

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF JULY 15, 2008  
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 17 members present and one visitor-Dan Bickel. Ed welcomed Dan to the meeting. Dan is superintendent of Prince Gallitzin State Park. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed accepting the June minutes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

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**Regular Account**

Beginning Balance, June 1, 2008		\$6,380.88
<u>Deposits:</u>		
Bank interest	_____	0.55
<u>Expenses:</u>		
Road cleanup costs	_____	13.98
 Ending Balance, June 30, 2008		 <b>\$6,367.45</b>

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**Grant Account**

Beginning Balance, June 1, 2008	\$32,592.40	
<u>Deposits:</u>		
Bank interest	_____	2.79 [Working Capital]
Total Deposits	_____	2.79

**ENDING FUND BALANCES**

<u>Expenses:</u>			
Working Capital	0.00	→	\$ 4,798.23
Dominion	0.00	→	500.00
Amsbry – aerial mapping	0.00	→	10,809.49
Ferris Wheel – mapping & design	0.00	→	(192.30)
KL2 (EPA) – water samples	0.00	→	10,801.51
KL-Rose	0.00	→	2,500.00
Fish Fund	0.00	→	3,343.26
Heinz Grant	_____	→	_____ 35.00
Total Expenses	0.00		
 Ending Balance, June 30, 2008	 <b>\$32,595.19</b>		 <b>\$32,595.19</b>

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Respectfully submitted by Larry Sutton, Treasurer

**Treasurer's Report (Continued):**

Larry reported the following invoices: Dan McMullen- \$35.76- reimbursement for water and supplies for Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup> workday at the Klondike KL1; \$386.00- Mahaffey Lab, water testing, Klondike; Art Rose-\$80.76- reimbursement for plastic and piping-Klondike project. These three invoices will be paid out of the KL2 Fund- John Dawes money; Dan McMullen-\$320.00-reimbursement for the purchase of the display board (needs a plaque) - paid out of the Dominion Grant Fund.

Larry had two other invoices for payment- Neo Nexus-\$59.85- internet service for the third quarter, and Mahaffey Labs-\$100.00- Ace Drilling site water sampling, both paid out of regular account. Larry will send this (\$100 invoice) into DEP for reimbursement.

An invoice was submitted by Jen Dencak and New Miles of Clean Stream-\$2,953.88- this is for work on the Muddy Run project. An invoice was also received from Clearfield County Conservation District-\$716.40- Muddy Run Project. Larry will be submitting both invoices for reimbursement to DEP prior to payment.

At this time Jen mentioned that she needs the information on the hours spent by each group that is walking the stream, as part of our in-kind service. This information will be submitted with the progress report for the project.

A check of \$500.00 was received from Norfolk Southern Railroad Co for unrestricted use by CCWA thanks to the leg work by Ray Hollen. We want to thank Rudy Husband and Norfolk Southern for this generous contribution. This check will be deposited in the Working Capital account.

A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Art Rose was passed accepting the Treasurer's Report and authorizing Larry to pay the above invoices.

**Secretary's Report:**

Jerry reported that he had had sent out 12 additional thank you letters to fishing derby sponsors. He also reported that he had been working on the contact list for the proposed Media Day at the Klondike project.

**Membership Committee:**

There were no new memberships this past month.

**Public Relations:**

Dan reported that he had gathered a couple of newspaper articles for Ray to add to the historical book.

**Historical Committee:**

Ray reported that he had received the following articles to add to the historical book: an article on the Cambria County Conservation award received by Ed on behalf of the CCWA, an article on the Clearfield County Conservation award received by Earl on behalf of the CCWA and an article that appeared in the Outdoor Times about the E.P. Bender project at Swank 13 mine site. Lastly Ray reported that he still has lots of Dick's Sporting Good's coupons for anyone.

**Finance Report:**

Larry stated that he had nothing new under Finances.

**Grant Committee:**

Shawn reported that we were turned down for a grant that he and Dan had sent to the National Fish & Wildlife Association through the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. There were simply too many applicants and not enough funds.

**Cleanup Committee:**

Dave McMullen reported that the next cleanup is Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 9AM, Laurel Run Sportsman's in Dysart. We will be doing our normal cleanup on nine miles of Rte.53. Volunteers are always needed so please come and help for a couple of hours. Please mark your calendar for this event. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

**Tech Committee:**

Art Rose, Tech Committee Chairman, was unable to attend the meeting due to another commitment. The following report was submitted by Art and presented by Earl Smithmyer:

**Tech Committee Report-July 15, 2008**

**Klondike project** Draining the KL-1 VFP on 7/9 showed that about 1 inch of iron precipitate had accumulated on the compost since November 2007. This accumulation is interpreted to have partly blocked flow and caused the effectiveness to be reduced to about 70% of the acidity in June sampling. On 7/12, a crew of about 12 volunteers, assisted by a front end loader from Ligonier, removed the Fe precipitate. Additional compost is being added, and experiments on capturing the precipitate on plastic sheets above a cellular material to allow flow access. Slurrying the Fe with a hose was relatively effective and may be used in the future. Ligonier opened the stream channel to flow, eliminating access of the stream to the KL2 system.

Several meetings have been held to discuss a media day, but the event has been postponed while KL-1 is modified.

**Brubaker Project** A letter was written to the Army Corps of Engineers to maintain our name in their project listing. No action is expected in the near future.

**West Ferris Wheel Project** Maps of the area have been prepared and wetland mapping is started. A field review of the site and access is planned for 7/22. A quarterly report has been prepared by Alder Run Engineering.

**Glasgow project** A slightly revised contract for the project was reviewed during the month and approval communicated to DEP. We await official go-ahead on the work.

**Swank 13 (Gameland site)** Earl Smithmyer visited the site with Rob Clauto and collected information on amount and size of limestone needed for the channel, which has been considerably eroded over the winter. We will use this information for a proposal to W. PA Watershed Program.

**Muddy Run Assessment** Three groups are approaching completion of walking their segments, and other groups are well started. Several property owners contacted Jen Demchak, and one wants a release of liability, which is being prepared.

**Blandburg Treatment Plant** A group including Malcolm Crittenden, Tom Holencic, Earl Smithmyer, Art Rose, and John Strittmatter met at the site on 6/27. All equipment has

been removed from the building, so only the building is available. Crittenden agreed that the discharges in the area should be re-sampled as soon as approval is obtained for funding. DEP will probably ask for bids for treatment of the SBG 32 discharge.

Amsbry A detailed map is being prepared of the site, using the aerial photography taken previously.

Ace Drilling Site- Earl reported that he recently completed the water testing at this site.

The following was reported by **Michelle Merrow, Alder Run Engineering:**

Ferris Wheel Revegetation—Michelle is working with Shawn Simmers regarding bidding and construction. A bid package was developed. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2008, at 9:00 am at the project site. Invitations to bid were sent to 5 bidders. A standard bid and an alternate bid will be requested as there may not be sufficient funds to stabilize and vegetate the entire site at this time. Bids will be opened at the August CCWA meeting, and then the Board of Directors can make a decision at their convenience. Tentative award of contract is August 31, 2008, for fall construction. ARE submitted a quarterly report to Shawn Simmers.

West Ferris Wheel AMD--DEP paperwork was received. Art Rose will be meeting Alder Run Engineering on July 22, 2008, at 9:00 am to look at the site and do some layout work with respect to wetland concerns. ARE has started preliminary layout and mapping on paper. ARE submitted a quarterly report to Larry Sutton and Art Rose for the period through June 30, 2008, as well as an invoice through that date.

Amsbry—Land and Mapping was given photos of the site with the area to be mapped indicated. They should be setting survey control soon. We have no new news since last month on this project.

MR 7 and MR 8—NMBS/ARE prepared applications to the Office of Surface Mining for supplemental funds to act as match for the Growing Greener applications for construction funds.

MR Tuff Wetland Mitigation--Construction is going well. The access road is very wet and site access is difficult. The contractor has been re-working the road several times a day, but with daily rains, it's not helping much. Suppliers have been dumping materials like waste lime at the top of the road, and it's being hauled in by off-road trucks. Work area A is almost excavated, except for a portion of the bottom that will be used to haul materials to site B (this portion will be completed after site B is completed). The contractor started work on the access road to site B Monday. Mushroom compost will be delivered this week, so the contractor can start putting in the wetland substrate. We should be in good shape for the fall planting season.

MR Frog--Construction is ongoing. The contractor did a first set of compaction testing, followed by compaction activities. A second set of tests were done, and the results got worse due to increased moisture content. The compaction issue has been presented to DEP for an opinion. Earthwork is mostly complete, except for top dressing and final grading of the materials waste area. The contractor is expected to start installing

limestone and underdrain later this week, and the outlet structures should arrive next week. The Clearfield County Conservation District inspected about 2 weeks ago, and had no major concerns.

MR Tuff AMD Treatment System Construction--Work has re-started since the site is drying out. Contractor has been working to complete excavating the A side and compacting completed areas. Most work has been at Frog, however.

MUDDY RUN ASSESSMENT: Jen Demchak requested the status of the teams that are walking Muddy Run. It was hoped that all teams could be done with their sections of the stream by the August meeting. Jen requested that the teams send all current information to her for the progress report.

**Old Business:**

**Media Day-** as mentioned by Art, the Media Day has been indefinitely postponed. Hopefully, this will be rescheduled after we have corrected the problem(s) on KL1. A strong discussion was held as to the cause of the KL1 problems and a corrective action.

**New Business:**

**Beldin Mine:** Earl mentioned that both the color and flow of the water from the old Beldin mine has changed. This mine is located around the hillside from the Klondike project. Earl would like Art to take a look at this sometime.

**Next Meeting:**

**August 19, 2008, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM.**

**Adjournment:**

On a **motion** by Shawn Simmers and seconded by Dan McMullen the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.