

HRWRP 2006 Minutes

January 17, 2006

Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership, Inc Monthly Meeting

In Attendance:

Ed Taggart, Terri Sponaugle-Schrock, Carl Harsha, Bo Hysong, Glenn Beatty, Dan McCoury, Maureen Wise, Ron Burton, Judy Rufener, Phil Rufener, Linda Ross, Dave Mathey, Mike Steinmaus, Merv Burton, Jim Toms, Nancy Summers

Ed Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

Judy gave the treasurer's report. We started out at \$1,347.90 and with two new memberships the ending balance was \$1357.90. Carl made motion to accept, Phil 2nd the motion. Accepted.

Old minutes were read and approved.

Merv motioned to accept. Bo seconded the motion.

Old business

Update on new office and lease – RA had sufficient Liability insurance and the lease is for both RA and the HRWRP. The office moved the first week in January. There is no change in address or phone number.

New business

Project Update

Paperwork for the ODOT Mitigation Proposal was completed and sent out, on very short notice. No word yet on if it has been accepted.

The Lyons project was completed December 23, 2005

Mineral-Zoar is very close to going out to bid, contingent on CSX right of entry paperwork.

Environmental Education Update

Terri gave environmental Education update. The Environmental Explorers Club is included in the environmental education program. Carl made a motion to accept. Ed seconded. Accepted.

Septic Upgrade/Coupons

Maureen described the septic system upgrades that will be taking place in the village. The Tuscarawas Metropolitan Water and Sewer District will be holding a public informational meeting and Huff Run would like to help out anyway possible. After all, this will help elevate the septic problem in the stream. We would like to help out the residents by getting discount coupons from a local septic company. There was some opposition from the group. It will further be researched and discussed at the next meeting.

Dump Removal

This spring the Sandy Township Trustees will again be doing a clean sweep. We asked if they would help with removal of some open dumps in the watershed. We still need proper disposal. Will be calling Kimble's landfill.

Director's and Officer's Insurance

Carl Harsha gave an update on Director's and Officer's insurance. He will be in contact with Nancy Sommers from Crossroads RC&D to get a better quote. He will know more next month.

Ginseng Workshop

A Ginseng Growers workshop idea was presented to the group. The group thought we should give it a try.

Crossroads Meeting

Crossroads Annual Meeting will be February 10, 2006. The body agreed to send three members; Ed Taggart, Maureen Wise and Carl Harsha.

Correspondence

Crossroads Membership Due \$50.00

OSM January Newsletter was presented to the group.

Thank you letter was received from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the generous donation (\$65) to the Porter-To fund.

River Network would also like us to join their group for \$100.00. Already members through Rural Action.

Mike Steinmaus gave a report of all the great things happening in the Huff Run Watershed; we have a lot to be proud of. He and Maureen will be going to New Mexico this year for the U.S EPA Targeted Watershed Grant Conference.

Ed Taggart adjourned meeting at 6:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Ross and Terri Sponaugle-Schrock

February 2006 HRWRP meeting minutes

Attendance: Ed Taggart, Terri Sponaugle-Schrock, Maureen Wise, Carl Harsha, Phil and Judy Rufener, Linda Ross, John Slack, Merv and Marlene Burton, Glenn Beatty, Jim Gue, Mike Steinmaus, Ed Leszek

Ed Taggart called meeting to order at 5:30pm

Judy Rufener gave the treasurers report. Beginning balance: \$1,357.00. Debits and credits were; one new membership, Paid Crossroads membership \$50.00 and Charles Knaack donated \$50.00. Ending balance of \$1,369.50 Phil made a motion to accept and Merv seconded. Carried.

Minutes were reviewed by everyone. Judy motioned to approve them. Jim Gue seconded. Carl Harsha opposed.

Old Business

Environmental Explorers Club/ VISTA update was given by Terri. She asked for volunteers to participate in grand opening activities at the new library. March 15th was set for the Carroll County meeting, also asked for members to be present. Meeting will be at the Carroll County Library.

Septic System upgrades coupons. Maureen described the sewer upgrades that will take place in the village. She had contacted septic companies to see if they would give discounts to those getting included in the sewer line to pump their septic tanks. Very few companies agreed with the best deal being \$145 for the service. HRWRP members did not think it was necessary include ourselves in this way. Also, the Tuscarawas Metropolitan Sewer District will be holding a public information meeting March 7th at the Mineral City Fire Station and Maureen thought that Huff Run should help out in anyway possible. There was a lot of disapproval among the group, and in the end they decided that Maureen should attend the meeting, but just as a citizen to find out information and not represent the HRWRP.

Dump Removal. Maureen announced that the Sandy Township Trustees will be doing a clean sweep again in April. They will also assist with open dump removal and transportation to landfills and scrap metal yards, but we have not been able to find discounts from landfills or solid waste districts for end disposal. Estimated 1,000 tons of waste in two dumps in Sandy Township on Huff Run Road.

Directors and officers insurance update. Carl Harsha received 2-3 quotes and the cheapest and most reputable company was \$1150.00/year. Carl stated since we are a nonprofit organization that has never had insurance before, no one wants to take a chance insuring us. He is leaving it up to the group to make the decision. The paperwork is coming and only covers the executive board.

Carl also stated, as of March 1, 2006 he would be resigning as vice-president. Ed requested his resignation in writing.

Carl also made a suggestion to change the by-laws back to the way they were where board members would not have consecutive terms. Tabled until next meeting. Also at the next meeting will take nominations for Carl's position and if no one wants it Ed will have to appoint someone.

New Business

Jim gave a project update. The HRWRP has been 10 years in the making and we have accomplished a lot and things are working out very well. Jim asked Carl to reconsider his resignation. Just finished the seventh project-Lyons. Lyons is finished and we need to do a dedication. Thomas project is moving along well and plans and specs should be finished by the middle of March. Mineral-Zoar ready to go. Need to pay CSX \$4,000 for right of entry to be bid out by March. Fern Hill Pit - having engineer to look at site to start design. Will be having a TAC meeting March 6 at 9:00 am, Ed and Carl will attend. Marmo coming to demonstrate his "Jammer" aeration system at the Farr site. Experimental treatment program and if needed will have to apply for grant. If we get the ODOT grant could start looking into wetlands behind Ed's house in the spring. It is going to be a busy summer.

Watchdog Program. Terri created a watershed watchdog program with contact information to distribute to area watershed residents. The residents will be able to contact specific agencies about environmental problems they see. Created to empower the residents of the watershed. The group looked over the handouts and was happy with what was presented. A few suggestions were given.

Tables and chairs for the office. Ed researched prices for tables and chairs for the new office. John Slack mentioned that the township might have extra monies to give for tables and chairs. Members will keep an eye out for tables and chair.

Awareness Day and Fun Day. Terri gave an update on the Awareness Day. She updated the packet and passed it around for members to review. May 4th Bell-Herron middle school will be coming with approximately 200 students. Linda Yeager, J.P Leiser, Kelly Capuzzi, Jim and Cheryl have signed up to help out that day. Need volunteers to help with buses. Have funds to pay schools for bussing. Terri attended the Party in the Park meeting, it will be August 20 and the 5K run will be at 5:00 pm. There will be a car show and bands, we will do an educational display and maybe a raffle.

Update dues. Maureen asked if we would want to change fiscal year dues to \$10.00 per person for individual memberships as discussed at a previous meeting. We should also have corporate and non profit memberships. Maureen said crossroads membership is \$50.00 for nonprofits. Carl suggested the dues be \$15.00 for family membership and that executive board members should not have to pay dues. Will discuss at next meeting. Maureen will bring possible member denominations to the next meeting in writing for review.

Correspondence. Huff Run had an article in the Rivers Quarterly newsletter. Lake Management Society meeting registration \$45.00
Environmental Council Workshop Feb. 25. No one wanted to attend.
Mike Steinmaus gave an update on his and Maureen's trip to the Targeted Watershed Grant Workshop in New Mexico. Called for historical mining photos. TAC meeting Feb. 28 will be going to Belden Site with ATC engineers to do a site assessment. Carl said to be sure to inform Mr. James of what is going on.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Linda Ross, typed by Terri Sponaugle-Schrock

Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership, Inc Meeting March 21, 2006

Attendance: Carl Harsha, Ed Taggart, Bo Hysong, Phil and Judy Rufener, Marlene and Merv Burton, Mike Steinmaus, John Slack, Terri Sponaugle-Schrock, Maureen Wise, Cheryl Socotch

5:32pm: Ed Taggart, Pres. Brought meeting to order

Treasures Report: Beginning balance \$1369.50
Deposits: \$370.00
Expenditures: \$114.95 for chairs
Ending Balance: \$1644.53

Motion to accept treasures report was made by Bo H. and Merv 2nd the motion

Motion to accept February minutes made by Merv B., Phil 2nd

Old Business

Tables: Ed thanked John Slack for asking the Sandyville Women's Club to donate three tables to our organization. Plan to attend meeting the 2nd Monday of the month to thank them personally.

Ed announced Chairs were bought from staples for \$114.95

Asked the group if the leftover money could be used to purchased heavy-duty shelving for the storage room.

Phil motioned we use the money to buy the shelves, Bo seconded the motion, carried. Ed will pick up the shelves

Membership Dues: Maureen passed out membership dues handout. Asked group if they would like to make a decision on increasing membership dues and adding business and nonprofit categories. The question was asked how many current members we have-33

Phil made the suggestion keeping increase at \$5, not doubled
Group suggested that executive directors should not have to pay dues.

John asked if we need the money for directors and officers insurance we should increase memberships. If we do not need the money we should not raise the membership. He also suggested that we hit businesses hard, because it is a tax-deductible donation for them.

A lot of other suggestions were given at this time

John made the motion to keep individual and family memberships the same and add business and nonprofit categories. Cheryl seconded the motion.

Will vote next month on setting business and nonprofit rates

Awareness Day: Terri informed the group that we had an overwhelming response to the Awareness Day, 330 students. So to make it a better learning experience she added a second day May 11 in addition to the May 4th date. Passed around volunteer sign up sheet.

A suggestion was made to add rules to the Awareness Day and pass out to teachers before the event.

Environmental Explorers Club and Library Grand Opening Event: Terri informed the group that the library personnel asked if the Huff Run group and the Environmental Explorers Club would like to be involved in the Family Fun Day on April 8 with is part of their grand opening week long celebration. Passed around volunteer sign up sheet for the day. The Explorers Club had a lesson on recycling from Terri Rice, the education specialist for the Tuscarawas Recycling and Litter Prevention Office. We also did recycled art. The group grew from 8 to 12 students.

Merv asked about liability for the Explorers. Covered by Rural Action.

Carl suggested making the explorers honorary members of the Huff Run Group. Thought that was a good idea and will think of something to do.

Carroll County Meeting: Terri informed the group that the meeting held at the Carroll County District Library on March 15 had 2 people in attendance. We may look to have another meeting in the Rose Township meeting hall.

Septic upgrade Meeting: Maureen attended the Public meeting held March 16 in the Mineral City Fire Station. She said it went very well and the people did not seem angry about the update.

The group suggested waiting until closer to the time of the upgrade to give public a list of companies and prices for pumping old septic tanks.

Dump Removal: Maureen received information on a US EPA Grant for dump removal. Will wait until next year to apply, due date is very soon. The solid waste district has a grant to help out with dump removal, will start on that next week.

Ed suggested Maureen give an update on the meetings she has had with County Commissioners lately. She has been working to obtain local endorsement of our Watershed Management Plan.

Directors and Officers Insurance: Carl gave Ed the best quote he has received for D&O insurance. Carl said he would no longer be a part of the process. But he did advise the board to go over the policy and shop around if possible. He also found a nonprofit group in Columbus with a minimum membership of \$50.00 that may help us find a good company. Will look into it further. We asked if we should continue to be incorporated. Group responded yes, because that enables any contribution made to the group to be tax-deductible.

Carl also asked why we have a board of directors if they do not make any decisions.

Maureen will contact other watershed groups about insurance.

Directors and officers insurance decision was tabled until next meeting.

New Business

Project Updates: Cheryl

Belden is being designed by ATC.

Harsha North is ready to go to bid.

Mineral-Zoar RD and Thomas Projects are ready to go to bid also.

Harsha North ACSI Grant was verbally accepted, yet to get official notice.

ODOT Grant: An email was received suggesting it may be a while before we know if it is accepted or not.

Two 319 grants will be funded for Acid Mine Drainage watersheds

Carl made the motion to resubmit the old 319 grant; Judy seconded the motion, carried

Correspondence: Ed read Carl's resignation as vice president letter. A new VP will be appointed at the next meeting.

Maureen showed Carl and the group the plaque that was made to give to Marlene. Carl was touched and gave a short speech.

Ed adjourned the meeting at 7:35

Submitted by Terri Sponaugle-Schrock

Carl Harsha, Mike Steinmaus, Bo Hysong, Phil and Judy Rufener, Ed Taggart, Linda Ross, Maureen Wise, Terri Sponaule-Schrock, Glenn Beatty, Jimmy Toms, Walt Petrine, John Slack

5:35pm Ed Taggart, President brought the meeting to order

Judy gave the Treasures report

Beginning balance \$1644.63

Deposits \$817 (NFWF deposit for salary, donations for office furniture, other donations)

Expenditures: Shelving \$89.94

Payment for salary to RA: \$522

Ending Balance: 1849.59

Motion to accept the treasures report was made P. Rufener and and B. Hysong seconded the motion.

A motion to accept the March minutes was made J. Rufener and seconded by J. Toms.

President, Ed Taggart appointed Bo Hysong as vice-president. Bo will finish out the term vacated by Carl Harsha.

Short video was presented on Storm water runoff from OEPA.

Old Business

Dump Removal: The HRWRP was approved for a \$4,250 grant from the Stark-Tusc-Wayne Solid Waste District. The grant will be used to clean up dumps on Huff Run Rd and some others in the Tusc portion of the watershed. The Sandy TWP Trustees will assist with the removal.

Dues: The HRWRP discussed increasing family and individual memberships and adding business and nonprofit memberships at the March meeting. HRWRP members decided to keep individual and family memberships the same and add nonprofit memberships at \$25.00/year and businesses \$50.00 and up/year. B. Hysong motioned to accept and Phil seconded the motion. A show of hands was used to accept the motion.

Watchdog Program: Corrections were made to the Watchdog Program list from the last meeting it was presented at. Passed around the corrected list and a letter that will be mailed to the watershed citizens including Mineral City, Magnolia and Waynesburg. M. Steinmaus recommended we use Rural Actions Bulk mailing service to save on the cost of postage. The program will start when the USEPA grant is approved and monies can be used.

Directors and Officers Insurance: In March, Ed sent out papers asking for quotes for D&O insurance. Maureen also sent out a mass email to watershed groups

throughout Ohio. River Network had a newsletter all about D&O insurance. Quotes were received and many were below or at the \$1,200.00 range as quoted previously. Bo suggested that if we are following the by-laws we should not need the insurance. Ed also suggested that the by-laws might need updated. Carl stated as long as the group makes the decisions and not a board we should not need the insurance and he now feels the whole body can be sued. We ventured off subject and discussed term limitations and changing the by-laws. Carl suggested a motion be made that all HRWRP members have a copy of the by-laws and to change the by-laws to limit consecutive terms.

New Business

Project Updates: ODNR was not present, therefore Maureen gave the update. Harsha North pre-bid meeting was held the week before and the bid packets should be turned into ODNR within the week. Mineral-Zoar Project will also be done soon. A discussion also ensued about the price increase for right-of-entry from CSX railroad. HRWRP would like the Mineral City Village Council to send letter to CSX about the work HRWRP is doing to clean up the area. Phil and Bo would contact Jim Gue about the issue.

Litter Pick –Up : The HRWRP and the Sandy Township Trustees will work together to pick up litter Saturday April 29 from 9-12. Tusc County Recycling and Litter Prevention will help out with door prizes. Terri will contact the local boy scout and girl scout troops.

VISTA Update: Terri gave an update about what she has been doing the passed month including the Environmental Explorers Club and the Earth Day Activities, school presentations, boy scout and girl scout presentations, the library grand opening. Also received a thank you note from Beth Nill, Library director for participating in the grand opening events.

New VISTA: Terri will be leaving in July and a new VISTA needs to be hired. Maureen asked the HRWRP if they wanted to pay to advertise in the three local newspapers for one weekend. Phil made a motion to pay for the ad and Bo seconded the motion. Carried. M. Steinmaus suggested doing an article in the newspaper.

Summer Events: Maureen announced that Fun Day, which will be done in conjunction with the Village Party in the Park on August 20 from 1-8pm. Will do the 5K at 5:00pm. Will begin looking for sponsors for the race. Will also to a photo contest as usual. Discussed to a historical photo contest but members decided just to do regular photo contest.

Correspondence: Ed brought an article in which was done on AMD and Monday Creek where Mike works. Also had donations from various donors in memory of Marlene Harsha. Ed gave his condolences to Carl Harsha and Phil (sister

passed away). Also signed a card for Nancy Summers, Crossroads RC&D who took a new job closer to home.

7:15 Ed adjourn meeting

Respectfully submitted by Linda Ross and Terri Sponaugle-Schrock

HRWRP Inc. Meeting May 16, 2006

Held at the Huff Run office.

In attendance: Bo Hysong, John Slack, Ed Taggart, Cheryl Socotch, Jim Gue, Carl Harsha, Merv Burton, Judy Rufener, Maureen Wise, Linda Ross, Terri Sponaugle-Schrock, Phil Rufener, Glenn Beatty

5:33pm Ed Taggart, pres. Brought the meeting to order

Judy Rufener gave the treasurers report with a beginning balance of \$1849.59. Expenditures include: Times Reporter: \$49.50, Canton Repository: \$53.92, and Carrollton Free Press Standard: \$28.68. We had a donation of \$30 in Memory of Marlene Harsha from the Wagner's and \$25 for a donation and membership from Belle Everett. Ending balance: \$1717.49. Motion to accept treasurer's report was made by Merv Burton and Bo Hysong seconded the motion.

A motion was made by C. Socotch to accept last meetings minutes, B. Hysong seconded the motion.

Old Business

Events: Sandy Township Clean Sweep; 10 Huff Run members helped pick up 40+ bags of trash. Some of the unique items pick up include: an old T.V and toilet

River Rally: B. Hysong spoke about the River Rally he and Maureen attended in New Hampshire. He learned a lot by attending.

New business

Project Update was given by Jim Gue and Cheryl Socotch

All the paperwork for Lyons is completed. The grass is coming in nicely. Pheasant grasses were also planted on Nedrow's property. Would like to plant the pheasant grass on other project areas and also thought about applying for a pheasant release to promote the habitat. Hardwoods and pines have also been planted on the Lyons site. John Slack would like to take photos and possibly aerial photos

Harsha North has been bid out and construction will begin sometime in June. Tuscon from New Philadelphia won the bid. They also built Farr, Linden and the Acid Pit project.

Mineral-Zoar RD Project: CSX finally has an agreement on the way to be signed. The project should be out to bid in June and construction late summer.

Thomas will be advertised soon to go out to bid. ODNR is still reviewing the design and costs. Plans are to start in August and finish in November.

The US EPA grant contract was finally signed allowing ODNR to start plans on Belden with ATC.

Future reclamation projects based on acids and metals are HR-22 and HR-36. Need to design projects and get costs down on paper for upcoming grants and possible Muskingum Watershed Assessment monies.

VISTA Update given by Terri Sponaugle-Schrock

Held an Awareness Day May 4th for 210 Bell-Herron Middle School students. The next Awareness Day will be May 22 for T.V Middle School due to rain. We also hosted the Sandy Valley High School Ecology class April 29 for a mini-tour of the Huff Run. Terri also did more classroom presentations on Huff Run. Will also be going back to Bell-Herron to help with their dissection and presenting a video on the Awareness Day.

The Environmental Explorers Club will be planting wildflower garden and learning about wetlands.

Ginseng Workshop will be held July 15 at the Norma Johnson Property in Dover.

New VISTA Hired: Maureen said Terri will be leaving in July. Maureen, Terri, Ed, and Bo interviewed three very worthy candidates and picked Michelle Shively. She will be moving here from Athens. Carl donated \$500.00 to Michelle for housing to start July 20th. She has worked at ILGARD on AMDAT plans and has experience in education.

Officer Nominations

The treasure and vice-president terms are up this year.

Merv Burton nominated B. Hysong as vice-president, accepted

Merv also nominated J. Rufener as treasurer, accepted

Voting for the positions will be next meeting

By-Laws: A by-laws committee was appointed by Ed Taggart to review and/or propose changes to the current by-laws. The committee includes; Merv, Ed, and John Slack. Will meet sometime before next meeting. Members are encouraged to submit any changed they would like to see to the committee.

Correspondence: Thank you letter from Sandy Township Trustees for helping with Clean Sweep. The following Friday Ed and Maureen are presenting at the Crossroads RC and D board meeting and luncheon.

Additional Discussion

Maureen and Terri will also be hosting Yellow Creek members Friday May 26th. Invited HRWRP members.

Maureen told the group that the HRWRP will be 10 years old this August and she is planning to have quotes, pictures etc in the newsletter as a celebration/

remembrance. Members are asked to submit quote and pictures to her within the next few weeks.

Carl asked about any upcoming grants. Maureen said she had not received anything. Will contact ODOT about proposal. EPA 319 grant was rejected because of lack of information and new guidelines. Funding is getting less and less and harder to obtain.

Ed Taggart adjourned meeting at 7:07pm.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Ross and Terri Sponaugle-Schrock.

Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership, Inc. Meeting 6-20-2006

Terri Sponaugle-Schrock, Bo Hysong, Ed Taggart, Jim Toms, Carl Harsha, Merv Burton, Jim Gue, Phil Rufener, Judy Rufener, Mike Steinmaus, Cheryl Socotch, John Slack

Meeting was called to order at 5:36pm by President Ed Taggart

Judy Rufener gave the treasurers report:

Beginning balance was \$1717.49

Deposits: \$705.00

There were no expenses this month

Ending Balance: \$2422.49

Merv Burton made the motion to accept the treasurer's report; the motion was seconded by Jim Toms. Motion carried.

Phil Rufener made the motion to accept last months' minutes in the absence of Linda Ross, Secretary. The motion was seconded by M. Burton. The motion was carried.

E. Taggart asked if there were any more nominations for the Vice President's and treasurer's positions. No other nominations were brought forward. Bo Hysong was elected Vice President and J. Rufener was elected treasurer.

Terri showed the Awareness Day video that she produced from the pictures taken at the Awareness Day.

Old Business

Bylaws The bylaws committee, consisting of M. Burton, E. Taggart, and John slack, met Tuesday afternoon to discuss amending the HRWRP bylaws.

The amendments were discussed at the meeting. Discussion ensued over the phrase "in good standings." After much debate the phrase was replaced

with the word "with." All other amendments were approved and other suggestions were called for. No other suggestions were brought forward.

Will vote on amendments next meeting.

New Business

Project update was given by Jim Gue

Discussed the River Otter and Northern Pike sightings.

A question was raised about what is being done about the Farr Site. ODNR will contact Brent Means at OSM to get recommendations for the site.

The Lyons Site paperwork is completed and J. Gue visited the site that day. A lot of the pines are dead, but the hardwoods seem to be doing well. There is some concern about the pheasant grass that was planted. J. Gue thinks the seed may have washed away with the heavy rains. Terri will ask Maureen to look at the contract to see if there is some type of guarantee that the seed will grow.

Harsha North started Friday June 16th.

Thomas Project is ready to go out to bid this week or next.

Mineral-Zoar RD Project is going well. CSX Railroad signed the Right-of-Entry of a fee of \$4000 plus \$750 engineering fee.

Terri is to ask Maureen about a 319 grant extension of the Harsha North and Thomas Projects

BIMCO Mining

Cheryl Socotch gave an update on proposed mining adjacent to Harsha North and encompassing the Belden Project area. BIMCO has hired a consultant to do 12 consecutive months of water sampling. A concern about the US EPA Targeted Watershed Grant money that is to be used to do the Belden Project was raised. Belden is to be under construction in 2007. More information is needed.

MWCD meeting and information

Terri passed out information pertaining to the MWCD assessment and asked the group if they would like to have MWCD representatives speak at one of meetings. The meeting will just be for HRWRP and will not be publicly advertised.

Carl Harsha made a motion to have MWCD come speak at one of our meetings, B. Hysong seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting will be scheduled for the fall.

VISTA Update

Terri gave her final VISTA update. She talked about the Environmental Education Workshop she attended. She will be donating the books to the HRWRP. She also showed the group the one of the AMD tie-dyed T-shirts that the Explorers club made on Saturday.

Coordinator update

Maureen was absent from the meeting, so Terri gave her update. She directed the group to Maureen's printout. Terri handed out Huff Run photo contest flyers and 5K/fun walk registration forms. P. Rufener and C. Harsha had interest in donating to the 5K and wanted to know the minimum donation and deadline for donations. Terri will ask Maureen and make sure she gets back to the interested parties.

Dues need to be paid after the meeting.

August Meeting

E. Taggart asked for suggestions for the August meeting. It will be the HRWRP 10-year anniversary. Many suggestions were taken. A motion was made by C. Harsha to have a picnic at the Mineral City Park, B. Hysong seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Organizational Development

Terri asked the HRWRP if they would be interested in hearing about organizational development and fundraising at one of the upcoming meetings. The speaker would be Carol Kuhre, former director of Rural Action. Mike Steinmaus helped explain the purpose a little more. Southeastern watersheds and watersheds all over Ohio have been participating in a program, developed by ODNR, Rural Action and Ohio Environmental Council, which helps watershed groups develop their fundraising and asset building skills. The group agreed to have Carol as a special speaker at one of the upcoming meetings.

C. Harsha asked how the Ginseng workshop was coming along.

C. Harsha also brought up the River Rally. He said he felt discriminated against, because no one told him about it. Requested he be told about these sorts of things.

Correspondence

E. Taggart read correspondence, a certificate from Crossroads RC&D stating we are members of their organization.

M. Steinmaus also stated this would be Terri's last meeting and she deserves a round of applause for all the work she has done this past year as Huff Run VISTA. A goodbye lunch will be planned during Terri's last week.

E. Taggart adjourned the meeting at 7:16pm

Several members paid dues for 2006-2007

Ed Taggart \$5.00

Phil and Judy Rufener \$10.00

Jim Toms \$5.00

Carl Harsha \$5.00

Merv and Marlene Burton \$10.00

Jim Gue \$5.00

Respectfully submitted by Terri Sponaugle-Schrock

HRWRP July 18, 2006 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Jesse Beauchamp, Bo Hysong, Jim Toms, Ed Taggart, John Slack, Mike Steinmaus, Maureen Wise, Merv Burton, Carl Harsha

E. Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

E. Taggart asked to approve the past month's meeting minutes in L. Ross' absence. J. Toms made the motion. M. Burton seconded. Passed.

M. Wise gave the treasurer's report in J. Rufener's absence:

June 20, 2006 balance: \$2,422.49

5K donations + \$ 175.00

memberships + \$ 45.00

5K donations + \$ 75.00

ink recycling +\$ 16.05

reimburse petty cash -\$ 37.49

Balance July 18, 2006: **\$2,696.05**

B. Hysong made motion to approve. M. Burton seconded. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws – E. Taggart told the group that after more research, he has decided that the last section to be added to the bylaws is not the route we'd like to go.

"Indemnification of officers, volunteers etc" means that we will take responsibility for legal costs if necessary. We need a clause saying that the individual members, volunteers, officers etc are responsible for themselves. All agreed. B. Hysong said that he would ask a lawyer friend of his what the clause should include. M. Wise is to check with River Network – the group that told us to include this indemnification clause – why they use it as well as contact ODNR to ask if their lawyers could give an opinion as well. This led to a discussion of D&O insurance and liability. C. Harsha stated that liability is such a gray area – RA's insurance will cover us on most things but not all. We cannot afford D&O insurance.

Fun Day/5K – M. Wise told the group what is planned to date for the Fun Day/ Party in the Park: helium balloons, worm alley, displays, crafts, watershed related play/ skit, enviroscape, Turtle Spring Farm animals, popcorn machine. She asked group members to sign up to volunteer for the tent and to help with the 5K. All donations are in. The group suggested that we make a large display/ make it

known that it is our 10 year anniversary. This transitioned into the next agenda item...

August Meeting – M. Wise said that she is planning the picnic type celebration after the August HRWRP meeting at 6:00. All HRWRP members will be invited. She asked members present to sign up to bring food to the picnic. C. Harsha said that the group could pay for hotdogs and hamburgers. M. Wise said that she was hoping for a larger event with dinner, displays, power point presentations, awards etc. The group agreed that we should hold such an event but it would wait until September or October to do it right. People who attend would have to pay a cover cost for dinner.

NEW BUSINESS

Project Update – M. Wise gave an update on AMD projects in the absence of ODNR personnel:

Thomas will be bid out the week of August 9 and we are still expecting a fall construction start date.

Mineral Zoar should be bid very soon still.

Fern Hill has a new engineer working on the design. A grant extension will be requested to add another year to the timeframe.

Harsha North is under construction. M. Wise stated that she had not been to the site and so could only relay information she was given: half the lower gob pile has been graded, half the clearing and grubbing has been completed, the project limits and grades have been staked, utility companies have been out to the site to evaluate line relocation. C. Harsha stated that this was all correct. Also, new engineers have been assigned to this project as well.

VISTA update – M. Wise reported that Terri Sponaugle- Schrock has completed her term. Her departing party went well. The Ginseng workshop she organized had 18 people in attendance with a profit of \$60. Terri asked Maureen to tell a story about a child recognizing Terri on vacation as a Huff Run staffer. Michelle Shivley will start July 27.

Membership Drive – M. Wise reported that two businesses have responded to the membership drive. Also, as of that day, 21 members had renewed.

Correspondence – E. Taggart shared a survey from Crossroads RC&D for members to fill out, passed around the latest OSM newsletter and reported that the ODNR ARC will be Dec 5, 6 this year.

It was discussed to obtain a flag for the office and say the Pledge of Allegiance as meetings start.

A conversation about maintenance of AMD restoration project took place. The Huff Run ALM project behind M. Burton's house has a new landowner who is mowing down all the trees that ODNR planted. B. Hysong will find the

landowners' names. Perhaps Jim Gue could talk to the new landowners about the value and importance of the trees. M. Steinmaus stated that we should talk to State Reps about the situation and urge them to give more funds to ODNR for maintenance of projects.

E. Taggart adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm

Respectfully submitted by Maureen E. Wise.

**HRWRP meeting
August 15, 2006, Mineral City Park**

In attendance: Cheryl Socotch, Jim Gue, Bo Hysong, John Slack, Marlene and Merv Burton, Jeremy Broadwater, Michelle Shively, Ed Taggart, Judy and Phil Rufener, Carl Harsha, Tom Kolp, Brian and Michelle Plauger, Terry Nill, Gary Alkire, Maureen Wise

Ed Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.

Judy Rufener gave her treasurer's report:

Beginning balance of \$2,654.04

NFWF grant deposit +\$9,308.00

Memberships/5K deposit +\$125.00

Memberships/5K deposit +\$195.00

AW Mayfield (NFWF planting) -\$1,600.00

ODNR (NFWF trees) -\$7,328.00

Replenish Petty cash -\$47.22 (Fun Day/ 10 year celebration supplies)

Stark Parks (Play deposit) -/+ \$50.00

Carl Harsha -\$500.00

Ending balance \$2,756.82

Bo Hysong made a motion to accept the report. Merv Burton seconded.

Accepted.

Ed Taggart asked if members had read last month's minutes. Jim Gue made a motion to accept them. Judy Rufener seconded. Accepted.

Ed Taggart introduced Michelle Shively, the new Huff Run VISTA. Everyone introduced themselves and Michelle said a few things about herself.

Old Business

Huff Run Fun Day/ 5K: Maureen Wise and Michelle Shively explained what was planned for the Fun Day: AMD tie-dyeing with the Monday Creek VISTA, worm alley from CSWCD, popcorn, Mount Union's rain gutter races, Turtle Spring Farm animals, the EnviroScape, balloons, a play from Stark Parks, the 5K and a craft table for kids. Michelle explained that we will have tree vests again and litter bugs

– bugs that the kids make from trash. She asked people to “donate” egg crates. Maureen talked further about the 5K and sent around a volunteer sheet. Also, since the Fun Day was on a Sunday, the tent probably shouldn't be set up on Friday as usual. Would people be willing to set it up on Saturday without Maureen or Michelle? It was agreed to set up the tent at 1:00pm on Saturday. Maureen would email the group about volunteering at the Fun Day and invite a few others to help with the tent.

September Celebration: Maureen told the group of some ideas she was thinking of having at the banquet for the larger partners' celebration for our 10 year anniversary: awards, a short speaker, a power point cycling through dinner with only pictures, and something to give to each guest. She also said that she had called around to many area restaurants, hotels, catering places to obtain quotes for the dinner. The lowest price was Atwood's lodge at about \$12 per person. She listed others that were pricier. Carl motioned to have the banquet at Atwood. Phil seconded the motion. A vote was taken and it was unanimous. Michelle said that she had been looking around for items to give away and had found very cheap things like key chains, post cards, pens but also found a tote bag for \$1.32 Each. Other more expensive items included mugs, bags, nicer keychains and notepads. All agreed that the tote bag sounded like the best option. Carl asked to put our mission statement on the bag in addition to the logo. All agreed. Carl motioned that each guest should pay \$15 for the banquet. Bo seconded. A vote was taken and it was unanimous. A date for the event was discussed and agreed upon pending Atwood's availability. Carl also asked for a complete list of funding to be supplied with literature at the meeting.

Old Business

Project Update: Jim Gue asked that Carl speak about *Harsha North*. Carl stated that the open limestone channels look wonderful and that the construction is ahead of schedule. He said it will be a “showcase” when it is done. Jim stated that it is about 60% complete and he was anticipating a mid September completion date. Cheryl said that the water is already better than we predicted it would be even when the project is done! The pH is up from a 3.5 to about a 7.0 or 6.5. Cheryl says it may not remain stable at that point.

Jim explained that *Lyons* is doing well. Pheasant Forever grasses aren't so great but the project is working ok.

Thomas will bid soon.

Mineral Zoar also will bid soon. The new ODNR engineer, Hank Blummer, is finalizing costs and should be done soon.

ATC will be out to see *Belden* within the next month and will start on the design.

Ed Taggart explained some correspondence from CWCD about their annual dinner. Carl asked that we see if they would like to induct Marlene Harsha in their Conservation Hall of Fame next year. Jim Gue made the motion. Phil seconded. A vote was taken and it was unanimous.

At this point, Maureen presented a gavel to Ed Taggart to thank him for being President at this milestone for the HRWRP. The engraving read "Ed Taggart, HRWRP President/ Presented in 2006/ Eight Years in Office."

Ed Taggart adjourned the meeting at 6:30.

A picnic pot luck was held after the meeting to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the HRWRP. It concluded at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by Maureen Wise.

**Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership, Inc.
September 19, 2006 – 5:30pm
Huff Run Office**

In attendance: Maureen Wise, Michelle Shively, Bo Hysong, John Slack, Merv Burton, Gary Alkire, Jim Toms, Carl Harsha, Mike Steinmaus, Carol Kuhre, Ed Taggart, Jeremy Broadwater.

Ed Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

Ed Taggart read the treasurer's report in the absence of Judy Rufener.

Beginning balance of \$2756.82

Receipts – 8/23 \$424.70

 8/28 \$10.00

 9/12 \$10.00

Stark Parks Check #598 \$50.00

\$3251.52

Expenses – Atwood \$150.00 (Deposit for 10 year banquet)

 Michelle \$15.95 (10 year celebration)

 Maureen \$99.58 (10 year celebration)

 Trevor Klar \$207.50 (5K Tshirts)

Ending balance \$2778.49

Carl Harsha made a motion to accept the report. Merv Burton seconded.

Accepted.

Ed Taggart asked if members had read last month's minutes. Jim Toms made a motion to accept them. Bo Hysong seconded. Accepted.

Old Business

Fun Day/ 5K follow up: Michelle Shively shared that 32 runners participated in the 5K and HRWRP made \$320 from the race. Popcorn sales totaled \$25.50.

Eleven new memberships resulted from the Fun Day and about fifty kids made tshirts tie-dyed in acid mine drainage. She felt like even more came through the Huff Run tent and participated in other crafts and activities. She shared that there are a few Huff Run 5K tshirts left and members can purchase them for \$5.00. Michelle then asked if there were any suggestions or comments concerning the Fun Day. Mike Steinmaus suggested that the Huff Run displays be made more visible by arranging the tent differently. Bo Hysong suggested that more variety in food choices. Merv Burton complimented the ball team on keeping the food coming all day and the prices reasonable. Carl Harsha pointed out that it was an excellent joint effort between the city and HRWRP and that we should thank Mineral City for inviting us to be a part of the Party in the Park festivities. The group estimated that there was probably a crowd of about 1000 people throughout the day.

10 Year Banquet: Maureen Wise told the group that unfortunately none of the days selected for the banquet at the previous month's meeting were available when she called Atwood Lodge. The banquet is now scheduled for October 25 at 6 pm. Maureen gave a little more information about the evening and what is planned: dinner, power point presentation, speakers and awards. Several people will be asked to prepare a short talk for the program and then the floor will be opened up to anyone who would like to share their Huff Run experience. Maureen gave the group several options for meat prices. The dinner will be a wok stir fry with choice of meat and vegetables served over rice. The group decided to have a choice of chicken, beef and shrimp at a cost of \$15.70 per person. Carl motioned for this and John Slack seconded. There was a lot of concern over the planned dinner stations as far as time and logistics. Maureen will look into getting a third chef and seeing what else Atwood can do to speed up the dinner progression. Another suggestion was that each meat choice could have its own station. The group then discussed the awards to be given out during the banquet. Carl suggested that we also ask someone from OSM and the EPA to speak, as a way to show our gratitude for the support they have given Huff Run.

ODOT project: Maureen shared with the group that the proposal with ODOT for the Brass Rd. Trine mitigation project was rejected because ODOT was able to find conservation easements much closer to the vicinity of their actual project and did not need to spend any more money on mitigation. However, there may be another chance to apply for funds as another ODOT project is coming up in the Tusc.Watershed. The Thomas project, which may be taken out of the 319 grant due to financial reasons, may be an ideal project for this type of proposal because the design is done and the project is ready to go. However, Maureen reminded the group that it took nearly ten months to hear back from ODOT and wondered if the project should be submitted to OSM instead. There was a short discussion about funding and how it is getting increasingly harder to find it. The group suggested that Maureen go ahead and submit a proposal for the ODOT funds and then continue to seek alternate funding from OSM or other sources.

New Business

Project Update: Maureen supplied the project update, as Cheryl Socotch and Jim Gue were both in Denver. Maureen reiterated the uncertainty over the Thomas project and stated that Mineral Zoar is slated to go to bid soon, although that has been the status for several months now. Carl Harsha gave an update on Harsha North which is currently under construction. Carl said that the project is 95% done and will finish on time. He mentioned that the Columbus Dispatch was out to do a special piece on the project and state funding that will be published after the election.

Asset Based Development: Carol Kuhre addressed the group about asset based development. Carol has been hired by Ohio EPA and ODNR as a fundraising and membership base consultant for watersheds in SE Ohio. Carol gave the group more background information concerning her grassroots approach to building support for our cause. She said that instead of focusing on what a community needs, it is better to focus on what is already there, the assets. She said that this is a very American thing, to look within our community and figure out how to fix our own problems, instead of outsiders coming in to fix us. She stressed that she would be a guide, helping us to reach the goals we set ourselves. This is a way of securing a stable funding base to ensure that the work we are doing now continues into the future, with or without state and federal funding. She then asked the group if they would be interested in working with her. Bo Hysong made the motion to at least go through the training with her and see what she has to say. Jeremy seconded.. The group seemed energized by Carol's proposal.

Further D&O advice: Following up on prior discussions about Directors and Officers Insurance, Maureen shared information she received from Susan Schwartz of the River Network. Ms. Schwartz supported putting the indemnifying statement in to protect the board, not the group. She said it is better for the group to go under than the members. She does not think we need D&O insurance and suggested we ask ODNR if it is possible for us to be attached as a rider to whatever coverage they have. After much discussion, Carl motioned to add the indemnification clause to the bylaws because it couldn't hurt anything. John seconded. The clause reads as such: "HRWRP shall indemnify its officers, directors, and volunteers to the fullest extent allowed by law." This revised bylaws will be brought back to the next meeting where members will sign a petition to change them. The changed bylaws will then be distributed to all the members and voted on at the November meeting.

Boy Scouts Fest: Maureen shared that Huff Run has been asked by the Boy Scouts to participate in their Fall Festival on October 21st. Neither Maureen nor Michelle is available on that date, but the group decided that they would man a table, if some sort of display could be prepared. Maureen and Michelle will create the display and recruit volunteers for the day.

Citizen Fall Tour: Maureen asked the group if they would be interested in having a Citizens' Tour of the watershed this fall. The tour would be held on a Saturday unlike past tours which have been on a weekday and have targeted state agency folks. November 4th was the final date chosen. The group then discussed

weather limitations and transportation needs. It was decided that the group would caravan to the sites, no bus was needed, and that the tour would be cancelled in the case of inclement weather.

New Shelving: Ed shared that the office storage room needs more shelving. Many supplies are currently being stored on the floor. A committee was formed and will work on getting materials and installing the shelves. Ed and Jeremy Broadwater will head up the committee.

For correspondence, Ed Taggart shared the September Office of Surface Mining newsletter with the group.

Ed Taggart adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Shively.

Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership, Inc.
October 17, 2006 – 5:30pm
Huff Run Office

In attendance: John Slack, Bo Hysong, Maureen Wise, Judy Rufener, Phil Rufener, Darrin Lauterschleger, Mark Jukich, Jim Gue, Michelle Shively, Mike Steinmaus, Carl Harsha, Cheryl Socotch, Dave Mathey, Glenn Beatty, Jeremy Broadwater

Bo Hysong called the meeting to order at 5:30pm in the absence of president Ed Taggart.

Judy Rufener read the treasurer's report.

Beginning balance (Sept 19) of \$2778.49

Receipts –	\$5	Ed's shirt	
	\$5	Kuhre	\$10.00
		Kolp	\$30.00
Expenses-		CD Tees	\$72.00
		Maureen	\$64.88

Ending balance (Oct 17) of \$2681.61

Bo shared that the lock on the front door of the office had broken earlier in the month and a locksmith was needed to fix the problem. Maureen had paid the bill of \$98.00. Phil Rufener made a motion to reimburse Maureen for the bill and John Slack seconded. Judy gave Maureen a check for the bill's amount.

John Slack motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Phil Rufener seconded. Accepted.

Bo Hysong asked if members had read last month's minutes. Mike Steinmaus made a motion to accept the minutes and Phil seconded. Accepted.

MWCD Presentation

Mark Jukich and Darrin Lauterschleger from the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District made a presentation about the ongoing assessment issue with the MWCD. An informative powerpoint was presented, along with plenty of time for questions. Mark and Darrin were able to dispel several myths about the assessment and clear up issues citizens had. They said they were pleased to speak to our group and would like to partner with us on projects in the future.

New Business

Project Update: Jim Gue and Cheryl Socotch gave a project update. The Harsha North project is 98% done. The water running off it is clear. So far, the water quality resulting from the project is much better than was even expected. The Mineral Zoar project will go to bid within a month. The Thomas project is up in the air, as there is no money left in the 319 grant it was included in. Carl Harsha requested that minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meetings be recorded and distributed to all Huff Run members.

Old Business

10 Year Banquet: Maureen updated the group on the plans for the 10 Year Banquet on October 25th. At this point, there were 35 people attending. She asked the group to RSVP if they were able to come. She also shared that there would not be a single speaker at the event and that everyone who attended would be invited to speak for five minutes or so about their experiences with Huff Run.

Citizens Fall Tour: Michelle Shively reminded the group that the fall tour is on Saturday, November 4th. Tour attendees will meet at the office at 3pm and will go to several projects depending on how much walking the group would like to do and the weather. Suggestions from the group were to invite elected officials and to distribute a press release to local papers.

New Business

Meeting with Carol Kuhre: Maureen reminded the group that we had decided to meet with Carol Kuhre and participate in her workshop on asset based development. Working with Carol should give us more capacity to build our membership and funding base. It was suggested that we meet with Carol at our next Huff Run meeting in November. We will have a short business meeting and then go on to the workshop. We will meet at the fire station if it is available so we will be able to accommodate more members.

New Pamphlets: Michelle presented a new brochure that she has been working on to the group. The brochure is an informational one about the HRWRP and the mission of cleaning up Huff Run. They are meant to replace very outdated

brochures that were printed several years ago and no longer have accurate contact information. The group seemed to like the design of the brochure, but requested that a copy be given to each member for review before the next meeting, where suggestions will be accepted for changes to the content.

Boy Scouts' Octoberfest: Last meeting, the group decided to have a table at the Boy Scouts Octoberfest at the Mineral City park. Ed Taggart volunteered to man the table. He is no longer available that day and neither are Michelle or Maureen. This matter was brought to the group and no one present was available that day for our table. Many were already involved in the festival in another way. It was decided that we would not have a table this time.

Shelves: Jeremy Broadwater and Ed have plans for the shelves and will build and install them later this week. Carl motioned that the money for the shelves be taken out of the treasury. Glenn Beatty seconded.

Bo Hysong adjourned the meeting at 7:20.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Shively.

**HRWRP meeting minutes
November 21, 2006**

In attendance: Jim Gue, Mike Steinmaus, John Slack, Walter Agnes, Bo Hysong, Maureen Wise, Sonny Halter, Jim Toms, Gary Niesel, Merv Burton, Jeremy Broadwater, Carl Harsha, Phil Rufener, Judy Rufener, Michelle Shively

Vice President Bo Hysong presided over the meeting in President Ed Taggart's absence. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Judy Rufener:

Balance October 17, 2006	\$2,681.61
Receipts	
Banquet	60.00
Banquet	410.00
Dues	10.00
Banquet	60.00
	125.00
Expenses	
Lock	-98.00
Shelving	-88.97
Banquet	-1,023.68
Balance November 20, 2006	\$2,135.96

Jeremy Broadwater motioned to accept. Carl Harsha seconded. Accepted

Bo Hysong asked if the Partnership read the minutes of the last meeting and if they would accept them. Jeremy Broadwater motioned to accept. Merv Burton seconded. A vote was taken. All ayes. Accepted.

New Business

Project Update - Jim Gue. The *Lyons Project* has a few maintenance items to be addressed before the end of the year. *Harsha North* is officially complete. We're seeing a great increase in water quality still: pH of 7.0 when we expected 5.5 and it used to be 3.5 before. Metals are also being removed. Iron previously was 20 mg/L and now is 2 mg/L. He stated that we should see a jump in stream wildlife next summer with such a change in water quality. Jim says this is our most successful project to date. Carl is concerned about the armoring on the limestone channels. Jim said that the steep channels will limit the armoring and it shouldn't be a problem. The *Mineral Zoar* project's engineering will be complete soon and the project will bid soon after. The design for *HR-42 (Fern Hill)* is moving along. We might use steel slag to fill in some of the ponds instead of draining them completely. The *Thomas Project's* design is complete. We should apply for a 319 in January and an OSM grant to go along with it. The *Belden Project* has been studied and is under design by ATC. With the use of slag instead of some ideas in the preliminary designs, the funds may be used more effectively and let us expand some of the reclamation areas. The design should be completed quickly and the project will be under construction in the summer – on schedule.

Old Business

New HRWRP Pamphlet – Michelle Shively. The new pamphlet was mailed or emailed to everyone in the group for review. They were asked to bring changes or additions to the meeting. A few were given. Jim Toms motioned to accept the pamphlet and have it printed. Phil Rufener seconded. A vote was taken. All ayes. Accepted.

Watch Dog Mailing – Michelle Shively. A copy of the list of issues and contacts was also distributed among the group and they were asked to bring ideas to the meeting. They thought that it should be more in a booklet form with a semi-hard cover that is colorful so people can easily find and use the booklet. Also, what will happen if the report is made on the holiday or a weekend? The Commissioners should be notified that we are putting this together – they might have something to add to the pamphlet. Michelle will ask the printer for a sample booklet and show it the group at the next meeting.

Open Dump Clean Up – Maureen Wise. Our grant from the Stark-Tusc-Wayne Solid Waste Dist has been used to clean up three dumps on Huff Run Road and three smaller dumps on oil well access roads. The largest dump on Huff Run Road was also excavated out to clear all of the trash away. Merv mentioned that the area was used as the city dump in the 1950s so it's doubtful we'll even find or clean up all the trash in that area. The Partnership's policy is that we will only clean up dumps above group, not those already buried.

Meeting with Carol Kuhre – Maureen Wise. The meeting with Carol will be held the following Thursday (November 30) at the Fire Station. Please attend and bring your family to discuss Carol's plan for asset based fundraising and increasing membership. It was discussed to buy two coffee pots (decaf and regular) for this meeting and our regular HRWRP meetings. Carl made a motion to buy the coffee pots. Jeremy seconded. Accepted. The HRWRP will also pay for desserts for the meeting with Carol.

Bylaws Change – Bo Hysong. The change to the bylaws that we've been talking about over the past summer was sent out to everyone in the group. A petition was signed to make the change. A vote needed to be taken to make the amendments official. Jim Toms motioned to make the changes. John Slack seconded. A vote was taken. All ayes. Accepted.

New Business

Office Lease – Bo Hysong. Our office lease is up in January. We have \$300/month to pay rent in the US EPA grant. Ed concluded that we should ask the Mineral City Council to change the agreement so they do get rent and we are no longer responsible for upkeep of the building. We will renew for one year and make sure a clause is included that the rent money will only be paid if we have a grant to cover it. Michelle will attend a Council meeting and bring the revised lease agreement to the next meeting.

December 19 meeting – Bo Hysong. Sometimes our December meeting is canceled but since we need to talk about the lease, we will still hold it.

Dominion Award – Maureen Wise. The Dominion Power Company gives out awards instead of grants in the form of unrestricted funds. Maureen is putting together an application for us. It's a small application – only three pages. We do not ask for funding or tell them what we would like to do with the award, only our good works. The award can range from \$5,000 to \$15,000.

Fish Kill – Maureen Wise. The Carroll SWCD notified the office that a fish kill took place on Nov. 15 in the headwaters of Huff Run. About 30 fish were involved. It may have been caused by a small oil spill or agricultural influences. Locals in the area noticed and called the authorities. ODNR/ Wildlife is working on the case. CSWCD will keep us informed. Maureen will report anything more at the next meeting.

Correspondence – Maureen Wise – Applied Research Conference. ODNR's ARC will be held Dec 6 & 7 this year. Ed, Michelle and Maureen will be attending with scholarships from ODNR. We will be receiving awards for our Lyons Project and our Awareness Day field trips.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm. Phil Rufner made the motion. Jeremy Broadwater seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Maureen Wise.

**Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership
December 19, 2006
Huff Run Office**

In Attendance: John Slack, Bo Hysong, Terry Nill, Jim Toms, Maureen Wise, Ed Taggart, Phil Rufener, Judy Rufener, Jeremy Broadwater, John Kerrik, Carl Harsha, Julie Beidle, Merv Burton, Ken Huff, Michelle Shively, Glenn Beatty, Mike Farber

Ed Taggart brought the meeting to order at 5:28 pm.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Rufener presented the treasurer's report.

Beginning Balance November 20, 2006 \$2135.96

Receipts +10.46 Staples reimbursement
+10.00 Bill Farber 2 yr. membership
+85.00 11/24 and 11/30
\$2241.42

Expenses -97.94 coffee and supplies reimbursed to Maureen
-163.00 Tote bags

Ending Balance December 19, 2006 \$1980.48

Phil Rufener motioned to accept the report. Carl Harsha seconded.

Ed Taggart requested that his hotel room bill for the trip to the Applied Research Conference be paid by the group. The bill came to \$85.56. Carl Harsha motioned

Maureen Wise shared the final expenses for the 10 Year Anniversary Banquet.

Expenses -163.00 Tote bags
-1173.68 Atwood
-30.00 Awards
Receipts +720.00 48 people at \$15.00

Out of pocket expense: \$626.68

Minutes: Ed Taggart asked if members had read the minutes. Jeremy Broadwater made the motion to accept the minutes. Bo Hysong seconded.

New Business: John Kerrik came to speak to the group on behalf of the Sandyville Eagles. He shared that the group has a significant amount of money

earned through their gambling that must be distributed to a non-profit organization with a 501c3. On profits up to \$75,000 the Eagles keep 75% and give 25% to non-profits. Once they make more than \$75,000 the Eagles can only keep 45%, give non-profits 50%, and put 5% into a fund to be distributed to other groups. The Eagles have many community organizations they would like to help out, but are unable to because of the 501c3 regulation. They would like to donate money to the HRWRP. They would then like for us to distribute money to other groups in the community who are unable to receive funds directly from the Eagles. The HRWRP would also be able to use and keep some of the donated funds for our own programs and use. John also shared that if we would ever need money for a community function, we could write a letter to the Eagles requesting a donation. The group was very excited by this possibility and grateful to John for offering such an opportunity to our group. Members were concerned about the legality of the HRWRP distributing funds to other organizations. Carl Harsha said he would check on the legal issues involved and get back to the group and to John.

Old Business:

Watchdog Pamphlet: Michelle Shively showed the group a sample proof of the Watchdog Directory printed by Bloom's. The group looked through the booklet and had a few suggestions they would like to see in the final copy. Michelle will be sure to add the Carroll County Homeland Security emergency number, and a note to call the sheriff on weekends or holidays when other offices are not available. Carl Harsha made a motion to go forward with the printing of the booklets and Glenn Beatty seconded.

Fish Kill Update: Maureen began by telling the group that the fish kill that occurred last month is still being investigated by Carroll Soil and Water and the ODA. One of the landowners involved came to share some information about the fish kill with HRWRP members. He brought in samples of the water from Huff Run back behind his home. Members were very upset that the water still looked bad. Members wanted to draft a letter to be sent to EPA, ODA, Carroll SWCD, the game warden, health department and the Division of Wildlife to express the group's frustrations on this issue and the lack of action. It was also suggested that a fish shocking study could be conducted to measure the loss of fish in the stream as compared to the study done earlier this year. The HRWRP members present felt that it was very important to stay updated on this matter and take more action if necessary.

Lease: Ed Taggart told the group that we had to renew our lease with the Mineral City Village Council for our office building. Michelle had gone to a Council meeting to ask for specific changes to the lease. Ed read the updated sections to the group. For the next year, the HRWRP will pay Mineral City \$300/month rent, coming out of the Targeted Watershed Grant. This rent amount will continue until the end of the grant and then will be reevaluated and returned to the present \$1/year rent if no more funds are available. Also, the village will take care of any maintenance needed to the inside or outside of the

building. Phil Rufener motioned that the lease be accepted and signed. Jeremy Broadwater seconded.

Asset Based Community Development (ABCD): Maureen began this discussion by reminding members why we are participating in this ABCD project. In the future, funding will be harder and harder to find. By completing this ABCD process, the HRWRP will connect with new people, have additional members, and make connections with new funders. ODNR sees that this is a valuable process for watershed groups to use, so they are paying Carol Kuhre to work with us. We did have a scheduled meeting for Carol's ABCD Workshop, but only two members attended. We went through a condensed version of that workshop at this meeting. Maureen presented more background on ABCD and Michelle shared some facts and figures about philanthropy in general. The entire group then participated in a brainstorming session where we identified local associations, businesses, institutions (govt., schools, churches), and physical assets. We then talked about assets of the HRWRP and of our individual members. We then reviewed a timeline Carol had prepared for us to gauge our progress.

Other new business:

Ken Huff invited the HRWRP to have a display at the Sandy Beaver Canal Society's Festival in August. Everyone agreed this would be a great opportunity.

Maureen showed the group the two new awards that were presented to the HRWRP at the Applied Research Conference in Athens a few weeks ago.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Shively.