

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF JUNE 19, 2007
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The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. The meeting stated a little late due to a Board meeting. There were 17 members present. From the June minutes Ray had a question on the deposit of the food sales from the fishing derby into the fish fund (rather than the general fund). All fishing derby receipts were deposited in the fish fund and the balance over the \$4,000.00 cap was then transferred to the general fund. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen was then passed accepting the June minutes.

TREASURER S REPORT

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

Regular Account

Beginning Balance, June 1, 2007 \$5,117.19

Deposits:

Dues	35.00
Transfer from Fish Derby fund	663.53
ACE Drilling payment – Cresson mountain	230.00
Bank interest	0.43

Expenses:

Postage	6.44
Road cleanup	10.78

Ending Balance, June 30, 2007 **\$6,028.93**

Grant Account

Beginning Balance, June 1, 2007 \$8,914.86

Deposits:

DEP Reimbursement	1,197.00	[Brubaker]
Campaign donations	1,990.00	[Working Capital]
Access fee for gob piles in Amsbry	8,000.00	[Amsbry Fund]
Bid fee payments by contractors	1,200.00	[KL2 Fund]
Bank interest	1.56	[Working Capital]
Total Deposits	12,388.56	

ENDING FUND BALANCES

Expenses:

Working Capital	0.00	→	\$ 3,274.31
Amsbry	0.00	→	7,954.50
Ferris Wheel	0.00	→	0.00
KL2 (EPA)	1,857.00	→	(657.00)
KL-Rose	0.00	→	2,500.00
Brubaker	3,000.00	→	(2,999.94)
Fish Fund	2,087.55	→	4,000.00
Heinz Grant	0.00	→	287.00
Total Expenses	6,944.55		

Ending Balance, June 30, 2007

\$14,358.87

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NOTE: Fish Fund “expenses” include a transfer of \$663.53 to the Regular Account.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Treasurer’s Report (Continued):

Larry reported that he had two invoices for payment: Earl Smithmyer- \$155.17, for pipe purchased for the gate at the Amsbry site. (it was noted that Jim Smithmyer donated the welding and all welding materials for this project) and an invoice from U.S. Environmental Research Services-\$13,250.00. This will close out all work on the Brubaker Project. Check will be sent upon receiving the final report from John Foreman.

Larry had the following deposits- \$10.00 in dues and a \$1,000.00 check from Ray Walker for the Working Capital campaign. We want to thank Dick Dotts for his personal solicitation of this check. A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed accepting the Treasurer’s report and authorizing Larry to pay the 2 invoices.

Secretary’s Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had received two e-mails this past month; from Rachael Kester (Clearfield County Conservation District) announcing that CCCD has an opening for an AmeriCorps VISTA position. Contact the CCCD at (814) 765-2629 or clfdccd@atlanticbbs.net and from Robb Piper with a question on the minutes and suggestions as to how we may get the Klondike project moving forward. The thank you letters with copies of the pictures from the fishing derby were sent to the fishing derby sponsors.

Membership Committee:

One new membership card was received this past month.

Public Relations:

Art noted that he has been in contact with Sean Bartlett and will be sending him up to date material on the Amsbry, Glasgow, Klondike, Ferris Wheel, and Brubaker projects for the website. There was a brief discussion, at this time, about the website. We are still looking for someone to help CCWA maintain our website. There was also a discussion about the need to review the Public Relations committee. Justin Edgar from the Mainliner and The Progress give us very good coverage. However, we get very little coverage from the Altoona Mirror and The Tribune Democrat. Once again, we are looking for a volunteer(s). If you can help, have an idea or contacts we would like to hear from you.

Historical Committee:

Alene reported that she had received an article from Dick Dotts that was in The Progress. We want to thank The Progress for their great coverage.

Finance Report:

Larry stated that he had nothing new to report at this time.

Grant Committee:

Dan McMullen discussed the progress report that he received from Alder Run Engineering which indicates that air photos for part of the area had to be re-flown on May 4 (at no expense to CCWA), and as of July 10 the topographic mapping of the area had not yet been received by Alder Run Engineering. Design of the E&S and the NPDES discharge permit has been initiated, and can be completed about 2 weeks after receipt of the mapping. Owing to a lawsuit and policy changes on grant approval at DEP, we have not yet received a signed contract from DEP on this grant, so we do not yet have any funds. Alder Run Engineering has temporarily placed the project on hold until the Watershed Association completes any paperwork with DEP and the Watershed Association receives the signed contract. Hopefully this problem will be resolved in the near future.

Cleanup Committee:

Dave McMullen reported that the next cleanup is on Sunday, August 12th. We will be meeting in Dysart at Laurel Run Sportsman at 9 AM. This will be a roadway cleanup along route 53. Refreshments will be served. Please come and bring a friend.

Tech Committee:

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

Tech Committee Report

Klondike Project Bids were opened on June 22. There were 3 bidders, but all bids were much higher than the approximately \$370,000 available on our EPA 319 grant. After discussion, the directors have decided to modify the specification to allow starting construction on a major part of the project while we seek additional funds to complete the project. The project cost has been decreased by substitution of clay-rich soil for plastic liners, and possibly postponement of the stream restoration. Proposals have been submitted to the US Office of Surface Mining (Appalachian Clean Streams Program) for \$100,000 and to the Western PA Watershed program for \$20,000. Response from these two organizations has been very encouraging. About half a dozen meetings of directors have taken place, many with representatives of the two low bidders. We continue to negotiate with the two low bidders.

Brubaker Project This project ended on June 30, 2006. We await receipt of the report from John Foreman.

Glasgow Project The report on the "autopsy" was received from Hedin Environmental and Trout Unlimited in early July. The report recommends that the vertical flow ponds be rebuilt with improved material and improved design. Also, the Mn removal bed can be converted to an additional VFP. The estimated costs are \$84,122 for rebuilding VFP #2, \$135,577 for rebuilding VFP #1, and \$133,000 for conversion of the limestone bed to a VFP. The DEP in Ebensburg has submitted a proposal for much of these funds, and CCWA has committed to maintain the systems if they are rebuilt.

Amsbry Project Robindale Energy completed removal of coal refuse, and satisfactorily reclaimed the area in late June. The CCWA has or will receive about \$12,000 as an access fee for allowing this removal. A work group of members purchased pipe and installed a welded gate on the access road to the site. After Robindale left, the new owner, Jim Corl, contracted with a logger to remove trees from the site, and this work has been proceeding, with some disturbance to the new grass and road. CCWA now needs to investigate the best design for treating the water from the discharge in the reclaimed area, and obtain funds for the treatment system.

Note: as mentioned above a gate was installed at the entrance to the Amsbry site. As part of the agreement with the landowners, we were responsible for the cost and installation of this gate. Special thanks to Earl and Jim Smithmyer, Chuck, Larry, Shawn, Dan, Dave & Ed for their grunt work in installing the gate.

Old Business:

PennDOT Building- Earl stated that he will get this sample in the next several days.

IRS-990 form-Larry stated that the he has given the information to the CPA firm and they are working on this form.

Blandburg Treatment Plant- As mentioned last month, the plant was purchased at a tax sale by John Strittmatter. He has discussed with DEP the possibility of running this plant to treat water from the area. John is asking for any ideas on the operation of this plant. A report on acid discharges in the Blandburg area, and one on estimated costs of running the plant, both prepared during previous work by CCWA, have been furnished to John Strittmatter.

New Business:

There was no new business at this time.

Next Meeting:

August 21, 2007, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Dan McMullen the meeting was adjourned.