,523.49	\$0.00	\$8,523.49
Ferris Wheel Revegetation	(\$875.00)	\$48,462.68	\$47,587.68
Ferris Wheel West	(\$294.00)	(\$2,205.38)	(\$2,499.38)
KL-2	\$7,211.96	\$0.00	\$7,211.96
KL-Rose	\$2,275.00	(\$66.00)	\$2,209.00
Fish Fund	\$4,616.50	(\$402.51)	\$4,213.99
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$46,806.37</b>	<b>\$44,950.03</b>	<b>\$91,756.40</b>

**Treasurer's Report Continued:**

\$58.40 -Earl Smithmyer, food and supplies for the derby and Clean- General Fund  
 \$79.50 to TH Port-A-Johns for rental at the derby - fish fund  
 \$175 to Mahaffey Labs for water testing - West Ferris Wheel  
 \$784 to Mahaffey Labs for water testing - Muddy Run  
 \$1,747.04 to Hedin Environmental for services on Glasgow Project-C & K (Glasgow Fund)  
 \$1,832.05 to New Miles Of Blue Stream for services on Muddy Run-MUR1 Assessment Fund  
 There were no incoming funds this month.

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

**Secretary's Report:**

Jerry reported that he had a few e-mails in correspondence this past month. He has been working on the list of people to be invited to the Media Day. This will be further discussed under new business.

**Membership Committee:**

There were no new memberships this past month.

**Public Relations:**

Dan stated that there were lots of pictures from the fishing derby in The Mainliner this past week.

**Historical Committee:**

Ray stated that he had the historical book torn apart since he was adding all the recent pictures. The book will be available next month for anyone to look at.

**Finance Report:**

Larry stated that he had received a copy of the CCWA's Certificate of Insurance. This covers the liability insurance for CCWA and its' members.

Larry stated that he wishes to resign as treasurer. He is highly recommending Dane Kalwanaski for the position. He would still be involved in maintaining the quarterly and final reports for the various projects.

A discussion was held whether we needed to amend the by-laws to appoint a new Treasurer. Discussion noted that the Treasurer is a member of the Board of Directors and the by-laws provide for replacement of a Board member. No amendment is necessary. Any vacancy of a Director shall be appointed by the majority of the members of the Board for the unexpired term.

**Cleanup Committee:**

The second cleanup of the season along Route 36 from the Buckhorn to Ashville went well. We were also able to pick up garbage along the roadway leading into the Klondike site. There were 13 volunteers present and 32 bags of garbage were picked up.

**Grant Committee:**

It was mentioned last month that Growing Greener grant applications were now being accepted. It was discussed about the possibility of the grant committee working with Michelle and submitting an application for the West Ferris Wheel site. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Art Rose was unanimously passed authorizing the grant committee to file a Growing Greener grant for the Ferris Wheel Revegetation-Phase II and to also authorize the President and Secretary to sign the grant application.

### **Tech Committee:**

The following tech report was submitted and discussed by Art Rose, chairman of the tech committee:

#### **Tech Committee Report- June 16, 2009**

Klondike Project A meeting at the site was held on June 10 with three contractors to view and discuss the proposed work for the slag bed and neutralization system. Bids are due on June 26. Four samples of slag from Tube City IMS near Johnstown were tested but gave relatively low alkalinity. Two samples of slag from AMSI at Hollsopple were somewhat better at about 350 mg/L but not up to the desired level of 1000 mg/L. Samples are being sought from more distant sites.

West Ferris Wheel Project The 6 weirs were sampled again on 5/22. Results are not yet available.

Glasgow Project A field meeting was held with 3 prospective bidders on May 20, and bids from all three were received on 6/2. Smith Excavating and Construction was the low bidder. At a board meeting on 6/8, it was decided to award a contract to Smith for \$144,390, to include all materials. A contract was mailed to Smith on 6/12.

Amsbry Project The signed contract for this project was received from DEP. The site will be visited in the near future by Michelle Merrow and Arthur Rose to plan needed field investigations, such as groundwater depth and pond locations.

Muddy Run Project Analyses of samples taken 5/15-17 were received from Mahaffey and entered into spread sheets. Sampling is planned for the weekend of 6/19-21.

Blandburg Project Five samples were collected on 6/8.

Gibson-Halstock Project A draft of a proposal for design and permitting for this discharge located in the lower watershed of Little Laurel Run was prepared and sent to Alder Run Engineering for costs and related sections. The Game Commission, on whose land the discharge occurs, responded positively to a request for landowner consent, but it appears that land owned by EP Bender Coal Co may also be involved. This proposal, for EPA 319 funds, is due July 17.

A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dane Kalwanaski was unanimously passed giving approval for the officers to sign a grant application for EPA 319 Funds for the Gibson project.

### **Other items discussed under the Tech Report:**

Muddy Run- Faculty in the Penn State College of Engineering have inquired about using AMD sites for their senior design course. They have obtained some Penn State funds for planning a course of this type. At a meeting with them attended by Michelle Merrow, Jen Demchak and Arthur Rose, it was suggested that we should apply for funds to obtain detailed air photos of discharges in the Muddy Run watershed, to allow for rapid preparation of detailed topographic maps of sites for use by Penn State and later design of treatment systems at the sites. This arrangement would provide ideas and partial designs by Penn State.

A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Ed McMullen was passed to support a proposal for topography using input from Penn State Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering for Muddy Run submitted by CCWA. There was one dissenting vote.

Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project- Earl stated that there were places where not a lot of grass was growing. Michelle stated that she could contact Meadville Land Services and

ask them to look at the site. Art suggested that a map be made of the different areas where the following was used-fly ash, fly ash and leaves and fly ash and compost. Jerry suggested that tubes should be placed around the 15 American Chestnut trees that were planted. Brian Rabish is to check on a possible source for these tubes.

Swank Mine- Ed stated that he did measure this site and gave the drawing to Art.

Ace Drilling Site-Earl and Dick were able to recently sample this site.

**The following report was given by Michelle Merrow:**

Ferris Wheel Reveg—Michelle will arrange a meeting with Meadville Land Service regarding the grass coverage at the site. She said that she expected more grass coverage. She recommended that they continue to hold the retainage. Larry suggested that CCWA apply for the retainage now as it will be several months until CCWA gets it.

W. Ferris Wheel AMD Treatment- Michelle is working on the layout and limestone tonnage calculations based on Art's design calculations

PSU Muddy Run Project—Michelle and Art discussed a potential long-term project on Muddy Run with PSU. Professors Bill Burgos, Rachel Brennan, and Norman Folmar from the civil engineering dept. are involved. They would like to work on a series of projects in a watershed over several years, and have selected Muddy Run. They will be visiting Muddy Run on 6/26/09. CCWA voted to apply for a Growing Greener grant in the amount of about \$10,000 for mapping of the watershed to be used in the PSU design classes.

Morgan Run Tuff Wetland Mitigation—Site is done. It's very dry right now, but we are having very dry weather in Clearfield County, and the natural wetlands are dry as well. The contractor will be doing a little remedial seeding and roadway work on Friday 6-19-09. The project will be closed out 6-30-09.

Morgan Run Frog and Tuff AMD Treatment—Sites are still not finished. CCCD is moving into a liquidated damages situation with the contractor, and has been working with the bonding company to make a claim against their bonds as there is no way the projects will be done by June 30, when the grant funds expire. This June 30 deadline is after 9 months of extensions. Hopefully there will be better news for next time.

MR Ross—We are in the permitting phase, and will be submitting for GG funds for construction in July

MR 7, Phase 1—Construction funds were awarded. We are waiting for the DEP contract. Construction should start in the fall.

Morgan Run Growing Greener Grants for 2009. Clearfield County Conservation District will be the sponsor for applications for design of MR1-6 and construction of MR Ross and MR 8.

The Morgan Run Watershed Group will meet on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June at 7 at the Ohio Church in Morgan Run.

**Old Business:**

**Media Day-** As mentioned last month, media day is July 10<sup>th</sup>, 11AM -1PM. Final plans for the Media Day were discussed. Jerry requested a short meeting for the media day committee after the regular meeting. Many members are working very hard to make this event a huge success. Invitations will be sent out. Please plan to attend.

**Fishing Map-** Further discussion was held on the need to update the fishing map. It was noted that the original map was part of the West Branch sampling. John Foreman, who had worked on the original map, will be contacted for this update.

**Educational Tour-** the date agreed upon for the educational tour is September 19, 2009. Dick Dotts has contacted several restaurants for a price for the luncheon.

**New Business:**

**Board of Directors Meeting-**Jerry noted that as a matter of record that the Board of Directors had met on June 8, 2009 and passed a motion to accept the contract with Smith Excavating and Landscaping totaling \$144,390.00 for the Glasgow project.

**Fish Commission Biologist-** Earl stated that the biological study to be done from the Conner Bridge to Dean has been canceled by the fish biologist. He would like to still have this study completed. Discussed was the possibility of contacting Trout Unlimited to see whether they could help us with the study. Art is to contact Trout Unlimited.

**Next Meeting: July 21, 2009, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM.**

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