

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF  
JUNE 21, 2011  
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 13 members present. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Alene Smithmyer was then passed accepting the May 17, 2011 minutes. Ed mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Deposits/Expenses for May 21, 2011 Meeting**

<i><b>Deposits</b></i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Account</i>
	Donations	\$ 15.00	General
	Food Sales	\$ 267.80	General
	50/50	\$ 227.00	Fish Fund
	50/50 Donation	\$ 28.00	Fish Fund
	Chair Raffle	\$ 78.00	Fish Fund
	Ticket Sales	\$ 1,915.00	Fish Fund

**Expenses**

Gerald McMullen	\$ 20.16	General
Earl Smithmyer	\$ 15.88	General
Laurel Run Sptmns	\$ 1,510.00	Fish Fund
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 58.00	Amsbry
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 75.00	KL-Rose
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 50.00	W Ferris
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 25.00	Gibson
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 44.00	Amsbry
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 40.00	Divided Among Amsbry, Gibson, KL Rose, West Ferris
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 112.00	General
Larry Tutko	\$ 250.00	Fish Fund
Devon Lawhead	\$ 150.00	Fish Fund
Art Rose	\$ 100.00	Fish Fund

A brief explanation of the expenses: Gerald McMullen-stamps, Earl Smithmyer-food for cleanup, Laurel Run Sposrtsman-reimbursement for fish purchase, and the last 3 names are the winners of our prize drawing at the fishing derby.

Discussion was also held on capping of the Fish Fund at \$4,000 as we have in the past. We will wait until the July meeting when all expenses and income for this account should be settled.

**A motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen 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 stated that he had little to report other than a few e-mail correspondences this past month. As reported above he did purchase stamps for monthly mailings. Jerry also mentioned that consideration should be given to the recommendations from the SFU students, especially the setting up and maintaining of a facebook account. We are looking for a volunteer for this account. No action was taken at this time.

**Membership Committee:**

Nothing new to report this month.

**Public Relations/Historical Committee:**

Ray stated that Dick Dotts had given him two articles that from April and May that were in The Progress. The May article was about the annual fishing derby. Ray also had a copy of the pictures that were in The Mainliner covering the fishing derby. We want to thank Jane Eling and Justin Edger for their great coverage.

**Finance Report:**

Larry was unable to attend the June meeting due to a work commitment. He earlier reported to Jerry that he had not received a copy of the SFU report from Madeline Wolf but would follow up on this.

**Grant Committee:**

Dan reported that he had all the paperwork for the TAG Grant from TU. He still needed some information from both Art and Michelle to complete this application and a map. Discussion was also held about the shocking of the section of Clearfield Creek from the substation outside of Ashville upstream to Amsbry.

Rebecca Holler, Trout Unlimited, had contacted Dan with information concerning contacting Dave Sewak for Marcellus shale information and possible funding for the purchase of a data logger.

Shawn reported that he is looking at an ARIPA grant that is due on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Cleanup Committee:**

Earl reported that he was very happy with the turnout for this cleanup- 18 people. Lots of trash was picked up along route 53. Three truckloads of trash were also picked up from the Klondike area. Special thanks to PennDOT for picking up the trash very promptly.

**Tech Committee:**

The following tech report was submitted by Art Rose, chairman of the Tech committee.

**Tech Committee Report- June 21, 2011**

Klondike Project The site was sampled on 6/21. The flow of water to the slag bed awaits work on the dam.

W. Ferris Wheel Project A visit by the Corps of Engineers led to a favorable response toward permitting. The adoption of a statement regarding wetlands is recommended to speed receipt of the permit, and bidding on this project.

Amsbry Project Merrow and Rose met with the landowner, Joe Judy, who is agreeable with the basic plan for the treatment system. Among other things, he said that there were numerous fish in Clearfield Creek at the site.

Gibson Project Sampling of the discharge continues. A base map using LIDAR has been obtained through Cambria County Conservation. The DEP accepted the landowner agreements for the project.

Swank Project Construction at this site awaits low flow conditions in the next month or so.

Brubaker Project An outside advisory committee has been set up to include CCWA, BAMR, Game Commission, Penn State Engineering and probably Bob Hedin. An assistance grant will be submitted shortly to fund Hedin's participation. The contract of CoE with the engineering firm is in process. A repeat of the tracer test by St. Francis students on upper Brubaker Run is scheduled soon.

Slag Bed Ponds-Art mentioned that the water level in the slag bed ponds is very low and that repairs must be made to the ponds. Earl mentioned that he had talked to John Slovikosky and that repairs must be made during the week. Earl was to schedule this work for a Friday since Ed and a few other members are available then.

Ace Drilling Site- Earl and Dick will continue to sample this site. Sampling is scheduled for September. DEP and Blair County Water Authority are scheduled to do some work at this site

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

Ferris Wheel Revegetation-Michelle has quotes for seed and fertilizer, and four sources were solicited. The seed and fertilizer are the same as used for the first phase of the project. CCWA authorized the purchase of seed and fertilizer from Cresson Feed Mill in the amount of \$8893.90 which includes seed, fertilizer, and delivery. Michelle will get an invoice from Cresson Feed Mill. The remaining money from the \$10,000 grant from Gary Haluska will be used to pay for the compost. Dan and Shawn will do the final report for the Haluska grant.

**Note:** A unanimous **motion** made by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed to accept the Cresson Feed Mill bid of \$8,893.90 for seed and fertilizer for the Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project using the money from the Representative Haluska Grant. The balance of this grant money, \$1,106.10 will be used to purchase compost from Blair County Solid Waste Authority.

A bid was submitted to BCSWA for leaf compost. Bids were due on June 20. BCSWA called Sonny and told him that we won the bid at \$6/cy. An amount of \$3000 is due to BCSWA within 45 days. Dan will get an invoice or other proof of billing and payment so a check can be written.

BCSWA is holding a meeting on June 28 at 5:00 pm to sign the landowner agreement and the Good Samaritan Form. Michelle has the forms for review. Sonny and Michelle will attend.

Michelle has the bid packages ready to go for the project as soon as we learn whether we will be getting the leaf compost or not. She suggests that we put it out to bid ASAP, with a pre-bid on July 15 (or in that timeframe) and bid opening at the August meeting of CCWA (or earlier), for a September start. Construction is estimated to last about 4-6 weeks. Michelle suggested that a pre-bid date be set, and she will coordinate with BCSWA. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 7-15 on site at 10:00, upon clearance of that date by BCSWA. A bidder's list was approved based on the previous bidders plus several bidders identified by Art for the W. Ferris Wheel Construction. At their request (as mentioned by Sonny), Norm Diehl Contracting was added to the bidders list for the W. Ferris Wheel.

EPA will be visiting the site on July 13, 2011, to show EPA projects that are having a positive impact (i.e. money well-spent). Donna Carnahan is arranging this. Michelle will let Donna know that the facility is normally closed on Wed.

Ferris Wheel AMD Treatment—The US Army Corps of Engineers representative visited the site on June 1. Debby Nizer was very supportive of the project, and was in agreement with the decisions made to locate the system components, cross the stream(s), access the site, etc. She discussed permitting with her supervisor. Her conclusions were that she cannot not call the “iron mat” are wetland, even though the soils and vegetation are not present. What she can do is only count physical disturbance to the wetlands (i.e. filling or digging) as disturbance, and not count alteration in hydrology. The Corps is requiring an individual permit be issued, which will take some time. The good side of it is that they will count the improvements to the watershed as the mitigation, and no separate mitigation is required. This is good news, but bad news as it means we will probably not be able to construct until spring. Alder Run Eng is revising the maps to reflect the change in wetland status, and preparing the materials for the federal submission.

Michelle has a mitigation statement that was developed by Debby Nizer and Michelle that needs to be agreed upon by CCWA and submitted with the permit materials. Art has had a chance to review it last week. The statement was read and presented to CCWA for approval. Motion to approve passed. Michelle will print and send to Ed for signature.

Amsbry—Michelle and Art met with the landowner to discuss the site plan, and a rough project outline was flagged in the field. Areas to be disturbed were indicated to the landowner, and he seemed to be ok with the plans. Alder Run Engineering is revising the plans according to some comments by Art, and is finalizing the permit applications. Michelle and Art need to coordinate for collection of an additional water sample in the wetland that potentially is not too degraded by AMD.

Gibson-Halstock—If Art agrees and feels that we have sufficient landowner permission, Alder Run Eng. will schedule a wetland examination/delineation. Alder Run Eng will schedule this work, and look carefully at access. Alder Run Eng will coordinate with Sonny and Art for the site visit, as they would like to go along.

Morgan Run Frog—At the last meeting Michelle presented a Notice of Termination for signature that will be submitted to Clearfield County Conservation District to close out the earth disturbance permit and remove CCWA from obligations associated with the permit. Aldre Run Eng is waiting for the grass to grow for the appropriate time to submit the NOT. Michelle will prepare a final report for the Foundation for PA Watersheds Grant that funded the improvements to the outlet structures. Several photos were sent to Foundation for PA Watersheds.

Morgan Run Tuff—A Notice of Termination was signed at a prior meeting. Alder Run Eng is holding the notice until the grass grows. EM Brown did some channel work last fall, and they returned in early May to supplemental seed the area and apply soil supplements. The NOT will be submitted as soon as appropriate. Alder Run Eng is still watching the grass as it is not growing very well in some places.

Morgan Run Ross—Two bids were received from 4 bidders. There is approx. \$645,000 available for construction, which includes \$545,000 from Growing Greener and \$100,000 from OSM. Bids were \$610,883 and \$863,282. The Clearfield County Conservation District is meeting Friday 6/24 to discuss and select a contractor.

Michelle checked on the OSM funds to be awarded to CCWA, and the paperwork is still in process. Michelle told David Hamilton at OSM that we intend to start soon, so he will try to see that it is processed as it has been several months.

Michelle presented a revised NPDES permit application for the project. CCWA is the permittee for the project as the Conservation District can't be the permittee. The permit had to be revised as the access was changed. Because the permit was prepared several years ago under the old regulations, the modification to the permit boundary requires a major revision to the permit, and a new form is needed. Michelle will present a revised application for review and signature, and will submit the documents to CCCD as soon as the application is returned to ARE.

**Note:** A **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Dane Kalwanaski was passed authorizing President Ed McMullen to sign the NPDES permit application for the MR Ross Project.

Morgan Run 7—This project will be put out for bid this summer. Pre-bid meeting is scheduled for July 8 at 10 am.

### **Old Business:**

**Fishing Derby-** The annual fishing derby was a huge success. There were 128 children that participated. 144 fish measured. \$127 in ticket sales that day, \$2,405 total. It was suggested that perhaps we could buy prizes in the fall, when they are on sale. We want to thank everyone who helped, baked goods or donated to this most successful fishing derby. Thank You!

**Trout in the Classroom Project-Glendale School District:** TIC applications were due in May. We will have to follow thru with this program at Glendale school district next year.

**Data Logger:** Last month a motion to purchase a data logger was made, no vote taken, and tabled for this month. However, since then CCWA had received notice of funding from SFU (see board notes below) to purchase a data logger no further action was taken on this motion.

**New Business:**

**Board Meetings:** The Board of Directors met on the May 21<sup>st</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup>. At the May meeting a **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed authorizing Art Rose to purchase a data logger using \$1,000.00 from SFU and the balance to be taken from the general fund. This money, to be used to purchase equipment, is from the course that Art and Bryan had taught at SFU.

At the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting a **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed in which CCWA is willing to pay up to \$8/cubic yard for compost from the Blair County Solid Waste Authority. Dan will take care of the paperwork required at the Blair County courthouse.

**Signature Card:** Dane mentioned that he will need a new signature card removing Earl's signature and authorizing Ray, as President Elect for signatures.

**Route 53 Bridge Work:** Discussed was whether the weir installed at this bridge work site was still intact or had been removed or damaged during construction. Earl was to look in to this.

**Next Meeting: July 19, 2011, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM.**

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