

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by President Elect Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 13 members present and one visitor Kevin Clark. Ed welcomed Kevin to the meeting. On a **motion** by Art Rose and seconded by Dick Dotts the minutes from September 19, 2006 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

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

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Regular Account

Beginning Balance, September 1st, 2006 \$4,692.15

Deposits:

Dues 0.00

Bank interest 0.19

Expenses:

Mahaffey Labs (ACE Drilling) 100.00

Ending Balance, September 30th, 2006 **\$4,592.34**

Money Held for Deposit at 9/30/06: \$0

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Grant Account

Beginning Balance, September 1st, 2006 \$1,472.37

Deposits:

New Grant Awards Received 0.00

Grant Reimbursements 25,613.51 [Brubaker]

Donations 0.00

Bank interest .58 [KL1 Fund]

Total Deposits 25,614.09

ENDING FUND BALANCES

Expenses:

KL1 (Growing Greener) 0.00 → \$ (1,330.98)

KL2 (EPA) 0.00 → 0.00

KL-Rose 0.00 → 2,500.00

Brubaker 22,688.51 → (929.15)

Fish Fund 0.00 → 3,871.08

Heinz Grant 0.00 → 287.00

Total Expenses 22,688.51

Ending Balance, September 30th, 2006 **\$4,397.95** **\$4,397.95**

Money Held for Deposit at 9/30/06: \$0

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Respectfully submitted,
Larry Sutton, Treasurer

Larry reported that he had two checks for deposit. Both were from DEP for reimbursement of expenses on the Brubaker project- \$21,197.27, Forsyth Drilling. Larry received an invoice for \$1,020.00, Roger Bressler, for bulldozer work, Brubaker Project. Larry had also received an invoice from U. S. Environmental Services, \$17,878.00, for the monitoring of the drilling work-Brubaker Project- and expenses related to rental and insurance of the borehole camera probe. An invoice was received from Art Rose, \$1,511.13 for drilling inspections. These invoices will not be paid until reimbursement is received from DEP. A **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Dick Dotts was passed accepting the treasurer's report.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that he had received an e-mail from Barry Wolfe inviting members to a meeting scheduled for 7 PM Thursday, October 26, 2006, Prince Gallitzin park office, to learn about the establishment of a park Friends Group and how it can benefit the park and local community. He also talked about an article that was in the Tribune Democrat covering the removal of the bony pile in Bakerton and how this will eventually help with the cleanup of the Susquehanna River.

Membership Committee:

There was nothing new to report at this time.

Public Relations:

Pat McNulty, committee chair, reported that he had recently talked to David Hurst from the Altoona Mirror. Pat stated that he will continue to try to get an article printed on the CCWA and the monthly minutes.

Historical Committee:

Dick Dotts brought an article from The Progress newspaper. We want to thank The Progress for their very good coverage. This and Jerry's article will be added to the historical book.

Finance Report:

Larry had nothing to report at this time.

Grant Committee:

Neither Dan McMullen nor Shawn Simmers were able to attend the meeting due to another commitment.

Election Committee:

Ray Hollen, committee chairman, reported that the following positions were up for election: President Elect, Secretary and Treasurer-2 year terms- and a Director's position- 3 year term. At this time the floor was opened for nominations. Nominations will also be accepted at the November and December meetings. Nominations will then be closed during the December meeting. Elections will take place at the annual meeting in January, 2007. The following nominations were made; President Elect- Earl Smithmyer nominated by Denny Storm and seconded by Bob Funicelli; Secretary- Jerry

McMullen nominated by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen; Treasurer-Larry Sutton nominated by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen; Director- Dick Dotts nominated by Ray Hollen and seconded by John Forman, Ray Hollen nominated by Ed McMullen and seconded by Art Rose. According to the bylaws the Past President (Earl Smithmyer) will assume a Director's position. However, if Earl were to be elected to President Elect this position would be left open. A lengthy discussion was held concerning whether the bylaws will need to be amended or whether the Board of Directors can appoint someone to fill this position. This matter was tabled and will be discussed at the November meeting.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted and discussed by Art Rose, chairman of the tech committee: **Tech Committee Report, October 17, 2006**

Klondike Project A reply to the deficiency letter from DEP regarding the Joint Permit has been drafted by John Foreman and is ready to be sent to DEP. A letter from Don Barnes of the Cambria office of DEP supports our contention that the proposed stream location does not require any additional permitting.

Brubaker Project Drilling was completed on this project on 9/28/06. Drillholes into both haulageways of Area B were achieved, with the help of borehole deviation surveys that showed consistent southeastward deviations of 5 to 15 feet at the 300-foot depth of the haulages. However, one hole (B-16) may require return of the drill to clear debris largely blocking the opening in the void. Partial blockage of B-17 was cleared by flushing 3000 gal of water down the hole, but this was not successful in B-16. Two holes were drilled to test the reported sub-level haulages between the A and B areas, and 3 holes were drilled for tracer injection points. Experimental flushes using a water truck were conducted to test several possible injection sites. Preparations are currently being made for tracer tests to determine water flow rates and flow paths in 3 parts of the area. Also, the borehole camera will be used to examine the new holes into the voids.

Amsbry Project In a phone conversation, Mr. Larue stated that he has a tentative sale for the tract at Amsbry. He expects it to close in October. He indicated that the prospective owners have the information on our project and seem willing to work with us. A visit with DEP and Robindale personnel is being arranged to discuss permitting for the project and desirable extent of treatment facilities for the acid discharge.

Ferris Wheel Project No activity on this proposal.

Glasgow Project No word from Hedin Environmental on the "autopsy" project has yet been received. Flushing continues.

West Branch Restoration Coalition At a meeting on 10/10, Amy Wolfe announced the receipt of a \$500,000 grant to be used for an economic evaluation, hiring of a project coordinator, activities such as Fishing Map compilation and other activities to promote AMD projects for the area. The Coalition set up committees for coordination with state agencies, legislative contact, education, and symposium planning.

Old Business:

Glendale Lake Project- we were very pleased to learn that at the October 6th meeting of the Cambria County Conservation District a motion was passed approving the R C & D Measure Plan for the Glendale Lake Shoreline Stabilization Project sponsored by CCWA.

Roadway Cleanup- Earl reported that we only had 25 people for the October 8th cleanup. With 9 miles of road and 5 miles of stream we barely had enough people for this cleanup. Earl did want to thank anyone who came out and helped at one of the 4 cleanups. Jerry expressed that we see very little garbage along the streams other than near the bridge areas. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed authorizing the reimbursement of \$66.32 to Earl Smithmyer for cleanup expenses.

Cider Festival- Ed, Earl and Art represented CCWA at the Cider Festival. Earl suggested that we need to update our poster board display and pamphlet with new pictures and data. It was also suggested that we display the list of sponsors for our fishing derby at the next Cider Festival.

Meeting Site-Winter Months- Earl has spoken to the Prince Gallitzin Park Office and they will let us use their meeting room for our winter meetings.

Capital/Operating Fund Drive- Jen Demchak stated that banks will accept formal grants as collateral for bank loans. However, we have very little general funds to pay for the interest and related expense for such a loan. Discussion was then held covering the solicitation letters that have been written, rewriting of these letters, establishing a list of potential donor and the time frame for these letters.

New Business:

Muddy Run-evaluation & funding: President Smithmyer stated that he would like to see an assessment done for Muddy Run. Approximately 30 discharges would need to be assessed. Therefore, with the large number of weirs and water sampling and testing of each site for one year, it is estimated that this could be a rather expensive project. Jen Demchak offered to assist CCWA with this project. A **motion** by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Ed McMullen was passed authorizing Jen Demchak to work on a grant for this assessment.

Morgan Run: Jen asked that President Smithmyer sign a letter of support, on behalf of CCWA, for a wetland mitigation project on Morgan Run that is being done by Clearfield County Conservation District. The CCWA is more than happy to offer this support for the Clearfield County Conservation District.

Final note: Jen Demchak announced that she has accepted a teaching position with Mansfield University. She will still be available to assist CCWA. We wish her the best of luck in her new career and want to say thank you for all of the support and assistance that she has given us over the years.

**Next Meeting: Prince Gallitzin Park, Main Office, 6:30 PM, November 21, 2006.
Please come and join us for this meeting.**

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Ray Hollen and seconded by Dick Dotts the meeting was adjourned.

