

**CLEARFIELD CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
MINUTES
MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 15, 2011
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The meeting was called to order by President Ed McMullen with the pledge to the flag. There were 15 members present. There was a correction to the October 18th minutes. Under the Treasurer's Report the \$5,767.41 expense should be taken out of the Ferris Wheel Revegetation Account not the West Ferris Wheel Account. A **motion** by Dick Dotts and seconded by Ray Hollen was then passed accepting the October 18, 2011 minutes with the correction. Ed mentioned that we are taping the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Deposits:

Clean Stream Foundation	\$ 2,320.00	General Fund
DEP	\$33,800.00	Ferris Wheel Revegetation

Expenses:

Mahaffey Labs	\$ 50.00	KL-2
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 25.00	Gibson
Mahaffey Labs	\$ 75.00	Swank

Transfers:

Swank to Kl-2	\$ 800.00
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There was a brief discussion on the setting up of the electronic transfer of funds for reimbursement with the State. Art mentioned that he is having trouble with this setup. Also discussed was the problem with Art doing the invoicing for the various projects and Dane doing the bookkeeping. In the past Larry did both. Dane and Art are to work out the transfer of information between the two of them.

The following was mentioned by Michelle:

The \$33,800 cash advance that Dane asked about should be deposited into the Ferris Wheel Revegetation-Phase 2 account.

Art discussed a negative balance in the West Ferris Wheel AMD Design project account. The money for the permit fees is in the construction grant. Dane, Michelle, and Art will work together to get the situation straightened out. In short, CCWA is not out that \$4000 or so as Art originally thought as ARE had planned for that in the other new project budget.

The OSM online account should be re-activated for the upcoming MR Ross Project. If the process is started now, it should be ready for spring when full construction starts.

A **motion** by Earl and seconded by Dane Kalwanaski was passed authorizing the payment of all invoices and to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Please see attached Treasurer's report for the General and Grant Accounts.

Secretary's Report:

Jerry stated that he had several e-mail correspondences this past month. He forwarded Dan Yahner's request for assistance on a small AMD discharge on Chest Creek to Bryan Rabish, Cambria County Conservation District. Jerry had an e-mail from Rachel Kester, Trout Unlimited, offering possible assistance with this AMD discharge. Rachel also sent information on a possible grant for CCWA. Rachel talked to Kelly Williams who had taken care of the Deer Creek Watershed Association sign mentioned last month. The sign is a 4 ft. by 6 ft. vertical sign made out of Coroplast which will resist spray paint vandalism. Cost was \$1,550 including installation. The cost was covered by the Deer Creek assessment grant.

Dan Yahner, PA Game Commission, also asked if we would like to send in an order for seedlings. Unfortunately, we could not meet the deadline for this order. He may try to accommodate CCWA with left over seedlings in the spring. Earl mentioned that the oaks, aspens and evergreens are growing the best of the trees that we have planted in the past.

Dan Yahner mentioned that he did not see an erosion problem on State Game Lands 184 and that he would not require further reseeding on our Swank project since the area along the roadway seems to be stable.

Lastly, Jerry had three e-mails from Paige Filice, Education and Outreach Coordinator, PA Council of Trout Unlimited, covering recent TIC news and the problem with the Tradewind Chillers used by the schools. Jerry forwarded the information on the problematic chillers to Penn Cambria Middle School. As a TIC participant they had encountered problems with these chillers.

Membership Committee:

There was nothing new to report at this time.

Public Relations/Historical Committee:

Ray stated that he had nothing new to report or to add to the historical book.

Finance Report:

Larry was unable to attend this meeting, no finance report at this time.

Grant Committee:

Dan mentioned that the committee is working on two grants at this time: a Dominion's Grant and a DEP Education Environment Grant. Discussed were the specifics for each grant that we wish to apply for. Dominion's-education and general expenses. DEP Grant for educational use. This could cover the cost of a sign or could be used for a field trip for students.

Michelle is to send Dan an example of a successful DEP education grant from last year to be used as a template for the CCWA sign grant.

Eric mentioned that he had recently talked to the science teacher at Glendale School District and she is still very interested in participating in the TIC program. She had also contacted Earl about a possible field trip for the students to one of our AMD sites.

Dam Cleanout Committee:

Earl reported that he is ready to send in all of the paperwork on the permits for this project to Bryan Rabish, CC Conservation District. Earl mentioned that he would be calling another meeting soon, to keep this project moving.

Election Committee/Nominations:

Eric, Dave and Ray agreed to serve on the election committee. At this time the floor was opened for the Board Member position that will expire in January, 2012. One nomination was received-Shawn Simmers nominated by Dan McMullen and seconded by Dick Dotts. Nominations will also be accepted at the December meeting.

Tech Committee:

The following tech report was submitted by Art Rose, Chairman of the Tech Committee
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Klondike Project The system was sampled on 11/15. Arrangements have been made with Malcolm Crittenden for submission of samples to the State Lab for analysis. The system continues to remove most of the iron and acidity, but not all. The slag bed generates about 8 gpm of alkaline water but the alkalinity is not as high as we would like. An amount of \$800 was approved by the Foundation for PA Watersheds for transfer from the Swank project to the Klondike slag bed project.

West Ferris Wheel No activity

Gibson Project The discharge was sampled on 11/15, and an invoice and report was submitted to DEP for expenses to date.

Amsbry Project The system was sampled on 11/15. Flow is up slightly but chemistry appears similar.

Swank Project The system was sampled 11/15. The system continues to flow at a high rate, and removes nearly all iron and most of the acidity. Two weirs were installed last month, and indicate a flow of about 300 gpm.

Brubaker Project Three sites were sampled on 11/15 and samples turned in to BAMR. A revised scope of work by the Corps of Engineers includes a tracer test on a small stream that may be flowing into the clay mine. Members of the advisory committee Jim Walter and Dan Yahner were brought up to date on the project. Dr. Burgos class at Penn State continues to work on treatment designs for the site.

DEP invoicing and payment Some difficulties have been encountered in assembling all expenses on projects for invoicing to DEP. In the future, it is essential that the person who prepares the invoices has access to the project accounts so that all costs can be billed. A problem with direct deposit from DEP into the bank accounts has also occurred and is being remedied.

Ace Drilling Site- Earl stated that he and Dick will be sampling this site in the next few weeks for the 4th quarter.

The Following Was Reported by Michelle Merrow:

Ferris Wheel Regevetation-Michelle brought a copy of the letter to BCSWA regarding the check for the access fee from last month. Meadville Land Service finally received

their bond on 11/15/11. They are starting to haul in equipment and materials such as mulch hay. The group discussed whether to have the project start now. Shawn Simmers indicated that it is best to get the ash before the end of the year.

A **motion** by Dan McMullen and seconded by Ray Hollen was passed to issue a change order to extend the date of substantial completion to May 15, 2012 for the Ferris Wheel Revegetation-Phase II Project. Michelle will distribute the change order to the appropriate parties.

Donna has some extra funding that could be used for fertilizer, but can't be spent until 2012. The group discussed having someone apply fertilizer next year after MLS is done with this current phase 2. Michelle will discuss this with Donna Carnahan.

Shawn presented an agreement to accept the ash between CCWA and the Cambria Cogen.

Amsbry—Michelle and Art discussed the design concept, and Michelle is incorporating design revisions suggested by Art.

Gibson-Halstock—ARE did site investigations and wetland work this past month. The site where treatment is planned contains a lot of forested wetlands. Art asked if wetland impacts could be waived, and Michelle indicated that they could up to a certain extent. Michelle will provide more wetland info to Art, and we will discuss this issue again as we obtain more information.

Morgan Run Ross—The contractor has started on the site. Michelle asked that if any correspondence comes to CCWA from DEP, it please be forwarded to her and not held until the December meeting. The DEP Wetland Waiver 16 and US ACOE permit were issued in early 2010. However, DEP has no record of these documents and wants the site to be re-permitted. Michelle sent DEP copies of the permits that were issued, and hopefully this will resolve the situation.

Morgan Run 7—A notice of award has been issued for MR7, and contract documents are under development. Since the funding awarded was so much less than the funding needed, modifications to the DEP permits were needed, and CCWA may receive some paperwork in the mail. As with the Ross paperwork, please forward any paperwork to Michelle as soon as it arrives.

Morgan Run Frog—The MR Frog site was off-line for an undetermined amount of time due to lack of maintenance (i.e. leaves in the outlet structures). Kelly Williams from CCCD corrected the problem.

Old Business:

Data Logger: Bryan Rabish contacted the manufacturer and was told that the data logger would not work in acid mine water. This type of water would clog up the instrument.

Penn Cambria TIC Project: The fish eggs did arrive at the school on November 1st. So far teacher Ben Watt has had very good success hatching the eggs.

New Business:

Susquehanna River Celebration: Earl mentioned that he and Alene did attend the West Branch Susquehanna Recovery Benchmark Celebration on October 24th at Hyner View State Park. Mentioned at this event was the general improvement of the water quality of the Susquehanna and the more species of fish found there. It was pointed out that much of this improvement is the result of work done by groups like us, CCWA. It is nice to know that the hard work and efforts by our members and many is showing some results.

Fishing Derby Tickets: Discussed was the printing of the fishing derby tickets for next year. Date would be May 19, 2012. Prizes are to remain the same. Jerry is to check on printing at Damin Printing in Ebensburg.

Next Meeting: December 20, 2011, Conference Room, lower level at Prince Gallitzin Park, 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: On a **motion** by Dane Kalwanaski and seconded by Dan McMullen the meeting was adjourned.