

HRWRP Meeting Minutes 2007

January 16, 2007

HRWRP meeting

Held at the Huff Run Office

In attendance: Mike Steinmaus, Julie Beidle, Carl Harsha, Ed Taggart, Maureen Wise, Bo Hysong, Michelle Shively, Ken Huff, John Slack, Merv Burton, Jim Gue, Cheryl Socotch, Phil and Judy Rufener, Glenn Beatty, Will Handrich, Scott Levengood

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

Treasurer's Report: Judy Rufener gave the following treasurer's report:

Balance December 19, 2006: \$1,980.48

Receipts: NFWF grant +1,050.00

Memberships & donations +50.00

Expenses: reimburse Ed for ARC hotel stay -84.56

NFWF admin (coord. salary) funds to RA -1,050.00

January 19, 2007 balance: 1,945.92

Bo Hysong motioned to approve the report. Merv Burton seconded. All voted "aye." Passed.

Minutes Approval: After a short conversation about the minutes, John Slack motioned to approve them. Bo Hysong seconded. All voted "aye." Passed.

New Business

ECRR membership: Maureen Wise asked the HRWRP if they would be interested in becoming a nonprofit member of the Eastern Coal Regional Roundtable. Both she and Mike Steinmaus explained that the ECRR is an organization formed to help watershed groups with AMD problems in "coal country" (Ohio, PA, IN, AL, KY, TN, VA, WV, and MD). The staff sends out email announcements about grants, conferences, and news. It was founded in 2004 and also works on advocacy issues for the watershed groups. Carl Harsha motioned to become a member of the Roundtable. Phil Rufener seconded. All voted "aye." Passed.

AML reauthorization: Cheryl Socotch gave an update about the federal abandoned mineland program. Previously, the program accrued a few cents on each ton of coal mined in the USA. These funds are to be used to restore improper mining practices from before 1977. Previously, about 4 million dollars a year went into this fund for Ohio. The program, and collection of fees, expired almost three years ago and at least three or more separate attempts for reauthorization failed. Several emergency extensions of the bill were in place until December 9, 2006 when the 109th Congress passed the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006, which included reauthorization language for The

Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act Amendments of 2006. The President signed the bill on December 20. Modifications to the AML program included a different distribution of the funds, which include:

- Extends AML fee collection for an additional 15 years.
- Severance tax fees have been reduced to 31 cent/ton Underground and 13.5 cent/ton Surface. (Previously 35 cent/ton Underground and 15 cent/ton Surface)
- Phased increase of funds in Ohio allocation from \$4.9 million in 2007 to \$14.7 million in 2012
- Modifies AML allocation formula to direct more funds to areas with most problems, such as the Appalachian states where historical mining caused more of the problems.
- AML Funds distributed annually without further appropriations from the federal government.
- Acid Mine Drainage Set-aside allotment increased from 10% to 30% of grant.

Slide Show: Jim Gue presented a slide show of aerial photos that Bo Hysong and John Slack took of the Lyons project and the Harsha North project. Jim also included a few photos of the projects before construction.

Huff Run/ Rural Action MOU: Ed Taggart told the Partnership that our MOU with Rural Action expired at the end of December. He proposed regrouping the committee that had met previously about the MOU to go over it and discuss if any changes need to be made. Copies of the MOU were passed around. Carl Harsha, Bo Hysong and Ed Taggart were on the committee previously and agreed to meet. Carl Harsha asked that Rural Action supply financial reports about the grants they administer for the Partnership as Crossroads had previously.

Old Business

Fish Kill Update: Maureen Wise shared the letters received in response to the letter sent by the HRWRP about the fish kill. Letters were received from Carroll SWCD, Ohio EPA and ODNR/ Wildlife. Copies were passed out to everyone present. Maureen explained that she had called OEPA about conducting fish shocking in the fish kill vicinity to document the current fish population (or lack of it) but was told, as expected, that fish shocking can only be done in the spring or summer. She had also talked to Bob Mulligan from ODNR/ Division of Soil and Water about restoration work we can do to clean up the area that remains black even after the discharge has stopped. Bob said that letting nature take its course is the best way to go. He says that the spring rains will flush out the bad sediment and by summer the habitat should be repaired. It was proposed that Maureen and Michelle start conducting monthly sampling on one landowner's property where we have permission to access. Some field kits will have to be obtained to take measurements of agricultural related water problems. Our agriculture related restoration needs to be addressed further. Michelle will continue to send out pertinent information to all the farms in the watershed. The

staff will also search for grants to help farmers put best management practices in place.

Eagles Funding: At our December meeting, a representative from the Sandyville Eagles club asked the group if we would accept funds that they must legally give to 501C3 organizations because of the amount of money they make through gambling. He also asked if we could administer these funds for other local organizations that are not 501C3. Everyone agreed that we would gladly accept funds from the Eagles. Maureen did some research to see if we would be allowed to administer funds to other groups. She talked to two CPAs, Sandy Chenal from Crossroads RC&D, an IRS hotline, and Susan Swartz from River Network. Sandy and Susan had the same answer: if we start making grants to organizations that do not relate to our mission, that our activity would change and would have to change our IRS 501C3 status. We could give funds to groups planning on using the money for restoration work in Huff Run or other environmental endeavors but nothing else. She also found a similarly worded statement in the paperwork from the IRS from 1999 when we registered for the 501C3. Phil Rufener made a motion that the HRWRP apply to receive funds from the Eagles but not distribute the money to other groups. Glenn Beatty seconded. All voted "aye." Passed.

Correspondence: Ed Taggart shared some postal mail that the HRWRP has received in the past month: Crossroads RC&D dues invoice, OSM January newsletter featuring an article about our 10 year anniversary dinner and an invitation to the Tusc SWCD/ Norma Johnson Center annual meeting. Carl Harsha moved to pay Crossroads dues. Merv Burton seconded. All voted "aye." Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21.

Respectfully submitted by Maureen Wise, Huff Run Coordinator.

HRWRP February 20, 2007 meeting

Held at the Huff Run Office

In attendance: Maureen Wise, Ed Taggart, Mike Steinmaus, John Slack, Jeremy Broadwater, Ken Huff, Jim Toms, Gary Neisel, Bo Hysong, Merv Burton, Dan and Oscar Trbovich, Gary Alkire, Linda Yeager, Mike Farber, Glenn Beatty, Michelle Shively (arriving late)

Ed Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:30.

Ed Taggart gave the treasurer's report.

Balance January 16, 2007	1,945.92
Two memberships	+15.00
Crossroads annual meeting	-54.00
Eastern Regional Roundtable dues	-50.00
<u>Crossroads dues</u>	<u>-50.00</u>
Balance February 20, 2007	\$1,806.92

Bo Hysong motioned to accept the report. Jeremy Broadwater seconded. All voted aye. Passed.

Ed Taggart asked if those present had read the minutes. Jim Toms motioned to accept the minutes from the January meeting. John Slack seconded. All voted aye. Passed.

Introductions were made of everyone present.

New Business

Awareness Day –Maureen Wise gave the update about Awareness Day. She stated that Michelle had scheduled an Awareness Day on May 10 with one school. More days will probably be scheduled because additional schools may get involved. Please keep these volunteer opportunities on your radar screen. More details will follow in future meetings.

OEPA 319 application – Maureen Wise announced that the request for proposals for EPA 319 fiscal year 2008 grants had been sent out this past month. We need funds for our Thomas and Mineral Zoar projects. The group agreed to apply. Maureen told them that she hoped to obtain about \$300,000 for Thomas, \$40,000 for Mineral Zoar (the cost has gone up that much since the design was made in 2003) and some additional funds for livestock exclusion fencing for the farms in the upper reaches. It is also required to have 10% of the grant be spent on environmental education. Maureen told the Partnership that the grant would be worth \$500,000 with the usual 60/40 EPA/match split. The grant period will last three years. She told the group that the application is due April 30, 2007 and we will hear word about our status between January and April 2008.

Old Business

Project Update – Maureen Wise gave the project update. Both the Fern Hill and the Mineral Zoar Road projects have been moved to a summer 2008 construction due to ODNR's lack of funding. With the ALM reauthorization that Cheryl Socotch spoke about at the last meeting, ODNR will have plenty of funds in 2008 to complete these two projects at that time. Maureen also told that Partnership that she's told Harsha North is still showing great water quality results. Additionally, the Belden project design was on hold until some tests were run with the large Belden pond water and all the steel slag available. Those tests have taken place and the best steel slag candidate was selected.

Fish Kill Update – Linda Yeager from the Carroll SWCD gave a review of what had taken place with the Fish Kill: Over the weekend of November 11 and 12, a call was placed by Ed Ranowsky about the stream appearing to be black. Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) and local emergency personnel were on the site for fear of an oil or chemical spill. ODA took samples but could not determine the cause of the problem that day. CSWCD received a call about it on Monday (Nov. 13) from Dan Trbovich and were on site on with Dan. ODA contacted CSWCD about it on Monday as well. On Wednesday, a call was placed by Ken Huff about a Fish Kill. The game warden was informed but could not be there so again the CSWCD went to investigate. They took pictures but no conclusions could be made. Because the start of the discoloration started near the Trbovich farm, a dye test from Dan's milk house was conducted by Carroll County Game Warden and CSWCD. The dye showed that a broken pipe was leaking into Huff Run with the milk house waste. Dan immediately fixed the problem. In mid December, the sample results were back from the lab that ODA took. The results could not point to a direct cause of the problem but did show that chemical levels in the stream would have affected (killed) small fish but not larger fish. Linda also told the Partnership that a Fish Kill could occur up to ten days after an incident takes place. Linda stressed that the CSWCD's mission to educate farmers. They cannot enforce any laws or rules. Often farmers do not understand that they are a problem to the stream at all because they are just doing the same thing that their father or grandfather had done. Now that the Fish Kill has happened, farmers in that area are becoming aware of agricultural pollution and the CSWCD has an opportunity to help educate them. Dan and Oscar Trbovich spoke about the rumors that had been spreading about them and the HRWRP with the unveiling of the Watch Dog program just after this incident. Members reassured them that our group is here to help and has no ill feelings towards them. Ken was also concerned about rumors spreading. Merv Burton spoke about the millions of dollars that has been spent to restore our watershed and so we are concerned about the stream but again, no ill feelings towards them directly. Bo Hysong asked Dan and Oscar to become members. Dan joined.

MOU update – Ed Taggart passed out changes that had been made to the MOU between Rural Action and the HRWRP. Only two small changes had been made: the HRWRP will receive monthly financial updates from Rural Action and the section about having volunteer clerical help from a program in Athens was taken out. Some copies were passed around. Jeremy Broadwater motioned to accept the MOU. Merv Burton seconded. All voted aye. Passed. Ed signed the paper and sent it with Mike Steinmaus to give to Jane Forrest Redfern.

Dominion Award – Maureen Wise gave an update about the Dominion Community Impact Award that she had written for the group in November. This unrestricted \$5,000 to \$15,000 award goes to organizations involved in communities. She heard word two weeks ago that we had not been accepted. Over seventy applications had been submitted and only nine awards given away.

Groups that won include Crowne Point Ecology Center in Akron and the Ohio-Erie Canal way. After talking to the Coordinator of the award program, Maureen learned about a new North East Ohio Environmental Award that Dominion will unveil in April and would like us to apply for.

Correspondence – Ed shared a letter from the Ohio Mineland Partnership asking us to become a member (dues cost \$25). After a bit of discussion, the group decided to table the topic until the next meeting. Jim Toms motioned to table the membership decision. Gary Neisel seconded. All voted aye. Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36.

Respectfully submitted by Maureen Wise, Coordinator

HRWRP March 20, 2007 Meeting

Held at the Huff Run office

In attendance: Jeremy Broadwater, Mike Steinmaus, John Slack, Merv Burton, Bo Hysong, Phil Rufener, Gary Alkire, Maureen Wise, Linda Thornton, Walt Pettime, Mike Farber, Glenn Beatty, Ed Taggart (arriving late)

Bo Hysong chaired the meeting in Ed Taggart's absence.

Maureen Wise gave the treasurer's report:

Balance Feb. 20, 2007 \$1,806.92

Memberships/ donations + 65.00

Balance March 20, 2007 \$1,871.92

Jeremy Broadwater motioned to accept the report. John Slack seconded. A vote was taken: ayes won.

Bo Hysong asked for approval of March's meeting minutes. Gary Alkire motioned to accept the minutes. Merv Burton seconded. A vote was taken: ayes won.

New Business:

Litter Pick Up: Maureen Wise reported that the HRWRP will partner with the Sandy Township again this year to organize a litter clean up (Clean Sweep Day). Saturday, April 21, Earth Day, had been decided upon at the Sandy Township meeting. The event will be held 9am to noon. Maureen will send out email reminders and flyers closer to the day.

Summer Events: Maureen Wise asked if the Partnership would like to sponsor the annual 5K, photo contest and Fun Day with Mineral City's Party in the Park again this year. All agreed that we should do all three. Maureen said that if the photo contest is not successful this year, she might want to make this the last

year. The Party in the Park will be Sunday, August 19. A few suggestions were given to Maureen for the activities.

New Project Ideas: Maureen Wise presented two new community involvement project ideas. She and Michelle thought it would be considerate to educate people about the project to clean up the stream running through the Mineral City Park (the Mineral Zoar project). She asked if the group would like to apply for a grant for an interpretative sign about the project to put up in the park. All present agreed it is a good idea. More ideas about the sign project came up and Maureen took note. The second new project idea is to create a community mural. The mural would highlight Mineral City and its history. The HRWRP could help lead the effort to get the community involved in the decisions about what to include on it and the design. Rural Action has produced a handbook about how to go about the process. All present agreed it was also a good idea and for the staff to proceed in research about it.

New VISTA: Maureen Wise reported that Michelle Shively's VISTA term will be over in July. In order to hire a new VISTA for July, the new person must be hired by May 13. Applications are due May 1. Maureen asked if she could use HRWRP funds to put ads in the local papers before the April meeting: Times Reporter (which cost \$50 last year), Canton Repository (\$50 last year) and the Carrollton paper (\$30 last year). All agreed to hire a new VISTA. Phil Rufener motioned for Maureen to put ads in the papers. Jeremy Broadwater seconded. A vote was taken: ayes won.

A tangent from the agenda was taken at this point. Mike Farber asked if the HRWRP would be interested in adopting a highway in the area, hopefully St. Rt. 800. Everyone liked this idea as well. Mike Steinmaus had information about who to call and had notes saying that four clean ups a year must be made to keep the adoption status. Maureen will bring more information to the next meeting about it.

Rural Renewal: Maureen Wise shared that Rural Action is updating its strategic plan. In order to involve the public, a number of house parties are being held around the region where Rural Action works in Appalachian Ohio. At the meetings, people share their ideas about what Rural Action should be doing, what they have done well, what they haven't done as well, stories, and thoughts for the future. Bo and Sue Hysong agreed to have one of these parties at their house. It will be held April 5 at 7pm. Contact Bo if you would like to attend.

Old Business

Project Update: Maureen Wise directed members to look at the project chart she prints out monthly for the meeting. She spoke about Belden probably being under construction this summer. ODNR may need to hold off until next summer. Both Mineral Zoar and Thomas are being written into the 319 grant and are expected to be under construction in summers 2008 and 2009 respectively. Ed Taggart asked about the Farr project. Maureen told the group that a TAC meeting would

be held the next week and they will discuss that project as well as the Fern Hill project. No other changes since the month before.

Eagles Funding: Ed Taggart announced that the Sandyville Eagles club will be donating \$5,000 to the HRWRP. John Kerrick from the Eagles told Ed that the Senior Center, and the Historical Society both received funds also. John said that the paperwork was just turned in so it wouldn't be too long before we got the check. We will not be distributing the money to others as grants. Maureen asked the group to bring ideas to the next meeting about what we might do with the funds.

Awareness Day: Maureen Wise told the Partnership that a second Awareness Day has been scheduled for May 4. Three home school class groups have signed up to participate. May 10 has already been scheduled for Bell Herron to come. Maureen passed around a sign up sheet to volunteer for both days.

Lease: The Mineral City Village Council made some small changes to Section V of our lease. Maureen Wise read the changes to the group. Phil Rufener motioned to accept the changes and to resign the lease. John Slack seconded. A vote was taken: ayes won.

OMP Membership: The decision whether or not to join the Ohio Mineland Partnership this year was tabled at the last meeting. Ed Taggart revisited the subject. Glenn Beatty motioned to join the OMP. Merv Burton seconded. A vote was taken: ayes won.

Correspondence: Ed Taggart told the HRWRP about the OMP Spring Tour at the Wilds. A letter from the Eastern Coal Regional Roundtable was shared thanking us for our membership. Ed also showed some letters and handouts from a recent meeting of the South East Ohio Watershed Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Maureen E. Wise, Coordinator.

HRWRP April 17, 2007 meeting

Held at the Huff Run Office

In attendance: Gary Alkire, Jeremy Broadwater, Ed Taggart, Maureen Wise, Michelle Shively, Bo Hysong, Jim Toms, John Slack, Judy Rufener, Merv Burton, Mike Farber and Phil Rufener

Ed Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:32.

Judy Rufener gave the Treasurer's Report:

March 20, 2007 Balance	1,871.92
Membership/ donation	+25.00
Eagles grant	+5,000.00
<u>Repository VISTA ad</u>	<u>-63.36</u>
Balance April 17, 2007	\$6,833.56

Bo Hysong motioned to approve the report. Gary Alkire seconded.

Ed Taggart asked for approval of the minutes (as seen on the webpage or sent via postal mail). Gary Alkire motioned to approve the minutes. John Slack seconded. A vote was taken. Ayes won.

New Business

Adopt a Highway: At the last meeting, the HRWRP agreed that they'd like to look into adopting a portion of State Route 800. Maureen called ODOT and they sent information. Both sections north and south of Mineral City are open. ODOT asks that groups pick up trash four times a year. If we do for five years, we become a gold star group. They will provide vests, trash bags and signs that we must pick up from them and the signs we must return. They do not like children under 12 to be part of the crew but they do have a parental release form. This would exclude our Environmental Explorer kids. ODOT will also provide a short safety training the first time we go out. All agreed that they like the idea but would like more information about liability. It was agreed to sign up for the southern section of highway because the northern section is more residential and will have less trash.

Watch Dog Survey: Maureen told the group that the Targeted Watershed Grant paid for the printing and mailing of the Watch Dog Directory. They ask that we give a survey about the Directory to our group to obtain some quantitative information. Everyone present took the survey.

Merv Burton stated that he owns the property where the new Huff Run meeting road sign was put up. He said that he was not asked if we had permission to put it up. Maureen apologized; saying that they were replacing the sign and so thought it would not be a problem. John Slack, Sandy Township Zoning Inspector, asked if Merv was unhappy with the sign and Merv said that he did not have a problem with it. Bo Hysong also said that he and the Township were involved with helping replace it and they were also sorry for not asking permission.

Old Business

Project Update: Maureen said that she talked to both Jim and Cheryl about the project update. They both apologize for not being able to make the past few meetings. It's just been a schedule conflict for both of them, not a lack of interest.

Maureen said that the only thing to report is that the final plans for the Belden project are now underway with ATC. They had completed a study and preliminary plans and are now moving ahead.

Crossroads' 319 grant: Maureen reported that she had talked to Sandy Chenal from Crossroads RC&D within the past week. Sandy wanted to tell the group that their OEPA 319 grant is almost complete. Only the Awareness Day and the upcoming newsletter are left. She will send a final report to the group when it is done. Unfortunately, because of many changes with the grant, over \$30,000 will be given back to OEPA unspent.

Eagles Funding: The Sandyville Eagles have given a grant to the HRWRP of \$5,000. Ed discussed paying back-rent to the Legion for the times we met at their space when we did not have the funds to give them. It was agreed to give them \$500. John Slack made the motion to pay the Legion \$500 of back rent. Gary Alkire seconded. A vote was taken. The ayes won. It was also discussed if we should put the funds into an interest bearing account (savings, CD or money market) instead of our interest free checking. No decision was made but Maureen will talk to Linda Thornton, Rural Action's fiscal director, to see if there are any rules against 501(c)3 organizations having such accounts. Maureen asked the group if they had brought any ideas or needs they think the group may have. Maureen brought up these ideas: a sign for above the door of the office (so people know this is no longer the city building), a GPS unit, a phosphorus Hach kit, and a rolling cart for the coffee for meetings. Ed added that he'd like to have a flag for outside the office as well. All agreed with the ideas.

Awareness Day: Michelle reminded the group of the upcoming Awareness Days on May 4 and 10. She reported that about 75 home school kids will be there on the 4th and over 200 Bell Herron 7th graders on the 10th. She passed around the sign up sheet again asking that people sign up to ride the bus with the Bell Herron kids. We'll meet at the office at 8:45.

Correspondence: Ed Taggart shared the following correspondence for the month: an OSM newsletter, a letter from OEPA about a water quality standard change and information about the OMP meeting on May 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Submitted by Maureen E Wise, Coordinator.

**Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership, Inc.
May 15, 2007 held at the Huff Run Office**

Attendance: Ed Taggart, Jeremy Broadwater, John Slack, Bo Hysong, Michelle Shively, Maureen Wise, Glenn Beatty, Jim Gue, and Cheryl Socotch.

The meeting was called to order by Ed Taggart at 5:40 pm.

The **Treasurer's Report** was read by Ed Taggart in Judy Rufener's absence.

Balance April 17, 2007	\$6833.56
Receipts	+\$22.00
Birdhouse (\$12)	
Membership (\$10)	
Subtotal	\$6855.56
Expenses	-\$533.70
Carr-Bailey Post 519 (Back Rent) (\$500)	
Free Press Standard Ad (\$33.70)	
Balance May 15, 2007	\$6321.86

Jeremy Broadwater motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. Glenn Beatty seconded, a vote was held, and all voted aye.

Ed asked if all those present had read the **Minutes** from the April meeting. All said they had and Bo Hysong motioned to accept the minutes. Jeremy Broadwater seconded and all voted aye.

Awareness Day and Clean Sweep Update

Jeremy Broadwater shared that the Sandy Township Clean Sweep had been a great success. A total of 44 volunteers (15 from Huff Run) covered approximately ten miles of township roads and picked up approximately 100 bags of trash. Jeremy had certificates of appreciation and small flashlights for all those who participated in the Clean Sweep.

Michelle Shively thanked everyone who volunteered at the Awareness Day Field Trips this year. An Awareness Day for homeschool groups was held on May 4, and about 30 students and 15 parents attended. On May 10, more than 200 seventh graders from Bell Herron Middle School in Carrollton participated in an Awareness Day. On both days, the students visited four different stations which covered fish in Huff Run, macroinvertebrates (aquatic bugs), a site tour of the Lyons Reclamation Project, and water quality. The Awareness would not have been successful without the help of many Huff Run volunteers. A discussion about the difficulty in communicating between the different stations ensued. Jeremy suggested that next year, having walkie talkies at each station would be a good idea. Also, having bigger boots for the older boys at the macroinvertebrate stations may be necessary.

Project Update

Jim Gue gave the project update. Farr is awaiting more work to increase its effectiveness. The Office of Surface Mining will be contributing to this effort and Maureen and Cheryl will both write letters to OSM from the HRWRP and the Division formally requesting assistance on Farr. Linden is working well. ODNR paid Ohio University to do a study on Linden, and the graduate student who did the research will be defending his thesis next week. Cheryl will get a copy of his work as soon as it is available. Jim and Cheryl shared that Mitch Farley, of ODNR, is working to establish a fund specifically for project maintenance. Now, there really is very little to no maintenance that is done after project completion. Water quality at the Lyons project is good. John Slack asked if there was a way to scrub off the limestone in order to prolong the effectiveness of it. The limestone at Lyons has a lot of the orange AMD precipitate on it and he was noticing it at the Awareness Day. A short discussion about limestone and possible solutions followed. Trees were planted by ODNR on the Lindentree Project last month. The Harsha South site may be experiencing some changes in water quality because water that was being actively treated as it came off the site will no longer be treated as the operator was released from those regulations by ODNR. Jim and Cheryl both said we may see an impact downstream. The water quality on the Harsha North site is very good. Jim and Cheryl need to meet with the landowner for the Belden project, so plans can move ahead on the final design. Several sites of concern in the watershed will be addressed by ODNR's AML program in the next few years. HR22 will have some slag placed in the stream bed this summer/fall. A short conversation about Levy Slag followed. Jim and Maureen are planning a reconnaissance day at HR38, and plan to request funds from ODNR for an extensive study on the site. The ODNR lab will conduct slag leachate tests for the Fern Hill project. ODNR engineers are working on the design. Mineral Zoar and Thomas were written into the 319 that was just recently submitted for funding. Maureen will begin seeking local funding for Phase II of the Mineral Zoar project located behind the park.

Adopt a Highway

Maureen shared more information about the Adopt a Highway program. She spoke with a woman from ODOT who said that although ODOT's insurance does not cover participants in the Adopt a Highway program, they have never had an incident occur during one of their sponsored clean-ups. Maureen said that because she or the VISTA would be coordinating the event, it would be covered by Rural Action's insurance. All present were satisfied with this and Jeremy motioned that the HRWRP adopt the stretch of Route 800 south of Mineral City. John Slack seconded and all voted aye. The HRWRP will be expected to hold clean-ups four times a year. ODOT will put up a sign with the group's name soon after the paperwork is completed.

New VISTA

Maureen reported that there had been three applications for the VISTA position. Two interviews have been conducted, with another one to be held next week. One applicant removed herself from the running due to a personal conflict with

the travel requirements. Cheryl Socotch offered that if no VISTA was hired until November, her summer intern could possibly help with Huff Run related activities.

319 Application

Maureen shared that the 319 grant application was turned in on April 30. Huff Run's grant request was for \$285,000, with match of \$188,000. Decisions about 319 funding will not be made until January-April of next year. The projects included in the grant were Mineral Zoar, Thomas, and some livestock exclusion fencing, spring developments, and heavy use pads in the upper part of the watershed.

Photo Contest

Members had already elected to hold the Huff Run Photo Contest again this year, with the winners being announced at the Mineral City Party in the Park. In the past, members of the HRWRP have been excluded from the contest. Maureen proposed that members be allowed to enter their photos, as participation in last year's contest was low. Those present at the meeting were assured that the photo contest judges have no affiliation with Huff Run and when judging, they are not aware of the photographer's identity. Those present saw no reason not to allow HRWRP members to participate. The change in the rules will be made for this year's contest.

Correspondence

Ed shared a nice Thank You note from the Carr-Bailey Legion Post in appreciation of our payment of back rent for past use of the Legion building. Ed also shared the program of a May 1st Tree Planting Ceremony in Harrison County that he attended.

It was shared that many fish were found on the Awareness Day at the electrofishing demonstration. It appears that the stream's fish population has not been impacted by the November fish kill incident.

The meeting was adjourned by Ed Taggart at 7:03 pm.

Submitted by Michelle Shively, Huff Run VISTA

Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership, Inc. Meeting
June 19, 2007 5:30
Held at the Huff Run Office

In attendance: Ed Taggart, Bo Hysong, John Slack, Merv Burton, Darcy Stitt, Ray Halter, Jim Toms, Maureen Wise, Belle Everett, Michelle Shively, Mike Farber

Ed Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

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

Balance May 15, 2007	\$6,321.86
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Expenses:

Coffee cart, flag, cord	\$ 77.12
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GPS unit, surface water test kit	\$ 390.99
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Receipts:

Lindentree Industrial 5K donation	\$ 120.00
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5K registration	\$ 10.00
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Balance June 19, 2007	\$5,983.75
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Bo Hysong motioned to accept the report. Jim Toms seconded. All voted aye.

Ed Taggart asked for approval for last month's meeting minutes. Ray Halter motioned to accept the minutes. Merv Burton seconded. All voted aye.

Darcy Stitt from ODOT gave a safety training for our newly adopted highway. She told the group that they would like us to pick up trash four times a year. If after five years, we do pick up four times a year, we will get the gold star award. They are given every five years. She gave everyone present a new Ohio state road map, safety packets and a meth lab information hand out. All present signed a release form. Darcy went over the packet and hand out.

Ed Taggart went over nominations for next month's officer elections. Both Secretary and President are up for election. Ray Halter nominated Ed Taggart for President. Bo Hysong seconded. Ed accepted the nomination. Jim Toms nominated Mike Farber for Secretary. Mike did not accept. Voting will take place next month. Nominations will also be taken next month.

New Business

Measure W: Maureen Wise informed the group that Russ Gibson of the Ohio EPA visited Huff Run at the end of May. During his visit, he reported that Huff Run has been selected as a "measure W" watershed meaning that OEPA will need to do additional reporting to US EPA on our work to demonstrate that we have an improving trend through 2012. Four others in Ohio have also been selected: Great Miami, Cuyahoga, Olentangy and the Great Darby. Both Huff Run and the Great Miami were selected because of our previous relationship to US EPA.

Fun Day/ 5K: Maureen Wise reported on the progress of the August 19 events. So far, the tent, popcorn popper and a helium tank for balloons have all been secured. Michelle is planning for another play with the EEC. The Turtle Spring Farm is coming again with animals. AMD tie dying is not definite yet but probable. For the 5K, many donations have already been obtained included

water bottles (and cash) from the Bank of Magnolia. Maureen put together the flyers and has sent them to all who ran in the past. A few people offered to give them out at other races in the area as well. Also, a US Track and Field course certifier measured the route. He marked the ground and said that our route was one of the closest he's ever seen to the exact 3.1 miles. We did not certify the route because it cost \$150 while the measurement only cost about \$20.

Riparian Renewal: Maureen also reported on riparian work that she and Michelle have been doing. Maureen first explained how important the streamside vegetation is and how she has contacted many streamside landowners about a year and a half ago. In the Targeted Watershed Grant, there are a small amount of funds to buy trees for landowners who are lacking trees. So far, the Huff Run staff had delivered a few willows and one dogwood to three landowners. More trees have been ordered and more will be delivered.

Rural Action Staff meeting: Michelle Shively told the group that Rural Action will be holding their monthly staff meeting in Huff Run for the June meeting. All HRWRP members are invited to the potluck lunch to meet the RA staff. The meeting will be held June 28 at noon at the Mineral City Park. Jim Toms asked that an email reminder be sent.

Summer VISTAs: Rural Action often hires a few people to work as Summer VISTAs. This year, there are two assigned to work with the watershed groups with Rural Action. They will be helping us conduct macroinvertebrate collection. They will probably be here two days and it would be nice for them to stay the night instead of drive back. The group agreed to pay for them to stay a night to camp at Atwood and to give them a \$50 gift certificate to a grocery store for a cook out dinner.

Old Business

Project Update: Maureen gave the project update. She reported that a meeting with ATC will be held the following Monday about the Belden 50% design. . Also, US EPA's Paul Thomas visited the Belden site a few weeks before. Michelle informed the group that our Office of Surface Mining grant for Thomas was accepted.

Building Sign: Previously, the Partnership agreed to purchase a sign to install on the building with our name since many people still think that our office is the Village Hall. Maureen had solicited quotes and presented a proof for the group to view. All agreed that they wanted the sign to be more colorful and "more exciting." The price is \$289 and the sign will be made of dibond, which is two pieces of aluminum with a strong filler between.

VISTA: Maureen told the Partnership that they were unable to hire a new VISTA to replace Michelle. The next hiring round will be in November with the process

starting in August. Cheryl Socotch of ODNR will be getting a summer intern who will be able to help with sampling and field work. Terri Sponagule-Schrock and Belle Everett have volunteered to help with the EEC meetings.

Michelle now told the group about the Church Stewardship project she's been working on. Funded by US EPA, this program is much like one that the Tusc. SWCD puts on. They give out bulletins that churches can use to print their information inside. Michelle passed around the cover which had pictures of Huff Run and water stewardship sentiments. Everyone liked it and Jim Toms gave Michelle information to contact his pastor.

River Rally: Michelle and five other people from Rural Action attended River Rally in May. Last year, Maureen and Bo went. It was held in the Columbia River Gorge in Washington state. Michelle explained a few sessions she went to.

Merv Burton said that he thought we should create a nominating committee if we had not found a candidate for secretary by next month.

Ed Taggart shared the correspondence for the month:

An OSM newsletter

A letter from the Sandy-Beaver Canal Society asking if we'd like to sell a craft at their fair

Receipt from the Legion for our back rent check

Ed also talked about his visit to Southern Ohio for the Rural Renewal Retreat.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully submitted by Maureen E. Wise, Coordinator.

TO: Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership Members
FROM: Jeremy Broadwater, Secretary
SUBJECT: HRWRP Minutes
DATE: July 17, 2007 meeting

Chairman Ed Taggart called the July 17, 2007 meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Maureen Wise, Ed Taggart, Mike Steinmaus, John Slack, Bo Hysong, Michelle Shively, Jeremy Broadwater, Ray Halter, Jim Toms, Cheryl Socotch, Mike Farber, and Jim Gue

TREASURER'S REPORT: Given by Maureen Wise.

Balance carried forward from June 19, 2007	<u>\$5983.75.</u>
Receipts: 5K donation, Bank of Magnolia	\$100.00
Membership, Spellman	\$10.00

5K donation, Hilltop Energy	\$100.00
Valuecore Recycling	\$2.40
Total Receipts	<u>\$212.40</u>
	\$6195.15
Expenses: Vista Advertisement (Free Press)	<u>\$59.60</u>
New July 17, 2007 Balance	\$6136.55

Broadwater made MOTION to accept report, Seconded by Halter, vote: all yes.

MINUTES: Halter made motion to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2007 HRWRP meeting, seconded by Farber, vote: all yes.

OFFICER ELECTIONS: Election for the offices of president and secretary were held.

Secretary: John Slack nominated Jeremy Broadwater for the position of Secretary, Halter seconded the nomination. Broadwater accepted the nomination. With no other nominations Taggart accepted Broadwater by proclamation.

President: Hysong nominated Ed Taggart to serve as president, . Ed accepted the nomination. With no other nominations Taggart was accepted by proclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP HRWRP reviewed the clean-up plans and set September 22 as the first clean-up date. The time for clean-up will run from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (noon). The HRWRP will serve refreshments. Wise will contact ODOT to inform them of cleaning date.

LUNCH FOR MICHELLE Chairman Taggart announced all HRWRP members are welcome to attend a lunch to honor VISTA Michelle Shively's service to HRWRP. Taggart scheduled the lunch to coincide with Shively's last day, Friday July 20, 2007 12:00 noon at Dante's Italian Restaurant in New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Mike Steinmaus discussed the formation of an evaluation board to review Wise's job performance. Chairman Taggart announced the Evaluation Board will meet one hour before August's meeting to review Wise's performance.

OLD BUSINESS

PROJECT UPDATE Jim Gue provided project updates as follows:

Belden ATC has completed drilling, utility marking, and with complete design by end of July. Landowner has concerns about location of sediment pond and resoiling borrow area. ATC has concern that Army Corp of Engineers may want review of wetland impact.

Lyons: ODNR may request redesign of retention pond.

Linden- Research project by OU graduate student reports due soon, conclusions include that microorganisms important for proper system performance.

Mineral City baseball field, Taggart discussed Pinky Brinkman's desire to tile and cover tributary flowing through and along MCBF. Socotch expressed objection, such moves are against ODNR existing water quality policies. Technical Advisory committee will review.

Wise discussed Northeast Ohio Environmental Award grant application.

BUILDING SIGN: Five building sign proposals were introduced to the board. Farber made motion to purchase #5, seconded by Steinmaus, vote: all yes.

CHURCH STEWARDSHIP: Shively provided updates on HRWRP church stewardship program. All printing of church bulletin insert complete. Members were urged to distribute fliers at church.

FUN DAY / 5K HRWRP Members signed up to help with various positions for Fun Day. Members decided to set-up tent on Saturday August 18, 2007. Wise and Taggart will contact those members who signed up to help.

PHOTO CONTEST Taggart announced all members are eligible to enter photo contest. Wise shared concerns from last year regarding participation and prizes. HRWRP decided to give cash prizes for photo contest. Prizes are as follows: \$50 first, \$30 second, \$20 third. All winners will also receive complimentary HRWRP year membership. Wise and other HRWRP members will judge photos.

MILEAGE: Halter made motion to reimburse Taggart's mileage for travel to and from the Rural Renewal meeting in Glouster, Ohio at .33 per mile, Toms seconded motion, vote: all yes.

All HRWRP members enjoyed lemon cake and coffee in recognition of Michelle Shiveley's last meeting as HRWRP VISTA.

ADJOURNMENT, Hysong made motion to adjourn, second by Broadwater, vote: all yes. Taggart adjourned meeting at 7:03 pm.

TO: Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership Members
FROM: Jeremy Broadwater, Secretary
SUBJECT: HRWRP Minutes
DATE: August 21, 2007 meeting

Chairman Ed Taggart called the August 21, 2007 meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

ATTENDANCE: Maureen Wise, Ed Taggart, Mike Steinmaus, Bo Hysong, Jeremy Broadwater, Merv Burton, Ray Halter (Sonny), Jim Toms,

TREASURER'S REPORT: Given by Maureen Wise.

Balance carried forward from July 17, 2007	<u>\$6136.55</u>
Receipts:	\$40.00
	<u>\$30.00</u>
Total Receipts:	<u>\$70.00</u>
	<u>\$6206.15</u>
Expenses:	
Ed Taggart (mileage)	\$72.60
Petty Cash / VISTA Camping	\$75.00
Village Café	\$35.00
Adams Signs (for building sign)	\$289.00
Maureen Wise (5K reimbursement)	\$21.72
Maureen Wise (reimbursement)	\$83.42
Jim Wilhelm (race measurement)	\$22.50
Judy Crilley (Photo contest winner)	\$50.00
Jodi Malusky (Photo contest winners)	\$30.00
Michelle Plauger (Photo contest winner)	\$20.00
Trevor Klar (5k t-shirts)	\$262.50
C.D. Tee's (5K medals)	<u>\$78.00</u>
Total Expenses:	\$1039.74
New August 21, 2007 Balance	\$5167.55

MOTION by Hysong to accept the Treasurer's report, Seconded by Burton, motion passed with a vote: all yea.

MINUTES: Broadwater gave minutes from July 17, 2007 meeting.

MOTION Halter made motion to approve the June 19, 2007 minutes of HRWRP meeting, seconded by Steinmaus, motion passed with a vote: all yes.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: Chairman Taggart announced membership renewals are due. Membership fees will remain at \$5.00 per person, \$10.00 per family. Bo Hysong informed the group Bruce Beck expressed an interest in joining HRWRP. Wise to contact Beck.

OLD BUSINESS

PARTY IN PARK: Wise gave report about the August 19, 2007 "Party in Park" held in Mineral City park.

HRWRP booth made 37 Acid mine drainage children's t-shirts,
Popcorn sales and donations generated \$43.00; plus a \$50 donation and a \$10 donation and two family memberships,
Children made 16 bookmarks and 28 sketchbooks,
29 people participated in running the 5K, 5K fees generated \$273.00, an additional \$100.00 in sponsorships were collected. HRWRP members discussed possible improvements to the 5K for next year. Discussion included changing the 5K fees to create a pre-registration incentive, joining the Tuscarawas Valley runners challenge, forming a "Party in Park" committee sometime in January to include dedicated HRWRP participant runners. Broadwater expressed dismay with the 5K traffic-control, wants to find way to improve it for next year.

Taggart thanked all members who helped with the August 18th tent set-up, and hanging of the new HRWRP sign to the front of the HRWRP office building.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY REMINDER: Taggart reminded members of the September 22, clean-up starting at 9:00 am. This will mark the first date of HRWRP Adopt-a-highway clean-up on route 800 south of Mineral City. Wise will purchase drinks for the clean-up date.

NEW BUSINESS

PROJECT UPDATES: Wise gave updates on the following environmental projects: Leachate Testing, Belden Project site, Harsha North, Farr, and Mineral Zoar project.

FALL TOUR Wise discussed the fall 2007 Fall Tour for local elected and appointed governmental agency officials and environmental agency professionals, and paying for the event with a Targeted Watershed grant. No bus rental will occur this year. Wise and other members will look into renting or borrowing vans. The group discussed having a lunch meal for the Fall Tour participants at Crossroads Restaurant.

MOTION: Broadwater made motion to hold Fall Tour on October 18, 2007, Seconded by Toms, motion passed with a vote: all yea.

VISTA AD Wise provided update on VISTA search. Two prospective applicants have expressed interest. Wise must hire a VISTA by mid September for mid November start.

MOTION: Broadwater made motion to purchase VISTA classified advertisements, Seconded by Sonny, motion passed with a vote: all yea.

7TH GRADE CURRICULUM Wise shared with group previous work conducted by previous VISTA Michelle Shively. Shively generated a 7th grade environmental

science curriculum with other local 7th grade science teachers. Wise shared the benefits of continuing the curriculum. Belle Everett will assist Wise with producing paper copies of this program. Steinmaus expressed the importance of keeping a personal touch on the program. Broadwater said he is willing to assist with distributing the program to local teachers. Wise will contact Broadwater at further date to coordinate distribution. Taggart also expressed an interest in helping distribute and print the program materials.

WEBSITE: Wise shared with members that she will be revamping the website this fall with a new, free program that Nate Wise found. . Nate Wise specializes in website production and design. He will help with programming a few extras for the website and because of this work, his company agreed to host the site at no charge to HRWRP.

MOTION: Hysong made motion to have Nate Wise pursue a new HRWRP website, Seconded by Broadwater, motion passed with a vote: all yea.

JUST GIVE: Wise informed group of Just Give, an online contribution system specific for non-profit organizations. Just Give runs the online credit card donations, with a link from the particular group's website. Fees include a 3% service charge on all donations received through the system. Discussion involved an easier membership recruitment tool, and future event sign-ups.

TABLED: Discussion of the Just Give system until more information could be obtained.

CORRESPONDENCE: Taggart shared the following correspondence with members: Office of Surface Mining July Newsletter, Thank you card from Michelle (Shively) Shaw Thank you note from Jeanne Russell of Ohio Department of Natural Resources,

Steinmaus informed members of the Southeastern Ohio Watershed Council meeting scheduled for September 20th running from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Any interested HRWRP members should contact Taggart or Wise to coordinate carpooling. Steinmaus also mentioned he monitored a personnel evaluation of Wise's performance earlier that day with HRWRP leadership, and results will be shared at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Broadwater moved to adjourn, Second by Sonny, vote: all yea. Taggart adjourned the August HRWRP meeting at 6:40 pm.

TO: Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership Members
FROM: Jeremy Broadwater, Secretary
SUBJECT: HRWRP Minutes

DATE: September 18, 2007 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Ed Taggart gaveled the September meeting for the Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership to order at 5:37 p.m. on September 18, 2007.

ATTENDANCE: Ed Taggart, President; Bo Hysong, Vice President; Jeremy Broadwater, Secretary; Maureen Wise, Coordinator; Mike Steinmaus, Rural Action Director; John Slack, Member; Glen Beatty, Member;

TREASURER'S REPORT: Given by Maureen Wise.

Balance carried forward from August 21, 2007	<u>\$5244.61</u>
Receipts: Party In The Park Sunday Sales	<u>\$396.00</u>
Rufener (membership)	\$10.00
Check #634 subtraction error	\$0.20
Total Receipts:	<u>\$406.20</u>
Expenses: CD Tees	\$78.00
Times Reporter (VISTA advertisement)	\$59.55
Repository (VISTA advertisement)	\$65.75
Total Expenses:	<u>\$203.30</u>
New September 18, 2007 Balance	<u>\$5447.51</u>

MOTION by Hysong to accept the Treasurer's report, Seconded by Steinmaus, motion passed with a vote: all yea.

MINUTES: Broadwater gave minutes from September 18, 2007 meeting.

MOTION by Slack to approve the September 18, 2007 minutes of HRWRP meeting, Seconded by Hysong, motion passed with a vote: all yes.

OLD BUSINESS

ADOPT A HIGHWAY REMINDER: Taggart reminded all members of the first Adopt -A-Highway clean-up scheduled for Saturday September 22, 2007. All members were reminded to meet at the HRWRP office where members will depart and clean the HRWRP adopted two-mile stretch of State Route 800. Hysong stated he would assist Wise with acquiring caution signs from ODOT. Broadwater will notify Sheriff Wilson's office of the scheduled clean-up.

WEBSITE: Wise reported on the development of new HRWRP website. Maureen's husband, Nate Wise is currently building the site. Discussions included the purchase of hosting, the use of online financial firms "Paypal" and "Just Give," and general design concerns.

MOTION: Broadwater made motion to open a HRWRP Paypal account for placement upon the new website for online donations, Seconded by Beatty; vote: all yea.

DOMINION AWARD: Wise updated the HRWRP status regarding the Dominion Award. HRWRP application was denied 2007 funding. Wise is not discouraged with the prospects for a 2008 application.

NEW BUSINESS

PROJECT UPDATES: Wise gave updates on the following environmental projects:

Fern Hill: Construction scheduled for start in 2008. The increase in limestone prices is resulting in less financial coverage. Presently, the project will be downsized with the option for a future Phase II.

Belden: Postponed to the 2008 summer. ATC is still designing the project. Bidding to occur winter of 2007 for April 2008 construction start.

Other Future Projects: Discussions included the reprioritization of the long-term projects according to the following list.

Lyons Phase 2, construction of a settling pond;

Fern Hill Phase 2, removal of additional ponds;

Lindentree Phase 2, construction of slag bed and additional slag;

Acid Pit Phase 2, wetland enhancement and additional reclamation;

HR 38, no new priority;

HR 25, no new priority;

Thomas; no new priority;

Hope Road West, no new priority;

Harsha South, no new priority;

Brass Road, no new priority;

Taggart discussed future work near the Mineral City baseball fields.

Steinmaus discussed targeted EPA grant, he will conduct the phone interview.

UPCOMING GRANT APPLICATIONS: Wise gave report on upcoming grant applications.

Mineral Zoar: Need additional \$40,000 Rural Action Grant

MW wrote a 319, low prospects

MW to write a new grant proposal to Reeves Foundation

Belden Project: Project estimated to cost \$728,000. Currently need \$113,000 to reach proposed estimated balance. Wise will apply to Office of Surface Mining for additional funding.

NEW VISTA: Hysong informed the group of the new HRWRP 2008 VISTA's name is Amber Liesure Earnhart. Earnhart's scheduled to begin work with HRWRP following the 2007 Thanksgiving holiday. Wise will update the group on any developments.

CORRESPONDENCE: Taggart announced HRWRP correspondence. Tom Kolp wrote a letter thanking HRWRP for a 5k t-shirt.

Steinmas invited HRWRP members to the September 2007 Southeast Ohio Watershed Council meeting in New Straitsville, Ohio. Members were encouraged to attend, noting New Straitsville is Ohio's "moonshine capital."

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Broadwater moved to adjourn the meeting, Second by Hysong; vote all yea. Taggart adjourned the September HRWRP meeting at 6:24pm.

TO: Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership Members
FROM: Jeremy Broadwater, Secretary
SUBJECT: HRWRP Minutes
DATE: October 16, 2007 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Ed Taggart gaveled the October Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on October 16, 2007.

ATTENDANCE: Ed Taggart, President; Bo Hysong, Vice President; Jeremy Broadwater, Secretary; Maureen Wise, Coordinator; Mike Steinmaus, Rural Action Director; John Slack, Member; Jim Toms, Member; John Pirolozi, Member; Merv Burton, Member; Sandy Chenal, Crossroads RC&D Coordinator.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Given by Maureen Wise in absence of Judy Rufener

Balance carried forward from September 18, 2007	<u>\$5447.51</u>
Receipts: 9-22	\$130.00
	\$30.00
Total Receipts:	<u>\$160.00</u>
Expenses: #636 Free Press	\$18.80
Total Expenses:	<u>\$18.80</u>
New September 18, 2007 Balance	<u>\$5588.71</u>

MOTION by Tomst to accept the Treasurer's report, Seconded by Burton, motion passed with a vote: all yea.

MINUTES: Broadwater presented minutes from September 18, 2007 HRWRP meeting.

MOTION by Slack to approve the September 18, 2007 minutes of HRWRP meeting, Seconded by Hysong, motion passed with a vote: all yes.

OLD BUSINESS

319 GRANT CONCLUSION: Sandy Chenal updated members on the status of the 319 Grant. The 319 Grant is now "closed" and a report is presented to the Ohio EPA. Chenal reported that the project results have exceeded the overall goals specific to reducing acidity and metal loads. Acid loads to the stream were reduced 675.4 lbs/day and metals were reduced by 51.3 lbs/day between the three project in the grant. The total dollars spent with the grant were \$1,987,257 with over \$700,500 going to local contractors. The final technical report is on file in the HRWRP office.

FALL TOUR REMINDER Taggart announced the scheduled Fall Tour as a reminder for all members. Wise clarified that a lunch at the Crossroads Restaurant will start the tour at 11am on Thursday October 18, 2007. Two 15 passenger vans are reserved for participant transportation.

VISTA UPDATE Wise shared with HRWRP members that the new VISTA will not start on November 22. Amber's new scheduled start date is December 12, 2007. Members discussed how Amber is driving to participate in the Fall Tour.

MOTION: Broadwater moved to reimburse mileage expenses incurred in Amber's travel to and from the Fall Tour, Seconded by Burton; vote; all yea.

NEW BUSINESS

PROJECT UPDATES: Wise gave updates on the following environmental projects:

Wise discussed the Technical Advisory Field Day. The TAC visited Mineral Zoar, Lyons and the ball field site.

The Mineral City baseball fields was discussed by HRWRP members. The ODNR engineer submitted to Wise a plan calling for the construction of a fence around the tributary flowing through the fields. This would not allow children to enter the AMD and sewage ridden tributary. There is no room for a passive treatment system. HRWRP members were not ready to endorse such a fence erection.

Burton commented on sighting minnows along county road 90.

GRANTS UPDATE Wise discussed how the OSM grant proposal for Belden Project was awarded this month for \$100,000. Wise enthusiastically stated how rare of an occurrence this was given the two-week turn-around time period.

Wise is also applying to the Reeves Foundation of Dover, Ohio for \$50,000 towards the Mineral Zoar project.

OEC WETLAND LETTER: Ohio Environmental Council is calling for public response to the EPA's change to their rules. During this public response period any public member can provide comment to this particular subject. Wise will collect any letters from HRWRP members. The OEC prepared a letter for citizens to sign on to.

CORRESPONDENCE: Taggart read correspondence. Taggart discussed a meeting in Marietta for the Ohio Mineland Partnership. Sandy Chenal announced their RC&D council meeting on November 9th with Sean Logan, ODNR Director. Taggart highlighted the recipient of the Office of Surface Mining's newsletter and Crossroads Conservation District sent a letter soliciting additional donations, other than membership dues. Taggart encouraged members to donate personally, however HRWRP members did not wish to donate more than a membership.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Broadwater made motion to adjourn, Second by Taggart; vote: all yea.

Taggart adjourned the October meeting at 6:42 pm.

TO: Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership Members
FROM: Jeremy Broadwater, Secretary
SUBJECT: HRWRP Minutes
DATE: November 20, 2007 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Ed Taggart called the November Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on November 20, 2007.

ATTENDANCE: Ed Taggart, President; Bo Hysong, Vice President; Jeremy Broadwater, Secretary; Maureen Wise, Coordinator; Mike Steinmaus, Rural Action Director; John Slack, Member; Merv Burton, Member; Gary Alkire

TREASURER'S REPORT: Given by Maureen Wise in absence of Judy Rufener.

Balance carried forward from October 16, 2007	<u>\$5588.71</u>
Receipts: MWCD Membership	\$25.00
Belle Everett Membership	\$5.00
Willard and Vivian Fiddler Membership	\$10.00
Carl Harsha and Julie Membership and Donation	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total Receipts:	<u>\$60.00</u>
Expenses: Mileage for Amber's Fall Tour Visit	\$41.58
Crossroads Council Meeting	\$10.00
Total Expenses:	<u>\$51.58</u>
New November 20, 2007 Balance	<u>\$5597.13</u>

Wise announced Treasurer Judy Rufener no longer has interest in serving as HRWRP Treasurer, however Rufener will continue as Treasurer until replacement can be found.

MOTION by Hysong to accept the Treasurer's report, Seconded by Burton, motion passed with a vote: all yea.

MINUTES: Broadwater presented minutes from October 16, 2007 HRWRP meeting.

MOTION by Slack to approve the October 16, 2007 minutes of HRWRP meeting, Seconded by Burton, motion passed with a vote: all yes.

OLD BUSINESS

RIPARIAN RENEWAL: Wise discussed the planting of new trees along stream banks of Huff Run. Approximately 35 trees to be disbursed to 5 home owners with a \$300 budget. A targeted watershed U.S. E.P.A. grant will fund this program.

NEW BUSINESS

GRANT / PROJECT UPDATE: Wise presented an updated report in absence of Cheryl Socotch and Jim Gue.

319 Grant Proposal: Preliminarily accepted by Ohio E.P.A. to fund the Thomas Project: \$155,000 EPA, \$133,000 ODNR; \$300,000 total.

Huff Run 38: Acidic site, ODNR has agreed to conduct a study.

Fern Hill: Anticipating February construction start date.

Belden: Storm water plan complete; targeted for spring construction.

Mineral Zoar: Still in need of an additional \$50,000 to start construction in Spring 2008.

Huff Run 22: Scheduled for Summer 2008 construction. ODNR Abandoned Mine Land Division will administer the project.

Huff Run 25: For several years, this project has been a target. Previous coal mining company has forfeited the bond for this project. Summer 2008 projected construction. ODNR Abandoned Mine Land Division will administer the project.

Wise discussed the Target Watershed Conference in Corpus Cristi, Texas. Wise will not present at this conference.

DONOR GIFTS: Members discussed purchasing gifts for new HRWRP members. Wise will search for new ideas and present them at the next meeting.

DECEMBER MEETING: Members discussed the prospect of canceling the December 2007 HRWRP meeting. Wise pointed that such policy has been typical in the past.

Motion: Broadwater moved to cancel the December 2007 HRWRP meeting, Steinmaus seconded the motion; motion passed with a vote: all yea.

MOU REVIEW: Wise presented the Memorandum of Understanding between HRWRP and Rural Action. The MOU for 2008 will remain the same as 2007.

Motion: Broadwater moved to accept the MOU; Second by Burton, vote: all yea.

LEASE REVIEW: Wise presented the office lease for renewal to the HRWRP members. The 2008 lease with the Mineral City Village will remain the same as the 2007 lease, noting that rent is set at \$300 per month contingent upon

HRWRP grant funding, if HRWRP loses grant funding for office space the lease reverts to \$1.00 per year.

Motion: Hysong moved to renew the lease as presented, second by Broadwater; motion passed with a vote: all yea.

SEPTIC WORKSHOP: Wise discussed the hosting of a workshop to discuss updates to septic tank systems in the HRWRP region. Steinmaus and Broadwater voiced encouraging opinions to the matter, perhaps to hold it in the late spring of 2008. Wise and Steinmaus will conduct more research and return to the HRWRP members.

CORRESPONDENCE: Taggart read the following correspondence to HRWRP members: A letter from the Internal Revenue Service; The American Chestnut Foundation newsletter; November newsletter from the Office of Surface Mining; An invitation from Ohio University to attend the Applied Research Conference; Solicitation from Rivers Unlimited.

Wise encouraged individual members to join Rural Action.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Broadwater made motion to adjourn, Second by Hysong; vote: all yea.

Taggart adjourned the November meeting at 6:40 p.m.