

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF  
AUGUST 21, 2012  
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 15 members present and two visitors, Suzie and Christine McMullen, Ed's daughter and wife. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was then passed accepting the July 17, 2012 minutes. Ed reminded the members present that we were taping the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Description	Amount	Account
<b>Deposits:</b>		
Clean Stream Foundation	\$ 260.00	General Fund (Ace Drilling)
<b>Expenses:</b>		
8/1/12 EM Brown	\$100,000.00	MR Ross
8/21/12 Meadville Land Svcs.	\$ 24,794.00	FW Revegetation
Jacobs Oil	\$ 1,184.82	Dysart Dam Cleanout
Earl Smithmyer	\$ 13.98	General Fund-cleanup
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 25.00	Gibson
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Mahaffey Labs	\$ 75.00	Swank
John Slovikosky	\$ 8,199.00	Dysart Dam Cleanout

Listed above are the deposits and expenditures for the past month. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Art Rose 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.

Jerry mentioned to members that we may change the Treasurer's report on the monthly agenda. It will be moved to just before the Finance Committee. This may give Dane a little more time to compile the information given to him each month prior to the meeting.

**Secretary's Report:**

Jerry mentioned that he had received a request for a copy of the CCWA By-Laws from Rachel Kester. She is trying to assist Anderson Creek Watershed Association in establishing their By-Laws. With the assist of Larry we were able to send them to her. Jerry also mentioned the upcoming fundraiser information sent to CCWA from the John Kennedy Chapter of TU.

**Membership Committee:**

There was nothing new to report under membership.

**Public Relations/Historical Committee:**

Ray stated that he had the article on the dam cleanout that appeared in The Mainliner for the historical book. We want to thank Justin for this fine article and pictures of the dam cleanout in progress. Jerry reported this article and pictures also appeared in The Mountaineer-Herald, the weekly local paper for the Ebensburg area.

**Finance Report:**

Larry was unable to attend the meeting due to another commitment.

**Grant Committee:**

Neither Shawn nor Dan was able to attend the meeting due to prior commitments.

**Cleanup Committee:**

August 12<sup>th</sup> Cleanup Results-Once again we barely had enough people to complete this cleanup 12 people only. Thanks to the volunteers who had to cover a lot of roadway to get the cleanup accomplished.

Next cleanup is September 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be meeting at Laurel Run Sportsman's, Dysart, 9AM. Coffee, donuts and lunch will be provided. This is both a stream (5 miles) and roadway cleanup (9 miles) so please put this on your calendar.

Earl mentioned that he will call Don Yodish, PennDOT for cleanup supplies. He also mentioned that CCWA should be eligible for a 10 year sign on the section of 53 from Ashville to Dean.

**Dam Cleanout Committee:**

Earl reported that the dam cleanout project went very well, couldn't have gone much better. Cleanout itself took 19 hours. 430 gallons of fuel were used (special thanks to Jacobs Oil for being generous to CCWA on the fuel price). We also cut down two large pine trees along the edge of the dam and built a coffer dam upstream from the main dam.

Earl wants to thank several people for the success of the project: Bryan-getting the permits, Jerry-the large excavator donated by New Enterprise, Bob-securing several donations, Larry-large donation from Jack Calandra, Dick-Ray Walker donation, John and Randy Slovikosky-job well done, and the many other volunteers who helped make this project a huge success.

We also want to give a special thanks to Earl for taking charge of this project and being on-site from the delivery of equipment through the cleanout phase. Earl mentioned that he would be purchasing thank you cards and we will be adding pictures of the project to be sent out with the cards.

Lastly, John Slovikosky reported a summation of some of the cost for a future cleanout project. If we were not able to secure the many donations of both money and equipment, estimated future cost will be approximately \$23,000.00.

### **Tech Committee:**

The following tech report was presented by Art Rose, Chairman of the Tech Committee Art Rose. **Tech Committee Report- August 21, 2012**

Klondike Project The system was flowing again after rebuilding on 7/23. Outflow from the VFP on that date had a pH of 6.2. On 8/12, the VFP outflow had a pH of 5.4 and the final outflow had pH 3.6, compared to 2.7 before rebuilding. On 8/21, the VFP outflow was pH 5.9 and the final outflow was pH 4.1. The results indicate improvement as a result of the work. The Krug trib was nearly dry, and no water was going to the slag bed.

West Ferris Wheel Project A group of members cleared brush and logs from the trail into the site on 7/23. On 7/27, a contractor field meeting was held for bidders. Five potential bidders attended. Since then, site plans were revised to clarify some questions and to address some questions by Art Rose. Because some contractors indicated difficulty in meeting the original due date, the bids are now due on 9/18/12. This schedule still works for the startup date and the grants schedules. Discussion is underway with DEP on how to split costs between Phase 1 and Phase 2. Also, the submission of a request for a 20% working capital advance is being considered for Phase 2.

Swank Project No activity.

Gibson Project A proposal for construction was submitted to the EPA 319 office on 8/3, for \$535,733. A companion proposal will have to be submitted at the time of the Growing Greener solicitation. A preliminary design is complete, though it appears desirable to move the ponds somewhat further west, even though wetland impacts increase. A letter extending the expiration date by a year from 9/12 to 9/13 is being prepared, to allow for review by the Game Commission and DEP and leave time for the design engineer.

Brubaker Project To date, no field work has been done by the Corps of Engineers and their contractor. A field visit with DEP personnel was conducted on 7/23. Drill holes possibly allowing flow into the HAWS clay mine were examined.

Muddy Run area Dr Bill Burgos of Penn State Engineering and Art Rose visited the MUEC site at the headwaters of Muddy Run on 8/14. Dr. Burgos plans to have students in his engineering design course work on designs for a treatment system at this site. A field visit by the students is planned for 9/13. The tour will also visit the Glasgow site, and probably the C&K Blandburg site. We are seeking contact with Jim Ryan, owner of the land in the lower part of this site.

Amsbry Project The final report on design and permitting is prepared but needs a signature by CCWA.

Weir Replacement- Art mentioned that we need to fix and/or replace the small weir on upper Little Laurel Run. Water is also running under the weir making the stream flow measurement unreliable. Members present agreed to meet on Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at the gate going into the Klondike site.

Cresson Sportsman's Ponds- Art reported that he had sampled these ponds. Art mentioned that perhaps residue from the Salt pile upstream may be affecting the ponds. Also, he felt the water temperature was very warm-30 degrees Celsius. Don Sheridan thanked Art for taking the time to sample the ponds.

Data Logger-Bryan reported that Nate, Cambria County Conservation District, sent Art the data from the data logger. Nate also checked on the data logger on 8-21-12 and it was fine. The data logger placed on Slate Run will need a new cable.

Ace Drilling Site-this site will not be sampled again until about the middle of September. Earl reported that the Blair County Conservation District is doing some work at this site on the vertical flow pond and also in the area called number 26.

**The Following Was Michelle Merrow's Report: Michelle was unable to attend the meeting; part of her report was given by Art above. Below is the balance.**

**Ferris Wheel Revegetation Phase 2**—Dane received confirmation that a reimbursement has been made to CCWA. At the last meeting, CCWA approved payment of the retainage to Meadville Land Service in the amount of \$24,794. If it has not already been done, this payment should be made to MLS as they are calling ARE weekly now.

A project report was sent to DEP for the period through 6/30/12, so the reporting is current. A report will be done for the end of Sept but will probably say “no activity” unless some of the education money is spent.

Art received correspondence from Triet Tran from DEP saying that there was a problem with the contractual budget category and allocation of funds between budget categories. We are still under budget. ARE went over the apps for reimbursement, and is working with Triet to try to identify and correct the issue. We are not sure which end the issue is on, but there are sufficient funds available and this is more of a paperwork/accounting issue.

A request for project extension from 9/30/12 to 9/30/13 was presented at the last meeting and filed with the DEP. Donna Carnahan indicated the extension was approved. This extension will allow the fertilizer to be applied next spring when it is most beneficial.

**CCWA should keep thinking about how they want to spend the \$677.76 remaining in the sampling/education supplement.** Remaining funds are \$5142.32 in the construction supplement for fertilizer, and \$677.76 for the sampling/education supplement.

**Morgan Run Ross**—Construction is nearly complete, and the system will be on line by next week. Pre-treatment samples are being collected this week. The site looks nice. Trees will be planted later in the fall. Grass is growing in previously-seeded areas.

The electronic transfer from OSM came through, and \$100,000 was paid to the contractor by CCWA using the OSM funds. This completes CCWA's financial obligation to this project. Thanks to Dane for his patience and hard work with this OSM account issues.

**Morgan Run 7**—Construction is ongoing, and will proceed at full steam once MR Ross is completed. The system will be online by the end of the year.

**Morgan Run Frog**—The automatic flushing structure that has been offline was replaced by ARE. The system should be flushing again on its own. Despite the lack of flushing, no adverse effects were noted in the downstream water monitoring.

**Morgan Run Tuff**--One of the automatic flushing structures is not working, just as we got the Tuff structure fixed. This one has a more serious issue where we will have to cut it out of the box. ARE is trying to get manufacturer's permission to cut it out, so they do not think it was vandalized and refuse to repair it. This is getting to be very costly in terms of shipping and labor, although the company is replacing them for free. We will have to keep monitoring this situation, and may need to find some other mechanism if they are not heavy duty enough to last.

**Old Business:**

**Geo Cache Placement**- Eric reported that we will wait until spring before anything is done with this project.

**New Business:**

**Stream Shocking-Bradley Run:** Earl reported that Al Colian and another representative from the PA Fish & Boat Commission sampled Bradley Run, a small stream that runs from the Cresson golf course to Clearfield Creek. Approximately 87 trout were found, a number of them legal trout, both brook and brown trout. They also shocked a small tributary nearby that runs from the Forest Zoo area. Over 200 "fish of the year trout" or first year trout were identified. The PA Fish Commission personnel were very excited by the number of trout. Eventually many of these trout will move down into Clearfield Creek. The Fish Commission will consider classifying this stream as a Class A, Cold Water Trout Stream.

Earl mentioned that additional streams- Indian Run, Swartz Run, Big Laurel Run and Sandy Run may also be shocked in the future.

**Christmas Auction:** Don Sheridan mentioned that as a fund raiser for CCWA he could run a Christmas Auction. We would accept new Christmas items from various vendors that could be bid on by the crowd. CCWA would be responsible for all advertising and sponsoring of the event. No decision was made, at this time, and the Christmas Auction idea was tabled for further discussion.

**Next Meeting: September 18, 2012, Laurel Run Sportsman's, Dysart 6:30 PM.**

**Adjournment:** On a **motion** by Dane Kalanawski and seconded by Bryan Rabish the meeting was adjourned.