

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF JULY 19, 2005**

The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 12 members present. On a **motion** by Larry Sutton and seconded by Chuck Sutton the minutes of the meeting of June 21, 2005 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Larry Sutton presented the June Treasurer's Report listed below: during the month of June, 2005 the following activity took place in the bank accounts. Bills paid totaled \$45.49 (regular account) and \$893.19 (grant account). Deposits made were \$14.15 (regular account) and \$2,820.91 in the (grant account). On a **motion** by John Strittmatter and seconded by Art Rose the treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

During the month of **June**, the following activity took place in the bank accounts:

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Regular Account

Beginning Balance, June 1st, 2005 \$3,728.43

Expenses:

Postage (3.13)

Computer mouse/keypad (42.36)

Deposits:

Dues 10.00

Refund – Insurance 4.00

Bank interest 0.15

Ending Balance, June 30th, 2005 **\$3,697.09**

Money Held for Deposit at 6/30/05: none

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Grant Account

Beginning Balance, June 1st, 2005 \$3,837.13

Expenses:

Project costs:

Brubaker '04 61.77

Klondike '04 0.00

Klondike '03 216.92

Little Laurel 0.00

Fish Fund 614.50

Heinz Grant 0.00 (893.19)

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen was unable to attend the July meeting. The following report was prepared for the July meeting: one new membership card was received this past month. There are still a few thank you letters to be sent out. Please give me the names and addresses of anyone that needs a thank you. Also, the service plaque that was approved at last month's meeting has been ordered.

Membership Committee:

As reported earlier there was one new member this past month.

Public Relations and Historical Committee:

Alene Smithmyer reported that there were a series of articles in the Altoona Mirror about abandoned mine cleanup. There was a discussion about the abandoned mine bill. We would like to have all members send a letter to local representatives and to the two Federal Pennsylvania senators concerning our support for this bill. Any changes to this bill are to be voted on this fall by the Senate.

Finance Report:

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the money from the fishing derby. Many suggestions were made for the use of this money—stocking of Clearfield Creek, stocking additional areas, upkeep of the Little Laurel Dam, and for the fishing derby itself. After this lengthy discussion, it was decided that this money is to be held in the Fish Fund under the Grant Accounts. There were two bills to be paid totaling \$300.00 from Mahaffey Labs for water sampling.

Tech Committee:**Klondike Project**

* The Highway Occupancy application was submitted to PennDOT. Verbal indications are that it will be approved.

* A field meeting on the Wetland-Stream Encroachment permit was held on July 15th with Nancy Rackham of DEP and Tom Pluto of Corps of Engineers, John Forman, Earl Smithmyer and Art Rose. Both Nancy Rackham and Tom Pluto appear to be agreeable to our project, but indicate that we must map several small wetlands and compile a report and data. Approval may take 4 months or more after receipt of the report.

* A set of water samples was collected by Earl Smithmyer at the several weirs, and a second set was collected by Earl and Art to investigate Al concentration in upper Little

\$480,000.00 will be required to treat the other discharges. Most of the cost is at the Ferris Wheel discharges.

* The report has been sent to the Cambria County Conservation District for comment and support.

* Art also explained that there are approximately 50 acres with no vegetation. Shawn and Art are soil testing to see what can be done to grow vegetation on this site. Shawn has material from Appleton Paper Mill that may be suitable for this site. Further testing will have to be done to support this long range plan.

* Earl asked where we would get the money for this project. It is hoped that a Growing Greener grant could be obtained for this work. John Forman commented on the positive impact such a project would have for all parties involved. Shawn is to investigate the cost associated with the material and trucking.

* A **motion** by Ed McMullen and seconded by John Foreman was unanimously passed stating that CCWA is in support of the Little Laurel Restoration Plan as presented by Art Rose.

* Larry Sutton stated that the Little Laurel Restoration Grant for \$3,350 that began on February 1st ended on July 31st. He will be applying for an extension for this grant. Larry will also be filing for reimbursement for the 2 Klondike Grants from DEP and also for reimbursement for the Brubaker Grant. Larry will be asking for an extension on the first Klondike Grant-Klondike One.

Brubaker Project:

* After a discussion with Clark Cree, it is hoped that the surveying to locate drilling sites will probably be completed by the end of July. The PA Game Commission will then be contacted to construct roads and drill pads.

* Improved geophysical methods for detecting subsurface acid mine water are being investigated with Geoff Moret of Penn State. A geophysical group with US Dept. of Energy in Pittsburgh will be visited during July to discuss improved methods.

* Art Rose contacted Sam Lansbury, who has the collection of the Harbison Walker maps. It is hoped that Art or John Forman may be able to visit the map storage site to search for maps in the next few weeks. A **motion** by John Strittmatter and seconded by Ed McMullen was passed authorizing the spending up to \$200.00 for maps for the Brubaker project.

Blandburg Treatment Plant:

* There was also a lengthy discussion on the operation of this plant. No decision has been made on the plant that is still in bankruptcy. Art has estimated that annual operating cost, assuming that the equipment is in good condition, would be approximately

Old Business:

Service Plaques-these plaques, for the past presidents, have been ordered and will be presented at the August meeting.

Brubaker Weir Project-a work crew has met and has been working on cleaning out some of the weirs along Brubaker Run. A 16 foot weir will have to be placed in the main stream and Art would like a weir to be moved. Art would also like a weir placed at #28 site at the mouth of Brubaker Run. Ed McMullen will ask permission from the land owner (Ben Watt) to drive on his property to set weirs. John Forman stated that he has some material for weir making. Ed agreed to haul this material for John. Earl and Ed will notify the work crew members when the next work day is scheduled.

Skeet Shoot- Earl will be talking to Jeff Holtz about this upcoming annual event and will have a date for this shoot.

Roadway Cleanup- a reminder to all that this cleanup is scheduled for Sunday, August 7th at 9 AM. We will be meeting at Laurel Run Sportsmen (Al's Glass-alternate site) in Dysart. Please volunteer your time for this cleanup.

New Business:

Donna Carnahan, from the Clearfield County Conservation District, has invited CCWA to participate in the Watershed Festival at the Curwensville Dam on September 27, 2005. This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

Annual Service Plaque- at this time of the year the CCWA recognizes an individual(s) for their “**outstanding service and dedication**” to the Clearfield Creek Watershed Association. President elect Ed McMullen, with great pride, presented this year's award to Earl and Alene Smithmyer. We want to congratulate them and thank both of them for their many hours that they put in for the success of CCWA. We also want to thank Alene for her fine cookies and meals that she has helped prepare. These are truly two dedicated individuals.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for **August 16, 2005** at Laurel Run Sportsmen in Dysart at 6:30PM.

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Alene Smithmyer and seconded by Ray Hollen the meeting was adjourned.