

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2005**

The meeting was called to order by President Earl Smithmyer with the pledge to the flag. There were 15 members present. At this time President Smithmyer mentioned a special thanks to the Park Office for the use of their conference room at Prince Gallitzin State Park. On a **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen the minutes of the meeting of October 18, 2005 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

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

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Regular Account

Beginning Balance, October 1 st , 2005	\$3,944.39
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Road Cleanup	(82.84)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
Dues	0.00
Bank interest	0.17
Ending Balance, October 31 st , 2005	\$3,861.72

Money Held for Deposit at 10/31/05: none

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Grant Account

Beginning Balance, October 1 st , 2005	\$2,665.25
<u>Expenses:</u>	
<u>Project costs:</u>	
KL1 (Growing Greener)	150.00
KL2 (EPA)	0.00
Brubaker	0.00
Little Laurel Restoration	0.00
Fish Fund	0.00
Heinz Grant	<u>0.00</u>
	(150.00)
<u>Deposits:</u>	
New Grant Awards	0.00
Grant Exnense Reimbursement	0.00

Larry reported that he had received 2 checks for deposit from DEP: a \$1,081.92 check for reimbursement for the Klondike Project and a \$2,561.77 check for reimbursement of the surveying expense on the Brubaker Project. These will be deposited and reflected in next month's treasurer's report. On a **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dick Dotts the Treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Jerry McMullen reported that of the 26 membership cards from the skeet shoot, none had an e-mail address. It is so much easier and cheaper if we have these addresses and we reach a much larger number (over 50 presently) through e-mail. Jerry reported that he had cut out articles in the Tribune Democrat recently on the Susquehanna River Basin and will give them to Alene. Also, Jerry had heard from Sean Bartlett concerning the web site for CCWA. Sean will be invoicing the association for the monthly service fee from the provider. Art Rose and Jerry will be working on a list of the accomplishments of CCWA for the past year and this will be sent out with the December mailing to all members.

Membership Committee:

Earl had contacted Bob Funicelli for additional membership cards.

Public Relations and Historical Committee:

Dick Dotts presented Alene Smithmyer with a newspaper article from The Progress.

Finance Report:

Larry reported that the IRS had sent the Form 990 to be filled out. This is for any nonprofit organization that has gross receipts in excess of \$25,000.00. CCWA is below this limit but the form must be sent in anyhow and Larry will take care of this.

Tech Committee:

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

Tech Committee Report

November 15, 2005

KLONDIKE PROJECT

Results of water sampling by Earl Smithmyer during October were received from Mahaffey Lab. There was no other activity on this project during the past month. Art is waiting to hear from John Foreman. They need approximately one day to wrap up the

verification of our 501c3 status. At this time we will receive the drill logs. Clark Cree was contacted to tie the property corners on the new map to the other mapping of the area, so we can determine exact locations of the underground workings and contact the Game Commission for roads and drill pads.

FERRIS WHEEL PROJECT

The 10 “soil” samples were analyzed for potential acidity by DEP. Results indicate relatively low acidity, and that mixing of about 7.5% typical alkaline ash into the “soil” will produce neutral soil. We need to have analyses for fertilizer requirements on the samples. Addition of organic matter is also desirable, if we can find a good source of decayed sawdust, compost or similar material.

Additional discussions: Art has mapped this area to be approximately 28 barren acres. There is a need for nutrient testing on this site. There are two possible sources for the ash needed for this area. One is from the Appleton Paper Mill and the other is from a local Co-Gen plant. It is hoped that the ash may be brought in and the bony piles near Ambry may be back hauled out. Shawn Simmers has received an application for the Ferris Wheel Project from Malcolm Crittenden, DEP office, that is due by February, 2006. Shawn would like to include both projects in the application and will be working with Malcolm on the cost and scope.

GLASGOW PROJECT

At a visit on about Nov. 1, only a very small flow of water was flowing from the treatment pond. A greater flow is desirable before a visit and sampling by Hedin Environmental under the TAG grant. Hopefully the flow will increase in the near future to allow this visit and evaluation.

Art has sent in an application of assistance to Trout Unlimited who contracts Hedin Environmental for this project.

WEST BRANCH CITIZENS FOR A CLEAN WATERSHED

A meeting of about 30 citizens and DEP personnel was held with Scott Roberts, Deputy Secretary of DEP, on November 10. The Citizens Committee and DEP are to develop information and a “communication plan” with local residents and funding agencies, to be carried out by the Citizens Committee. Also, the Citizens Committee will develop guidelines for selection of projects to be funded in the West Branch watershed, with decisions on individual projects by DEP. Both parties will work for funding.

Other Tech Business:

practices to improve the water quality of Little Laurel Run, for the enjoyment and benefit of watershed residents and others for many years to come.”

Klondike Project-we have also received approval of the Good Samaritan Agreement from DEP for the Klondike project.

Blandburg Plant-John Strittmatter has recently talked to Joe Allison concerning the status of the Blandburg plant in bankruptcy court. Supposedly the plant has been turned over to DEP. Joe Alison has agreed to look into this. Earl stated that he will keep in touch with Joe concerning the status of the plant.

Mapping project: CCWA has not heard from John Foreman concerning the maps that he was to provide for the project of identifying streams on Clearfield Creek that can hold fish. Dan McMullen stated that he can possibly reproduce these maps for us.

Old Business:

Brubaker Weir Project: a weir was installed on the upper end of Brubaker Run by Earl Smithmyer and Charlie Hasson.

Roadway cleanup- President Smithmyer had contacted Don Godish from PennDOT in Ebensburg concerning the possibility of dropping one cleanup on Route 53 and doing a cleanup on Route 36 from Ashville to the Buckhorn. Mr. Godish was agreeable to this.

New Business:

Mass- Secretary McMullen suggested that CCWA have a mass said for Jerry Eckenrode. Mr. Eckenrode was the manager of the Giant Eagle store in Ebensburg. He was very generous with a donation of hot dogs and cases of soda to our annual fishing derby. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by John Strittmatter was passed authorizing the expenditure for this mass.

Proposal for Sampling and Flushing- a proposal has been received from Malcolm Crittenden, DEP Office, Ebensburg, outlining the scope of work, budget, reporting and legal contract for the sampling and flushing of two sites above Sugar Run. CCWA would be paid for this service. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that Larry is to look into our insurance and Earl is to speak to Malcolm concerning some of the reimbursement for various costs. Both will report on this matter at the December 20th meeting.

Elections- Chuck Sutton's term as a Director will expire in January, 2006. At this time nominations were opened for this position. The following nominations were made:

Chuck Sutton-nominated by Ed McMullen and seconded by Jerry McMullen

Shawn Simmers-nominated by Chuck Sutton and seconded by Larry Sutton

Dick Dotts-nominated by Earl Smithmyer and seconded by Art Rose

Nominations for this position remain open and can be made at the December meeting.

