

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES  
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2005**

The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 11 members present. On a **motion** by Alene Smithmyer and seconded by Brian Rabish the minutes of the meeting of August 16, 2005 were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Larry Sutton was unable to attend this month's meeting but sent in the following report listed below for the month of August, 2005. There were no bills paid for the month. The only activity was the bank interest of \$.17 in the regular account and \$.50 interest in the Klondike '03 grant account. On a **motion** by Bob Funicelli and seconded by Ed McMullen the treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

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

**Regular Account**

Beginning Balance, August 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2005	\$3,697.24
Bank interest	0.17
Ending Balance, August 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2005	<b>\$3,697.41</b>

**Money Held for Deposit at 8/31/05:** none

**Grant Account**

<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Balance Aug 1<sup>st</sup></u>	<u>Bank Interest</u>	<u>Balance Aug 31<sup>st</sup></u>
Brubaker '04	(61.71)		(61.71)
Klondike '04	0.00		0.00
Klondike '03	1,193.78	0.50	1,194.28
Little Laurel	0.00		0.00
Fish Fund	3,956.24		3,956.24
Heinz Grant	377.00		377.00
	5,465.31		<b>\$5,465.81</b>

**Secretary's Report:**

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had met with Justin Eger, a reporter with The Mainliner, and gave him information on the upcoming skeet shoot. Justin will run this in this week's newspaper. In the future he is willing to cover the CCWA under the Cresson news. As always, we are very grateful for any newspaper coverage that we can get.

Jerry reported that he had a receipt for two books of stamps. At this time a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ed McMullen was passed authorizing the payment of the following bills: Clark Cree Surveyors-\$2,500.00 for surveying on the Brubaker project (Brubaker Grant), Art Rose-\$301.01 for the joint permit, photo copies, postage and miscellaneous expenses for work on the Klondike project (Klondike I Grant), Jerry McMullen- \$14.80 for postage (Regular account).

**Membership Committee:**

Bob Finicelli reported that there were no new members this past month. It won't be long before we will be thinking of the 2006 membership campaign.

**Public Relations and Historical Committee:**

Dick Dotts stated that he had a newspaper article to give to Alene.

**Finance Report:**

There was no finance report since no bills were paid this past month.

**Tech Committee:**

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

**KLONDIKE PROJECT**

Art reported that the Good Samaritan Agreement was sent to DEP. He had a phone conversation with Malcolm Crittenden to cover a few questions on the agreement.

Both Art and John Foreman spent five days working on the Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and the Joint Permit Application (wetlands) during the past month. The E & S Plan is nearly complete and will be soon sent to the Cambria County Conservation District for approval. The Joint Permit Application is also nearly complete, and should be sent to DEP within the next week.

A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Brian Rabish was passed authorizing the payment of the following bills totaling \$3,450.00; a check to the Commonwealth of

## **BRUBAKER PROJECT**

Art reported that he had visited Sam Lansberry in Woodland on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and found 2 detailed maps (1"=100 ft.) of the Dean clay mine plus numerous drill logs for the vicinity. These maps were in the former Harbison-Walker office building owned by Mr. Lansberry. The following week Art and John visited Sam Lansberry and made notes on the characteristics of the maps and logs in order that John Foreman can make an appraisal of the maps and logs. Mr. Lansberry indicates he is very happy to donate the records to CCWA in exchange for a fair appraisal that may be used as a tax deduction. It is hoped that the appraisal will be completed in the next few days and that we can obtain the maps. CCWA will then need to send a letter to Mr. Lansberry.

The maps show a previously unknown extension of the mine beneath the reclaimed strip mine just up the valley from the discharge. The stoped area of the mine may be a source of considerable water.

Cree Surveying has surveyed several property corners near the clay mine. This accurate survey, in combination with the above map, will allow accurate location of drill sites to intersect the underground workings. We intend to confer with the PA Game Commission in the near future regarding the installation of roads and drill pads.

Weir work: Ed had talked to Ben Watt, a landowner on the upper end of Brubaker Run, and asked permission to drive into this area for the installation of a weir(s). Ben is more than happy to work with CCWA. He is, however, trying to reseed this area. In consideration of Mr. Watt, it was decided to make as few trips as possible into this area.

Earl stated that a 24 foot long weir is needed at the very lower end of Brubaker Run. This weir will have to be built in 2 pieces and spliced together. A work crew is meeting on Tuesday evening, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 PM to install this weir. Since it does get dark a little earlier, we would appreciate as much help as possible.

### **Little Laurel Run Restoration Report**

Pursuant to a phone call from Steve Lathrop Art has made minor additions and modifications to the report. Mr. Lathrop sent the report to EPA for approval at the end of August. Art expects that the EPA may need additional changes.

John Foreman reported that he and Art have been working very hard on both of the above projects.

### **Old Business:**

Skeet shoot: the skeet shoot is scheduled for Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. It will be held at Holtz's Range on Mariana Road, Patton, near Prince Gallitzin State Park. There is a \$5.00 entry fee for members and a \$15.00 entry fee for non-members- they will

miles of roadway and 5 miles of stream to do in one day that it takes a lot of help. Please come and bring a friend for this cleanup.

At this time there was a discussion as to 4 bags of trash that were recently dumped at the lower end of Little Laurel Run near route 53. This trash was brought to the attention of President Smithmyer. It was decided that Ed McMullen will contact Al Colian, the Cambria County Fish & Waterways Officer.

Apple Cider Festival: the Cambria County Conservation District has once again invited the CCWA to participate in the Apple Cider Festival. We have fliers, our historical book, the large map of the Clearfield Creek Watershed, recent photos and Brian Rabish will bring our large display on the CCWA. Please stop in and see our display at the festival.

Soil testing: Art Rose would like to see soil/rock samples of the area bordering the Ferris Wheel and the compost facility. This is an area of approximately 60 acres. A grid will be set up and approximately 5-10 samples will be taken of this area. Tentative date for this is Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Art would like to see both a NP and MPA test on the samples collected. It is hoped that Shawn Simmers, through Appleton Papers, will be able to assist us in the material needed for this area.

#### **New Business:**

Letter from DEP on Muddy Run: Malcolm Crittenden had contacted Earl and sent an e-mail to Jerry McMullen concerning a site on Muddy Run 2 miles east of Glasgow. There is an old passive treatment system in this area. Malcolm would like the CCWA to apply for a grant to perhaps take this project over and maintain it. After discussion, Art said that he would look into this for CCWA.

Winter meeting site: we will need a meeting site for the winter months. In the past we have met at the park office at Prince Gallitzin State Park. Earl is to contact Barry Wolf to see if this location is available.

#### **Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for **October 18, 2005** at Laurel Run Sporstmen in Dysart at 6:30PM.

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen the meeting was adjourned.