

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2008
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 18 members present. There was one visitor-Aaron Gorka. Aaron is an American Corp worker working with Brian Rabish. Ed welcomed Aaron to the meeting. A **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed accepting the August minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

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Regular Account

Beginning Balance, August 1, 2008	\$6,208.14
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Bank interest	_____ 0.49
<u>Expenses:</u>	
None	_____ 0.00
Ending Balance, August 31, 2008	\$6,208.63

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Grant Account

Beginning Balance, August 1, 2008	\$32,275.43	
<u>Deposits:</u>		
DEP Advance on Grant	9,800.00	[MuR1 Assess]
Bank interest	_____ 2.77	[Working Capital]
Total Deposits	9,802.77	

ENDING FUND BALANCES

<u>Expenses:</u>			
Working Capital (W. Branch samples)	1,162.00	→	\$ 4,141.76
Blandburg (water sample)	75.00	→	(75.00)
MuR1 Assess (NMBS & CCC Dist)	3,670.28	→	6,129.72
Dominion	0.00	→	180.00
Amsbry (control survey)	1,187.00	→	9,622.49
Ferris Wheel	0.00	→	(192.30)
KL2 - EPA (stone)	699.37	→	9,599.62
KL-Rose	0.00	→	2,500.00
Fish Fund	0.00	→	3,343.26
Heinz Grant	_____ 0.00	→	_____ 35.00
Total Expenses	6,793.65		

Ending Balance, August 31, 2008	\$35,284.55	\$35,284.55
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Note: The 2 funds above in **bold** are new project funds.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report (Continued):

Larry reported the following activity: He sent the \$1,162.00 reimbursement request to Trout Unlimited. \$132.00-paid to Mahaffey Labs-water sampling, West Ferris Wheel Project. He had \$110.00 in dues for deposit- a member paid for a lifetime membership and one regular membership, deposited in the Regular Account. He sent the final report on the Klondike Project to Donna Carnahan at DEP with the request for the \$7,400.00 balance. We still owe Ligonier Construction this amount but are waiting for the as-built drawings. Art will call Ligonier construction concerning the drawings. Larry also sent the progress report to DEP for the Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project. He sent the \$5,026.93 reimbursement request to DEP, West Ferris Wheel Project. and a \$3,670.28 request with the progress report for the Muddy Run assessment project. Larry also set up the electronic transfer account with OSM for the Morgan run Frog Project- \$43,905.60.

Larry had the following invoices for payment: Dan McMullen-\$30.74, reimbursement for the sign (CCWA logo) to be placed on the recently purchased display board, Dominion Peoples Grant; Earl Smithmyer-\$11.28- reimbursement for road cleanup expenses, General Account, and \$18.82- screws for the weirs on the Muddy Run Assessment Project, Muddy Run Grant; Dick Dotts-\$46.08- patch materials for repairs at the Klondike Project.- Klondike grant

Larry had also received a check from the Clean Stream Foundation-\$460.00- reimbursement for two quarters on the Ace Drilling Site, deposit in Regular Account. Michelle Merrow requested that payment be made for the surveyors-\$1,960.00.on the West Ferris Wheel Project. Lastly, Larry requested authorization to pay the \$43,905.60 invoice pending reimbursement from OSM.for the Morgan Run Frog Project.

A **motion** by Shawn Simmers and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed accepting the Treasurer's report and authorizing Larry to pay the invoices.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry stated that he had very little to report- only a couple of e-mail correspondence.

Membership Committee:

As stated earlier, we had one lifetime membership paid and one regular membership.

Public Relations:

Dan reported that he had pictures of the many volunteers working at the KL1 site at the Klondike.

Historical Committee:

Ray reported that he had nothing under historical.

Finance Report:

Larry stated that he had nothing new under Finances.

Grant Committee:

Dan stated that he will be purchasing the Dominion People's logo and sleeves for the display board (Dominion's Grant).

A brief discussion was held on the potential grant from Representative Gary Haluska's office. After various suggestions, it was decided to tie this project in with the Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project. A letter is to be sent to Haluska's office naming the project, explaining how it will benefit the local citizens and a budget amount. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed to authorize Earl Smithmyer and Shawn Simmers to proceed to write an application for a grant from Representative Gary Haluska's office.

Cleanup Committee:

The last cleanup of the year is scheduled for Sunday, October 12th, 9 AM. We will be meeting at the Laurel Run Sportsman's Club in Dysart. This is both a stream and roadway cleanup. Extra volunteers are needed so please come out and help. Lunch will be provided. Dane Kalwanaski mentioned that he will be bringing volunteers from a St. Francis University sorority to assist with the cleanup.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted and discussed by Art Rose, chairman of the tech committee: **Tech Committee Report- September 16, 2008**

Klondike Project A quote of \$12,145 was obtained on 9/11/08 by John Foreman from Ligonier for construction of shallow ponds on the inflow to the KL-1 system. A request for funding of this amount by the Quick Response program was sent to Malcolm Crittenden on 9/13, and a field meeting is anticipated in the next few days. A request for an extension of the grant was submitted to DEP (but on the following day word came from them that they were not able to extend the grant, and a final report would be needed in the next few weeks). The emplacement of an experimental chitin treatment system was discussed during a site visit with Dr Rachel Brennan of Penn State on 9/1. Dr. Brennan will conduct lab studies on the KL-1 water in preparation for design of this system as part of her research program. Most of the holes in the liner were patched by Earl Smithmyer, and an inlet valve was installed. A small amount of water was let into the treatment pond. We plan to resume treatment of at least part of the water in the coming few weeks.

Brubaker Project No activity

Muddy Run Project The approximately 125 contaminated sites recognized by the field work were compiled into a spread sheet. A preliminary selection of about 20 of the sites with flows greater than 5 gpm and degraded pH or conductance was made by Jen Demchak. Most of these sites have been visited by Art Rose, and some modifications have been made to this list. Eighteen sites are now selected for installation of weirs, with several additional sites yet to be visited. Carl Undercofler has furnished weir material to Earl Smithmyer for about ten sites. Additional smaller sites will be added to the list, up to a limit of 40. Weirs will be installed during the next month, in order to start sampling in October. The letter concerning release of liability for Mr. McCartney was discussed and will be followed up by Art Rose.

Glasgow Project A signed contract for \$174,000 was received from DEP on 9/17. A field visit is being arranged with Cree Surveying and Hedin Environmental to discuss plans for the project. A signed agreement with landowner Philip Schreyer, who owns surface rights on a small part of the area, is being pursued. Active work will wait until we have this agreement.

Blandburg area On 9/12, a weir was installed on the Fitch #3 clay mine discharge about 200 feet NE of the former plant, and four samples were collected from discharges in the area and submitted to DEP lab. Discussions were held with Malcolm Crittenden and Jon Dietz, a consulting engineer, about designing a treatment system for the site. A field meeting with Dietz is planned for the next few weeks. A contract with DEP for CCWA to manage the plant, plus the Glasgow site and the nearby Stroud site was discussed with Malcolm. Questions were raised about liability, discharge standards, operator certification requirements, and other items.

West Ferris Wheel Alder Run Engineering is improving the map of the site with field observations.

Swank 13 Project. No activity.

Amsbry project. No activity.

Ace Drilling Site- Earl stated that he will be taking a water sample soon at this site.

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

Ferris Wheel Revegetation—Contract documents were prepared for Meadville Land Service, and were provided to Ed McMullen for signature tonight for 8 acres of revegetation to start in mid October. The Board of Directors had a special meeting in September to discuss the project with Meadville Land Service. After discussions with the Cambria County Conservation District and the Cambria County Engineer, no NPDES permit is needed if the total acres of disturbance are less than 100 and the site is stabilized in ½ acre sections (the project is considered agricultural since we won't be earthmoving). However, the NPDES/E&S plans are still needed for future phases that will involve highwall reclamation and larger sediment basins.

West Ferris Wheel AMD—ARE has done some additional wetland and water surveying at the site. Michelle and Art Rose are in agreement that some of the mapping in the areas obscured by thick evergreen vegetation is not very accurate. ARE will continue to work to characterize the site over the next month.

Amsbry—We have no new news since last month on this project.

MR 7 and MR 8—Applications were submitted to the Office of Surface Mining for supplemental funds to act as match for the Growing Greener applications for construction funds. CCWA voted to act as the applicant for these matching funds on behalf of the Morgan Run Watershed Group last month. We are waiting for the Growing Greener announcement this fall.

MR Tuff Wetland Mitigation--Construction is going well, and will be substantially complete by the Sept. 30 deadline. The bulk of the remaining work relates to seeding and mulching and demobilization/cleanup.

MR Frog--Construction is ongoing, but the contractor has been focusing on MR Tuff. The work remaining includes installation of outlet structures, placement of wetland substrate, seeding and planting. Larry Sutton has been working on the electronic paperwork needed to receive reimbursement from OSM for the \$80,000 in matching funds.

MR Tuff AMD Treatment System Construction—Construction is ongoing. Work remaining includes placement of compost, installation of outlet structures, construction of intakes, and seeding and mulching. The project most likely won't be done by the September 30, 2008, deadline, so the Clearfield County Conservation District will be deciding whether to assess liquidated damages or extend the deadline. However, we are getting much closer to completion, and have not had any major issues lately.

Old Business:

Cider Festival-October 5th, Prince Gallitzin Park, 9 AM-5PM. CCWA will have a display at this annual festival. Updated photos and construction pictures from the Klondike project will be added to our display. CCWA brochures and membership cards will be available. Please stop in and visit our members at the festival.

Board of Director's Meetings-Jerry wanted to mention that as a matter of record for the minutes that board members had met on two occasions--August 19th- opened bids for the Ferris Wheel Revegetation Project, after the regular monthly meeting and on September 3rd- met with representatives from Meadville Land Service to discuss their proposal for this project.

New Business:

Winter Meeting Location-Earl mentioned that he had talked to Dan Bickel about the use of the meeting room at Prince Gallitzin Park Office for our winter meeting site beginning in November. This was agreeable to the members present. Earl will contact Dan Bickel again to make arrangements.

Outstanding Service Award-Earl nominated Larry for this award given by CCWA for all of his dedication and hard work in keeping the numerous grants and reports straight. A big round of applause was given to Larry. A **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Dan McMullen was passed authorizing the purchase of a plaque for this award.

Next Meeting:

October 21, 2008, Laurel Run Sportsman, Dysart, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment:

On a **motion** by Alene Smithmyer and seconded by Dan McMullen the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.