

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 14 members present and one visitor Kevin Beltowski. President Smithmyer welcomed Kevin to the meeting. On a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Dan McMullen the minutes from August 15, 2006 were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Regular Account

Beginning Balance, August 1 st , 2006	\$4,691.95
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	0.00
Bank interest	0.20
<u>Expenses:</u>	
None	0.00

Ending Balance, August 31st, 2006 **\$4,692.15**

Money Held for Deposit at 8/31/06: \$0

Grant Account

Beginning Balance, August 1 st , 2006	\$3,241.57	
<u>Deposits:</u>		
New Grant Awards Received	0.00	
Grant Reimbursements	9,215.47	[Brubaker]
Donations	75.00	[Fish Fund]
Bank interest	.47	[KL1 Fund]
Total Deposits	9,290.94	

ENDING FUND BALANCES

<u>Expenses:</u>			
KL1 (Growing Greener)	0.00	→	\$ (1,331.56)
KL2 (EPA)	0.00	→	0.00
KL-Rose	0.00	→	2,500.00
Brubaker	11,060.14	→	(3,854.15)
Fish Fund	0.00	→	3,871.08
Heinz Grant	0.00	→	287.00
Total Expenses	11,060.14		

Ending Balance, August 31st, 2006 **\$1,472.37** **\$1,472.37**

Money Held for Deposit at 8/31/06: \$0

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Larry reported that he had received an invoice from Mahaffey Lab for \$100.00, water testing on the Ace Drilling Project. Larry stated that he had a report on this project and would go over it with Earl. Larry had also checked on the registration of CCWA with the Bureau of Charitable Organizations. This registration is only necessary for a charitable organization that has more than \$25,000.00 in annual income excluding any grant money received. Therefore, it is not necessary for CCWA to register. A **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Shawn Simmers was passed accepting the treasurer's report.

There was a brief discussion at this time as to whether the county has a working capital fund to assist watershed groups with payment of their contractors until reimbursement is received. Rob Piper stated that there is no such fund at this time. It would also be very difficult for CCWA to receive a line of credit since we have no assets.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen had little to report other than he had drafted a letter for President Smithmyer to send to the Holtz family thanking them for their past sponsorship of the Annual Skeet Shoot.

Membership Committee:

There was nothing new to report at this time.

Public Relations:

Earl reported that he had recently talked to Pat McNulty, committee chair. Pat has been unable to make the recent meetings due to a conflict but should be able to make future meetings.

Historical Committee:

Dick Dotts brought an article from The Progress newspaper and this will be added to the historical book.

Finance Report: Larry had nothing to report at this time.

Grant Committee:

Dan McMullen reported that he had filled out the grant and applied for trees for the spring of 2007. These will be used on the Ferris Wheel site or perhaps around Glendale Lake, if there are any trees left. Shawn Simmers reported that they are still looking at other grants applicable for CCWA.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted and discussed by Art Rose, chairman of the tech committee: Tech Committee Report, 9/19/06

Klondike Project A "deficiency letter on the Joint permit Application was received from DEP on 8/23. exactly at the limit of their 130-day review. The "deficiencies" appear to represent lack of understanding in the review process. A reply has been prepared. On 8/23, field visit was made with Donna Carahan, who is now the project manager for the Construction Grant.

Brubaker Run Project A total of 13 holes were drilled in Area B on top of the hill. Borehole camera work on 8/29 showed that the small void in hole B-7 actually went through the edge of the haulageway, and that the hole deviated about 7 feet from vertical at 300 feet. Eleven barrier investigation holes were drilled in the lower area, and a fault was defined in this area. A final hole was drilled into the center of the haulageway at area D. Drilling was recessed from 9/4 thru 9/17, but resumed 9/18. Based on the borehole camera work on B-7, we plan to drill two holes into the haulageway in area B, plus a test at reported lower replacement haulageways in Area A and a borehole injection hole in area D-E. This would complete the drilling phase. Approximately 40-50 holes have been drilled. Two days were spent by Art and John in map compilation. A set of water samples was submitted to Mahaffey Lab on 9/15.

Ferris Wheel Project No activity on this project.

Amsbry Project The site was visited on 8/22 with Jim Panero of Robindale Energy. An access route was selected mainly along the old railroad grade. Panero indicated that Robindale had previously sampled these piles and obtained values similar to our samples. On 9/15, a survey of trees along the proposed access road showed a total of 9 trees exceeding 7 in. diameter, all but 2 less than 10 inches. One good tree has a 12 inch diameter, and a crooked tree has a 14 inch diameter. A telephone discussion with Mr. LaRue indicates that he intends to sign the revised access agreement and the Good Samaritan agreement.

Glasgow Project Flushing continues on this project. Art also reported that Hedin Environmental has material and is preparing a plan for an autopsy at this site.

John Foreman reported that as part of the SRBC study three discharges-Cresson Shaft Borehole, 23D Shaft Discharge, Gallitzin Discharge plus an area upstream near Vale Wood Farms will have flow recording devices installed until December.

Old Business:

Trash Dump-Utahville area: Earl and Jeff Holtz did an on-site visit of this dump site. Earl also reported that when he was at the Triathlon and Conservation Celebration in Curwensville he had talked to a member of the Clearfield County Solid Waste Authority. The Authority is seeking funding to clean up the dump site. President Smithmyer suggested that we wait to hear from them before we proceed with this project.

Boat Tour-Glendale Lake: 5 CCWA members-Earl, Ed, Rob, John and Jerry-were given a tour of Glendale Lake on August 29th by park manager Barry Wolfe. We were very impressed with the tour. Mr. Wolfe pointed out the wind driven erosion at several areas around the lake. Tour members noted that this is the largest body of fresh water in the Clearfield Creek watershed, that a large portion of this erosion is in a highly visible area of the park (near the main marina), this is an easily accessible area that would not require the building of roadways or disturbing wildlife for access and that it would be a very good public relations project with the Prince Gallitzin Park.

At this time the floor was turned over to Rob Clauto who has experienced in this type of project. Rob suggested that it is important to involve as many partners as possible for this project- the Cambria County Conservation District, and the Prince Gallitzin Park to name a couple. He also suggested that this project may qualify as an R C & D project-Resource Conservation & Development.

It was then suggested that we send in a one page application for an I & E-inventory and evaluation of the project. A **motion** by Ed McMullen and seconded by Dan McMullen was then passed authorizing proceeding with the I & E report. A second **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dick Dotts was also passed to sign this up for an R C & D project. We would like the project to be called “Glendale Shoreline Restoration.”

New Business:

Cider Festival- the annual cider festival will be held on Sunday, October 1st at Prince Gallitzin State Park. Our display and the map of the Clearfield Creek watershed will be on display. We want to thank the Cambria County Conservation District for inviting us and the several CCWA members who volunteered to help. Please stop in and visit our booth.

Roadway/stream cleanup- our final cleanup of the year will be held on Sunday, October 8th at 9AM in Dysart. We will be doing the 9 miles of roads and the five miles of streams for this cleanup. President Smithmyer requested that additional volunteers are needed since we have been short volunteers for the last couple of cleanups. Please volunteer for this worthy cause and bring a friend. Lunch will be provided.

Election Committee- volunteers are needed to assist with the upcoming elections-to recruit candidates, accepts the nominations and counts the ballots. The secretary, treasurer, president elect and a board member terms expire in January, 2007. Ray Hollen was nominated to be committee chair to be assisted by Ed McMullen and Earl Smithmyer.

Winter Meeting Site- it was agreed that the Prince Gallitzin Park Office has worked out well for the winter meetings. Earl will contact the Park office to make sure this site is available. If available, we will have our meeting in **November** at this site.

Capital/Operating Funds- A lengthy discussion was held at this time about the need to raise money for working funds. It is very difficult to administer these large projects without any operating funds. Contractors are reluctant to wait 60-90 days for payment, especially small operators. Some suggestions were- a direct mailing to individuals who may be able to help us and a solicitation from local municipalities or perhaps a gun raffle. It was also suggested that our pamphlet be updated and sent out with this letter. Art, Jerry and Dick agreed to collaborate on a letter and will have a draft for the October meeting.

Next Meeting: The next meeting, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM, October 17, 2006. Please come and join us for this meeting.

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Shawn Simmers and seconded by Brian Rabish the meeting was adjourned.

Final Note- Alene Smithmyer is recovering from knee surgery. Anyone who has ever been to a meeting or luncheon after the cleanup is familiar with Alene’s cookies and fine meals. We wish her a speedy recovery. Cards may be sent to 216 Beldin Hollow Road, Ashville, PA 16613.

