

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
JULY 19, 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. There was one correction to the May minutes; June cleanup was on Route 36 not Route 53. A **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Alene Smithmyer was then passed accepting the June 21, 2011 minutes with the change. Ed mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

<i>Deposits</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Account</i>
	DEP	20,818.93	West Ferris Wheel
<i>Expenses</i>			
	Cresson Feed Mill	8,893.90	Haluska
	Blair County Recycling	3,000.00	Haluska/Reveg
	Slovikosky excavating	240.00	KL-2
	Wessel & Co.	150.00	Gen Fund
	Mahaffey Labs	25.00	Gibson
	Mahaffey Labs	50.00	Amsbry
	Mahaffey Labs	50.00	KI-Rose
	CCWA Gen Fund	1,601.31	FF
	Servinsky Jewelers	40.00	Gen Fund

A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Earl Smithmyer 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.

A **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed authorizing the transfer of \$1,601.32 from the fish fund to the general fund. Balance in the fish fund is \$4,000.00.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry stated that he had little to report other than a few e-mail correspondences this past month. Jerry reported that he is working on the thank you letters to the fishing derby donors.

Membership Committee:

Nothing new to report this month.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray asked if anyone had additional pictures taken at the fishing derby, especially one of the fishing derby donors, for the historical book. Ed stated that he had some.

Finance Report:

Larry was unable to attend the July meeting. He reported earlier to Jerry that he still has not received a copy of the SFU report from Madeline Wolf but would follow up on this.

Grant Committee:

Dan reported that Shawn sent in all of the final paper work required for the Haluska grant. He also reported that he had signed up for a website that provides information on possible grants. This information had been sent to Jerry from Representative Mark Critz's office.

Cleanup Committee:

Just a reminder to all that the next cleanup is on Sunday, August 7th, 9AM. We will be meeting at Laurel Run Sportsman's. This is a roadway cleanup. Many volunteers are needed since we will be doing 9 miles of road. Earl mentioned that he will need to purchase soda and few things for the cleanup.

Tech Committee:

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

Tech Committee Report- July 19, 2011

Klondike Project The small dam supplying the slag bed was repaired but the flow in the small stream has essentially stopped, so no water flows to the slag bed. The system was sampled on June 21 and July 19, and was visited on July 15 by a class of teachers in a St. Francis Univ. course. The KL1 system continues to remove about 90% of the iron. Also, the site was visited with Ann Daymut of WPCAMR who is making a video on advances in AMD treatment.

W Ferris Wheel Project The site was visited on June 24 with Donna Carnahan of DEP.

Amsbry Project Samples on June 21 show flow and chemistry similar to earlier samples.

Gibson Project The site was sampled on June 21, and was visited on June 24 with Donna Carnahan. Jim Walters indicates that Bender and the Game Commission have agreed to a trade in which the Game Commission would receive a block of land for construction of a treatment system at the site.

Swank Project 350 tons of limestone have been ordered for the project, and it will be placed in the next few weeks when John Slovikoski has break from other projects.

Brubaker Project The Corps of Engineers project started with a visit to the area on July 14 by representatives from CoE, contactors KCI and Potesta, and members of the Advisory committee (Pam Milevic and Shirley Sholtis of BAMR, Bob Hedin, Bill Burgos of Penn State, Earl Smithmyer, Art Rose). Bob Hedin will work on the project as a consultant to CCWA, under a TAG grant from Trout Unlimited. Other members of the committee are Mike Dimatteo of Game Commission, Jim Walters of Bender and Bill Strosnider of St. Francis U.

Ace Drilling A bill was sent for the 2nd quarter sampling at the site.

The Following Was Reported by Michelle Merrow:

Ferris Wheel Revegetation-A Landowner-Grantee agreement was obtained between BCSWA and CCWA. Michelle and Sonny attended a special meeting of the BCSWA to have the agreement signed. The agreement was presented to the group, and Ed signed it. The agreement was based on the agreement Art prepared for the W. Ferris Wheel.

Note: A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed authorizing President Ed McMullen to sign this agreement between the BCSWA and CCWA.

ARE will send a signed copy of the agreement to BCSWA. CCWA kept a signed copy. The Good Samaritan form, which was signed by CCWA previously, can now be filed since the Agreement is signed. Michelle will bring a copy for CCWA next meeting.

Bids are due at the next meeting.

Bryan Rabish discussed information from Tom Herr from the extension office and information in the The Tribune Democrat paper about Imprelis. This is a lawn care chemical that may be present in grass clippings that could negatively affect our project. Sonny will check with BCSWA regarding the presence of the chemical in the compost that we will be using.

Michelle mentioned that one of the contractors there for the pre-bid commented that the switch grass looked nutrient deficient. Michelle will look into some bacteria-based, slow release fertilizers that may help phase 1 of the reveg site and would be affordable.

Ferris Wheel AMD Treatment—The US Army Corps of Engineers representative suggested that Joe Snyder from DEP visit the site. Michelle has been trying to coordinate this meeting with a pre-application meeting for Amsbry.

Amsbry—Michelle is trying to schedule a pre-application meeting. Portions of the site were re-surveyed to get the new road location and access and location for the relocated camper/dwelling. ARE took two water samples to verify to DEP that the wetland is degraded by AMD. Art will check with Robindale regarding the waste coal excavated

being removed to Robindale. We can find disposal area on site, but it will need to be in non-wetland areas.

Morgan Run Frog—Site is doing well. Morgan Run Tuff—Site is doing well.
Morgan Run Ross-CCCD is in negotiations with the successful bidder.

The OSM grant came through, and the money is available when we need it (\$100,000) for construction.

Morgan Run 7—A pre-bid meeting was held. Bids will be due next month.

OTHER BUSINESS—Representatives from the EPA, DEP, and GAO visited the Ferris Wheel Reveg site on 7-13-11. Donna Carnahan from DEP wanted EPA to see successful project sites. About a dozen people from the agencies attended, included Fred Suffrian, EPA, and Steve Lathrop from DEP. Art talked about little Laurel Run. Michelle and Shawn prepared a handout for everyone, and Michelle will bring a copy to the next meeting.

Ace Drilling Site- Earl and Dick will be sampling this site in September. It is unknown, at this time, whether the DEP and Blair County Water Authority had done any work at the site.

Swank Mine Site- Ed mentioned to all that please be careful if you are visiting the Swank Mine project. There are rattlesnakes in this area especially up on top of the ridge.

Old Business:

Data Logger: Art mentioned that he has ordered the data logger. Due to current demand, delivery is several weeks out.

Bryan mentioned that several data loggers have been donated to the Cambria County Conservation District. He has data loggers at the following sites: North Fork, Salt Lick, Hinkston Run, South Branch of the Conemaugh, and Salt Lick Run.

Dam Cleanout- A lengthy discussion was held on the planning for the cleanout of the Laurel Run Sportsman's dam (Dysart Dam). All agreed that if this is a project that we wish to complete in 2012 planning must begin now. Ed asked Earl, who gladly accepted, if he would head a committee for this project. Jerry mentioned that we may have to "think out of the box for a funding source, equipment, operator, etc." for this project.

New Business:

Jerry mentioned that Larry is still trying to set up a meeting with a potential donor.

Next Meeting: August 16, 2011, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM.

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