

Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership Meeting minutes 2008

January 15, 2008 meeting minutes

In attendance: Ed Taggart, Eric Earnhardt, Amanda Hook, Marrisa Geib, Jim Toms, Bo Hysong, Belle Everett, Maureen Wise, Ed Taggart, Amber Leasure-Earnhardt, Mike Farber

Ed Taggart called the meeting to order at 6:35.

Maureen Wise gave the Treasurer's Report in Judy Rufener's absence.

November 20, 2007 balance *\$5597.13*

Receipts

Returned excess Party in Park popcorn	+\$17.29
Sold excess popcorn	+\$18.00
Buckeye Industrial Mining membership	+\$50.00
Lindentree Industrial Corp. membership	+\$50.00
Erin Lauffer memberhip	+\$5.00
Beaver Marine Store membership	+\$50.00
Becky Heim donation	+\$100.00

No expenses

January 15, 2008 balance *\$5887.42*

Bo Hysong motioned to accept the report as read. Jim Toms seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Ed Taggart asked for the minutes from the November meeting to be approved in Jeremy Broadwater's absence. Bo Hysong motioned to accept the minutes. Jim Toms seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Introductions of everyone in attendance were made for the benefit of new attendees.

Ed Taggart announced that Judy Rufener would like to step down from her position as Treasurer but will continue managing the account until a new person could be found. After some discussion, Belle Everett volunteered to take the position. She, Judy and Maureen will meet to discuss the duties and Belle will start her term at the February meeting.

Old Business

5K Committee: Maureen Wise discussed the creation of a group to help her organize the Huff Run 5K this year. With a group of people, more participants can be reaches as well as more sponsors. Maureen would like to hold a meeting in February. The group suggested to ask Deal and Lee Kreinbihl (official starter and place ranker) as well as Randy Mullins who has run the race many times. Eric Earnhardt and Belle Everett volunteered to be on the committee.

Donor Gifts: Wise and Taggart shared with the group new potential donor gifts with the HRWRP logo, including: rain gauges, flower pots with soil and seeds, a different style of paper tablets and coasters. All were recycled products. Wise passed around photos and a table of costs and pros and cons. After much discussion, the group selected the full color coasters with recycled tire base. Wise will order 250 of them and donors will receive two coasters. Jim Toms made the motion to place the order and Belle Everett seconded it.

New Business

Project Update: Wise reported that the Reeves Grant proposal for extra funding for the Mineral Zoar Project was denied. She discussed the Belden Project Progress: the prebid meeting was the week before and more contractors than normal attended. Leasure-Earnhardt told the group of the Indiana Bat habitat concerns on the project site and that the contractor will have to cut down certain trees before April 15. Wise also reported that the Fern Hill/HR-42 Pit project is at 90% design and will be going to bid soon as well as the Mineral Zoar Project. With these three projects plus two conducted by ODNR-Abandoned Mine Land, five projects will be constructed this year bringing the project totals from eight to 12!

319 restrictions: Wise reported that the Ohio EPA 319 grant program is stipulating, starting this year, that grant sponsors (Rural Action) only hold two grants at a time. This will be a major problem for Rural Action since they sponsor four watershed groups. Meetings are taking place between EPA officials, ODNR and Rural Action. Members expressed concern, some saying that they could talk to our area political leadership with more information. Wise also said that Rural Action is preparing a sign on letter. She will bring more information to the next meeting.

Annual Report: Each Huff Run member present was given a copy of the Annual Report. Wise asked that they review it previous to and during the meeting. A discussion about the wording of the Eagles donation ensued. No other comments were made. The report will be sent to members and stakeholders the following week.

Illegal Dumping: Leasure-Earnhardt told the group about a fledgling company called River Recovery Systems that has approached the staff to help with cleaning up illegal dump sites and trash in the stream itself. There are at least five dumping sites in Carroll County that still need addressed. Wise will seek for funding to work with this company.

River Rally: Wise announced that River Rally, the leading national river conference, will be held in Ohio this year between May 2 and 5. Wise received a letter asking if HRWRP wanted to be a cooperating partner. Huff Run would help with publicity, give them our mailing list, and volunteer at the conference in

exchange for recognition in their brochure, free display space and the list of attendees. The members present agreed that we should participate and many showed an interest in attending the conference.

New Rural Action Executive Director: Michelle Decker has joined RA as their new Executive Director as of January 1. She will be attending the February meeting to get to know the Huff Run group. Wise suggested that we go out to dinner together to be able to talk and then have the meeting. It was decided to meet at Tozzi's at 5:00 for dinner and to have the meeting directly following dinner at the restaurant as well. Wise will make reservations.

Correspondence: Taggart shared four items from Crossroads RC&D: minutes from their last council meeting, an annual meeting invitation, their dues to join HRWRP for \$25 and a renewal letter for HRWRP to join their council for \$50. Mike Farber made the motion to renew HRWRP's membership to Crossroads. Belle Everett seconded. Taggart requested that his hotel stay for ODNR's Applied Research Conference be reimbursed for \$90.20. Everett made the motion. Farber seconded. The vote passed with all ayes.

Taggart adjourned the meeting at 7:12.

Respectfully submitted by Maureen Wise, Coordinator

February 19, 2008 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Ed Taggart, Eric Earnhardt, Jim Toms, Michelle Decker, Belle Everett, Maureen Wise, Amber Leasure-Earnhardt, Lynn Palmateer, Merv Burton, Dave Ritter, Ray Halter, Gary Neisel

Meeting was held at Tozzi's Restaurant in Magnolia to have dinner and meet the new Executive Director of Rural Action, Michelle Decker.

Introductions of everyone in attendance were made for the benefit of new attendees.

Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm.

Taggart read Judy Rufener's official resignation letter from the Treasurer's seat.

Wise gave the Treasurer's Report in Judy Rufener's absence.

January 15, 2008 balance \$5887.42

Receipts:

Individual memberships

(2)\$10.00

Individual Donation (1)	\$20.00
Non-profit Membership (1)	\$25.00
Expenses:	
VISTA Mileage for Fall Tour	\$41.58
ODNR Conference	\$90.20
Crossroads 2008 Membership	\$50.00
Reservations for Crossroads Annual Meeting (3)	\$60.00
Weisenbach Specialty (donor gifts-coasters)	\$451.84
<i>February 19, 2008 balance</i>	<i>\$5290.38</i>

Halter motioned to accept the report as read. Neisel seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Taggart asked for the minutes from the January meeting to be approved in Jeremy Broadwater's absence. Halter motioned to accept the minutes. Everett seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Old Business

Donor Gifts-Coasters: Wise passed around the new donor gifts that the group decided to buy last month. These coasters are made from recycled tires and have the Huff Run logo on them in full color. Every donor will receive two coasters.

Belden Tree Marking Day: Leasure-Earnhardt reminded the group that for those who would like to volunteer for the tree marking day can meet at the Huff Run office this Thursday (21st) at 10 am. She explained the reason for this effort, and the importance of taking precautions to help protect the endangered Indiana Bat. These trees need to be removed before the April 15th deadline within the Belden project limits. Huff Run is working in conjunction with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife on this project.

319 Restrictions- Letter to take Action: Wise passed out a letter to everyone who was in attendance, written by Mike Steinmaus, to sign and send to their Ohio senator and congressman. The details behind this letter and the Ohio EPA 319 grant program was discussed at January's meeting. This letter, as Wise described, explains the concern of the citizens about the 319 grant restrictions and how it is punishing non-profits who are doing a good job. Michelle Decker also expressed her concern of these restrictions and encouraged group members to send the letter to their senator and congressman.

River Rally Scholarships: Wise explained to the group that we have extra money available through a US EPA grant to send six people for one day to the rally (Saturday or Sunday). River Rally is in Huron, Ohio this year, May 2nd –May 5th. Group members have expressed interest to go this year since it is so close. Wise passed out a packet including registration information and told the group that the spots for this will be on a first come fist serve basis. Once they fill out the registration they can drop it by our office and we will complete the process online

and pay for the workshops and meals for the day they would like to attend.

New Business

Project Update: Wise expressed that there was no news on the projects; she changed the information about the Belden project because it is still in the process of being bid on. Wise also explained how the Mineral-Zoar project was very close to being bid on and the plans for HR-42/ Fern Hill are almost done.

State Route 800 Clean Up/ Clean Sweep: Wise asked the group if they wanted to make the annual Township Clean Sweep and the state route 800 clean up, our adopt-a-highway responsibility, on the same day in April. After some discussion, the group decided that they wanted to do these volunteer opportunities on two separate days. The day for the state route 800 clean up will be decided at the March meeting.

Stewardship Week: Leasure-Earnhardt announced that Huff Run is going to help promote the annual Soil and Water Stewardship Week as a continuation of the church stewardship campaign started last summer. This week long celebration is hosted by the National Association of Conservation Districts, and will be April 27th to May 4th this year. The theme is 'Water is Life' and Leasure-Earnhardt will be contacting local churches to see if they would like to participate. Huff Run will provide them with free bulletins for their services and also a church leader's guide. Displays will be made for the window at the Huff Run office and also the Mineral City Nicole Donant Library, where bookmarks will also be available to the community.

Crossroads Project of the Year Award: Leasure-Earnhardt talked about the award Huff Run received at Crossroads RC&D's annual meeting on February 8th. Wise and Leasure-Earnhardt represented Huff Run at the meeting and we received the project of the year award. Crossroads had received a state-wide award from one of the Huff Run projects they helped with, and therefore wanted to thank and recognize Huff Run as well. This was a great honor and Wise accepted the award for Huff Run.

Crossroads Sign-On Letter: Wise passed out letters for the group to look over, sign, and send if they wanted to help support Crossroads on the federal level. In the proposed national budget for the upcoming year all funding for RC&D's were cut nationwide. Therefore this would greatly affect Crossroads RC&D who has helped Huff Run since its start. The letters were addressed to both U.S. senators and congressmen.

Correspondence: Wise shared information from Rivers Unlimited that had been discussed at a previous meeting requesting HRWRP to become members of Rivers Unlimited (out of Cincinnati, OH). Wise described their work with scenic rivers, dams and bridge crossings, mentioning also that Rivers Unlimited does not work much in this area. Those in attendance agreed that Huff Run did not

need to become a member.

Taggart opened the floor for Michelle Decker to say a few words about Rural Action and her vision; a small question and answer session took place.

Ed Taggart adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amber Leasure-Earnhardt, VISTA

March 18, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Chairman Ed Taggart called the March 18, 2008 Huff Run Watershed Restoration Partnership meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Attendance: Bo Hysong, John Slack, Belle Everett, Maureen Wise, Ed Taggart, Amber Leasure-Earnhardt, Marissa Geib, Amanda Hook, Mike Farber, Eric Earnhardt, Gary Alkire, Jeremy Broadwater

Treasurer's Report: Given by Bell Everett, Treasurer.

Balance carried forward from February, 2008 \$5,290.38

Receipts:

Terry Scott membership/ donation	\$30.00	
Thom and Debbie Kunkel membership/ donation		\$25.00
Erwin Lauffer membership	\$5.00	
Refund for Ed Taggart's Crossroads annual meeting ticket		\$20.00
Cartridge Recycling	\$9.70	
Marisa Geib membership	\$5.00	
Palmateer family membership/ donation		\$20.00
Amanda Hook membership	\$5.00	
Total Receipts:	\$119.70	

Expenses:

Entry fee for Tusky Valley Challenge	\$60.00
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Total Expenses: \$60.00

New March 18, 2007 Balance \$5,350.08

Motion by Hysong to accept the Treasurer's report, Seconded by Earnhardt, motion passed with a vote: all yes.

Minutes: Wise presented minutes from February 2008 HRWRP meeting. Motion by Everett to approve the minutes of HRWRP meeting, Seconded by Slack, motion passed with a vote: all yes.

Old Business

Clean Sweep: Leasure-Earnhardt and Wise presented updates to the Sandy Township Clean Sweep project. The Clean Sweep is scheduled for April 26,

2008. Members will meet at the HRWRP office at 9:00 to collect litter around the Huff Run area. Environmental Explorers will also join the group with a short lesson from 9:00 to 10:00. All members are encouraged to attend.

ST. RT. 800 Clean Up: Wise discussed scheduling a date for cleaning the section of State Route 800 adopted by HRWRP. Saturday, June 14 was decided.

Septic Workshop: Wise discussed the Septic Workshop for households located in and around Huff Run and its tributaries. The Septic Workshop is scheduled for May 8, 2008. Wise reported the Health Department and funders from the EPA are helping to conduct the event.

5K: Wise reported on the 5K run scheduled for the "Party in the Park" event on August 17. The 5K committee met for the first time on March 12. Wise told members of the inclusion of Huff Run 5K into the "Tusky Valley Challenge" 2008 listing. Wise discussed changing the pricing for this year's 5k to include an early registration incentive; also, she will try to find more sponsors for the event to with goals of making \$1000 total and 75 participating runners. Members also discussed changing the name of the one mile walk/run to a "fun mile." Amanda Hook expressed a willingness to advertise the 5k at Sandy Valley High School. Marissa Gieb talked about the Kent State Tuscarawas new running team having an interest in participating.

New Business

Project Update: Wise provided the following project updates:

BELDEN: Scheduled to start construction soon. Tucson of New Philadelphia was awarded the lowest bid. All "bat trees" have been cut down.

HR 22: ODNR working near HR22 (Glenn Beatty's property), work likely to affect the site. The project has a \$413,000 budget and is scheduled for August completion.

MINERAL ZOAR: To bid soon.

FERN HILL: To bid soon.

Awareness Day: Leasure-Earnhardt discussed the 2008 Awareness Day planning. The following dates are scheduled: May 9, May 16, and May 30. Mineral City Methodist Church is willing to assist with lunch. About 600 children with probably be participating with three traditional schools and five home school groups. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the next meeting.

Rural Action Adventure Auction: Wise announced the Rural Action Adventure Auction is scheduled for April 19. Travel packages, concert tickets, and other items are available through the auction. Wise distributed Adventure Auction fliers to HRWRP members. Participants are to coordinate carpooling.

Correspondence: Taggart read aloud the following correspondence: A letter from

the office of Congressman Zack Space; discussed the Southeast Ohio watershed meeting; and River Rally in May.

Adjournment: Motion: Broadwater made motion to adjourn, Second by Hysong; vote: all yea. Taggart adjourned the March 18 meeting at 6:34 p.m.

April 15, 2008 HRWRP meeting minutes

Held at the Huff Run Office.

Attending: Marissa Geib, Merv Burton, John Slack, Bo Hysong, Lynn and Marion Palmateer, Ed Taggart, Maureen Wise, Amber Leasure- Earnhardt, Amanda Hook, Belle Everett

Ed Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.

Belle Everett gave the Treasurer's report:

Starting balance \$5,350.50

No expenses

Income:

Hilltop Energy 5K sponsorship \$100

Lindentree Industrial Corp 5K sponsorship \$125

Memberships for Fran Haney, Tyler Issacs, Rick Cain, and John Lake \$20

Ending balance \$5,595.50

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

Maureen Wise asked for approval of the March 2008 minutes as prepared by Jeremy Broadwater, Secretary, absent. John Slack made a motion to approve the minutes. Merv Burton seconded. All voted aye.

Old Business

Awareness Days – Amber Leasure-Earnhardt gave an update on the planning progress of the Awareness Day field trips. Three schools and five home school groups have signed up to come for three days with approximately 600 students!

Amber passed around a sign up sheet for volunteers. She also displayed the updated student booklet that she put together. The larger, former booklet will still be given to teachers as a reference. She will send out schedules to all volunteers and leaders the following week.

Stewardship Week – Amber Leasure-Earnhardt reported that soil and water church stewardship week is April 27 through May 4. She has worked with local churches to distribute the remainder of our church stewardship bulletins (400) and also distributed nine church leader guides. Amber is also working on a display for the office window and a display for the library where she will give out bookmarks as well.

Upcoming Events – Maureen Wise directed the group to the list of upcoming events listed on the bottom of the agenda including the Clean Sweep on April 26, River Rally on May 2-5, the Septic Workshop on May 8, Awareness days on May 9, 16 and 30, the State Route 800 Clean Up on June 14 and the Party in the Park and 5k on August 17.

New Business

Project Update – Maureen Wise reported that the Belden Project started on April 28. Tucson had created access roads and started work on Impoundment One. ODNr/ Division of Abandoned Mine Lands' HR-22 Project was awarded to D&M Earthmoving in Berlin Heights for \$343,627. Construction will not start for another month or so. Design for a Phase II will be bid later in the summer. Fern Hill/ HR-42 is ready to bid now that the Technical Advisory Committee fleshed out some details. The Mineral Zoar Project's Army Corps of Engineers Permit expired but ODNr will move forward to both renew the permit and bid the project.

Window Clings – Maureen Wise told the group members that her supply of window clings that she always gives to new members was low. She reported that they bought 50 of current two color clings in 2005 for \$2.85 each. In 2003, they bought 50 full color clings with a grant for about \$5 each. She also reported how many new members had received the clings. The members all agreed that we should buy more. There was talk of changing the colors and it was agreed upon that we would order orange instead of blue and order 100 window clings instead of 50 to perhaps sell them and to not have to buy them so often. Maureen had quotes for both \$2 each and \$3 each. Belle Everett made the motion to buy 100 orange decals at \$2 each. Marissa Geib seconded the motion. All voted aye.

Photo Contest 08 – Wise asked if we should hold another Photo Contest. It has been held for the past five years without much success – never over 20 photos per contest and a total of only 19 people have entered. It was agreed to try again this year with the group doing more word of mouth advertising. Cash prizes will be awarded again of \$50, \$30 and \$20.

Upcoming Newsletter – The next Huff Run newsletter will be printed in June 2008. Wise wants to have it completed by the end of May and asked members present if they would like to contribute articles, artwork etc to it. Both Marissa Geib and Amanda Hook said they would like to help.

Correspondence – Ed Taggart invited members to attend the Ohio Mineland Partnership meeting on May 8 in Coshocton. Belle Everett reminded those present about a town meeting with Mark Okey, Ohio Representative, on April 24. She also said that she received a response from him about our letters about the OEPA 319 grant restrictions. She will give the letter to Maureen before the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.

Respectfully submitted by Maureen Wise, Coordinator.

May 20, 2008 Meeting

In attendance: Ed Taggart, Belle Everett, Maureen Wise, Amber Leasure-Earnhardt, Mike Steinmaus, John Slack, and Glenn Beatty

Ed Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:42 pm.

Belle Everett read the Treasurer's Report.

April 15, 2008 balance *\$5595.08*

Receipts:

Piedmont and Dominon (5K sponsors) \$200.00

Hilltop Energy (5K sponsors) \$100.00

Expenses:

Sunshine Signs (New member window clings) \$150.00

May 20, 2008 balance *\$5745.08*

Glenn Beatty motioned to accept the report as read as well as a small correction to the last treasurer's report. Mike Steinmaus seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Ed Taggart asked for the minutes from the January meeting to be approved in Jeremy Broadwater's absence. Belle Everett motioned to accept the minutes. John Slack seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Nominations: Ed Taggart asked for nominations for Vice President. Belle Everett nominated Bo Hysong, current VP.

Ed Taggart asked for nominations for Treasurer. John Slack nominated Belle Everett, current Treasurer.

Old Business

Member Decals: Maureen Wise opened up with showing the group the new member decals that she ordered this past month. These decals are orange. Only 50 were ordered instead of 100 that was decided on at the last meeting due to a misunderstanding. CDtees gave a low quote last month which Maureen told the group, but they thought the quote was for stickers and not window clings. Therefore, we went with Sunshine Signs who has done the decals in the past for \$3 a decal.

Septic Workshop: Wise summarized how the Septic Workshop went with ten community members in attendance. However, three left because there was a misunderstanding that the talk would be about the new sewer extension. There were speakers from Tuscarawas Health Department and Tuscarawas Soil and Water Office. Wise said that there was good conversation and the people were somewhat interested in a septic field day next spring. However, Wise asked the group if she should go ahead and write the Ohio EPA Environmental Education Fund grant for this, was there a community interest? After some discussion, a few comments were made about making this a grant for Awareness Day and other environmental education. Glenn Beatty made the comment that we need to address this as homeowner issues, not just septic systems and maybe more people would come. Everyone agreed this would be a good idea and would be looked into more in the future.

River Rally: The participants that were present at the meeting shared their experiences from River Rally. Wise talked about her favorite sessions and what she learned, and also read an e-mail that Amanda Hook wrote in light of her absence at the meeting about her great experience at the conference. Ed Taggart, Belle Everett, Mike Steinmaus, and Amber Leasure-Earnhardt all shared some of their experiences. Overall the group had a great time and felt like they got some information that could help Huff Run in the future.

New Business

Project Update: Wise discussed the progress on our current projects. She stated that the Belden project was 20% finished, impoundment one had been treated and drained as well as impoundment two. Now they are working on the embankments. It will be completed this September. She noted that HR42 will have it's pre-bid meeting next Thursday. Finally, Maureen explained that Mineral Zoar is very close to bid; the engineer on the project is finishing up the stormwater prevention plan and will be sending off the completed plans to Columbus next week. There was some discussion on the two AML projects, including HR22 where Glen Beatty gave us an update for this project that will be taking place on his property this summer. They should be starting in June and finish in September.

OEPA 319 Grant: Wise announced that we were officially informed by the OEPA

that we have received an OEPA 319 grant for \$160,000. This grant will fund our Thomas project that should be underway in 2009 and a small portion will go to office supplies, staffing and environmental education.

Watershed Coordinator Grant: Wise told the group that she will be writing a grant this summer, OEPA Watershed Coordinator Grant that will extend funding for her salary until 2011. However, she will need a local match of at least \$3,500 a year. She had asked County Commissioners and was turned down. Now, Ed Taggart and Wise are requesting the funds from the Eagles. Taggart will be talking with them about this request within the next week. The grant is due on August 1, 2008.

Outreach Overview: Leasure-Earnhardt summarized for the group the outreach she has been doing over the past month including classroom presentations (Bell-Herron seventh grade and Buckeye Career Center), Awareness Day Field Trips, and community events (Library Family Fun Day). She also talked to the group about future events she is planning for the summer and fall including more youth education and a workshop for the community on rain gardens, landscaping, etc. for this summer.

Party in the Park: Wise mentioned the Party in the Park to see if we could get any more new ideas for this summer. Mike Steinmaus stated we could encourage bike riding by having a trail that looped around the area that came back to the park. Everyone thought this might be an idea to pursue and Wise told the group to bring more ideas to the June meeting.

Correspondence: None

-Ed Taggart adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amber Leasure-Earnhardt, VISTA

June 17, 2008, 5:30pm at the Huff Run Office

In attendance: Mike Steinmaus, Bo Hysong, John Slack, Gary Alkire, Amber Leasure-Earnhardt, Maureen Wise, Ed Taggart, Belle Everett, Merv Burton

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

Treasurer's report: Belle Everett gave the report:

Starting balance: \$5,745.08

Income:

Mike and Rose Gintz 5K registration \$24.00

Carroll Asphalt 5K sponsorship \$100.00

Toms of Maine 5K sponsorship \$100.00

No expenses

Ending balance: \$5,969.08

Gary Alkire moved to approve the minutes. John Slack seconded. All voted aye.

Minutes Approval: Amber Leasure-Earnhardt wrote last month's minutes and asked for approval. Belle Everett moved to accept the minutes. Mike Steinmaus seconded. All voted aye.

Voting for officers: Ed Taggart asked for new nominations for Vice President and Treasurer. None were made. Bo Hysong was voted in as the continuing Vice President. Belle Everett was voted in as the continuing Treasurer.

Old Business

Awareness Day 08: Amber Leasure-Earnhardt gave a final update on how the Awareness Days went this year. She reported that over 500 students attended over three days. We had a total of 117 volunteer hours for the event without agency professionals that were paid. With their hours included, we had a total of 208 hours worked! A long discussion ensued about how the last day was different and was only held at one site. It was much easier to schedule with no transportation concerns between sites. It was harder though because more sessions had to be held and the Water Quality session suffered. No site tour was given. No decisions were made about what would happen next year.

Party in the Park: Maureen Wise discussed plans for the upcoming Party in the Park. As usual, the group would give out Huff Run balloons, AMD t-shirts and also sell popcorn. A display about the group will be made as well as one for the photo contest. Amber will put together a craft table for kids as well as a new game. All agreed that we did not need to do the enviroscape or skit this year as they have not done well the past few years. The 5K will be held at 7pm. Wise asked the group to bring more ideas to the next meeting.

New Business

Project Update: Wise reported that the Belden construction is going well. The pipes for the slag bed have been laid out. Clean out pipes for it are installed. They have been using borrow material from where the settling pond will be so far. Open limestone channel work near Harsha North is almost done. Work is progressing well. Paul Thomas from USEPA visited the site with staff and ODNR earlier that month.

Fern Hill bids have been turned in with an initial lowest bidder identified. The bid will be awarded once checks are made against the paperwork. Huff Run is administering the small OSM grant that will help pay for this project. The agreement between ODNR and HRWRP has been signed for this project. The storm water plan for the Mineral Zoar Project is still in progress.

Also, Wise reported that a meeting between the TAC and Mitch Farley of ODNR was held to discuss future projects in Huff Run. It was determined at the meeting

that there is a lot of work yet to do despite the project list from the AMDAT (Acid Mine Drainage Abatement and Treatment plan) being almost completed. It was decided that the AMDAT will need to be updated.

Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources: Gary Alkire of Buckeye Industrial Mining told the group about new rules that came out in April from the EPA and US Army Corps of Engineers for compensatory mitigation of losses of aquatic resources. Gary thought that the HRWRP could qualify as a sponsor for a mitigation bank or an in-lieu fee program. For instance, wetlands could be developed along Huff Run and permitted as a mitigation bank. Credits from the bank could then be sold for mitigation to developers at fees of \$30,000 per acre or more. Existing projects could possibly be funded with in-lieu fees. Developers would pay Huff Run for planning and construction of treatment systems as mitigation credit. Being part of this process involves a very large application and plan. The benefits to the HRWRP would be the ability to raise significant amounts of money, improve the watershed, and provide long-term viability. Wise will look into it further.

End of Summer Outreach: Leasure-Earnhardt discussed with the group two ideas that she'd like to implement in the late summer. She would like to have a speaker come to talk about rain gardens with the group and invite community members. As a bit of a draw, she would like to also have an ice cream social at the same meeting. Bo Hysong made the motion to have the event during the September meeting. Belle Everett seconded. All ayes. Leasure-Earnhardt also discussed having a tour for elected officials in addition to our Fall Tour this fall. She inquired if the group would like to pay for some snacks for the tour. It was discussed what days and what time would be best. Leasure-Earnhardt said she'd like to take them to Belden with other optional sites. All agreed it would be a good idea.

Summer Stream Assessment: Wise told the group that another macroinvertebrate study will be conducted this summer using the MAIS technique as it has for the past three summers. Staff from OU, the Huff Run staff, Jim Gue and summer VISTAs/ interns from Rural Action will all help with it. The VISTAs would like to camp over night at Atwood again. Would the HRWRP pay for their stay and a meal for them as they have in the past? All agreed that they would pay for them to have breakfast and to camp. Bo Hysong made the motion. Merv Burton seconded. All voted aye.

Wise reported that the Adopt A Highway Clean Up was postponed due to a storm. It was rescheduled for Friday, June 20 at 8:30am.

Mike Steinmaus told the group that Rural Action has been told that the Watershed VISTAs have been doing too much "direct service." Rural Action has been awarded a planning grant to use AmeriCorps members instead of VISTA. This may mean that Huff Run would have two members instead of one!

Correspondence: Taggart passed around Ohio Environmental Council's latest publication, a newspaper from Great Lakes United and information about the Ohio River Summit. He said that he might want to attend the Summit. He also asked for mileage for attending the SE Ohio Watershed Council meeting. It was agreed to pay \$0.38 per mile for his 180 mile trip. Bo made the motion. Merv seconded. All voted aye. Steinmaus and Taggart both discussed the past SEOWC meeting.

Ed Taggart closed the meeting at 7:19pm.

Respectfully submitted by Maureen E. Wise, Coordinator.

July 15th, 2008 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Ed Taggart, Belle Everett, Maureen Wise, Amber Leasure-Earnhardt, Mike Steinmaus (via skype), John Slack, Bo Hysong, and Jim Toms.

Ed Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

Belle Everett read the Treasurer's Report.

<i>Starting Balance:</i>	<i>\$5,969.08</i>
Receipts:	
Johnson Hardwood (5K sponsors)	\$25.00
Underground Services (5K sponsors)	\$100.00
3 Family Memberships	\$30.00
1 Regular Membership	\$5.00
1 Business Membership	\$50.00
Expenses:	
None	
<i>July 15, 2008 balance</i>	<i>\$6,179.08</i>

Jim Toms motioned to accept the report as read. Bo Hysong seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Maureen Wise asked for the minutes from the June meeting to be approved. Belle Everett motioned to accept the minutes. Jim Toms seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Old Business

Elected Officials' Tour: Leasure-Earnhardt discussed the details about the Elected Officials' Tour that will be held on Oct. 10th from 2-4 pm. All city, county, township, state, and federal officials will receive a formal invite along with the

HRWRP officers. There was discussion about opening this up to all Huff Run members as well, but this was not decided on. She told the group that Slutz Park has allowed them to use their facilities for free since we are a non-profit. This is where the officials will meet and Leasure-Earnhardt will give a brief power point, drinks and food will be provided. Then Jim Gue has agreed to lead a tour of the Belden project. There was discussion about transportation for the tour and options are being looked into.

Ice Cream Social: The theme for the Community Ice Cream Social that will be held during our September 16th meeting is Landscaping with a purpose. The time for the Ice Cream Social will be 6 pm. Leasure-Earnhardt is leading the effort and lining up a speaker from the Tuscarawas Soil and Water Office about this topic including a focus on rainwater runoff in your yard. Posters will be made after the Party in the Park and Leasure-Earnhardt will be seeking ice cream donations this month from Taggart's Ice Cream Parlor in Magnolia. The group decided that a sign-up sheet will be passed around at the Aug. meeting for members to donate an ice cream topping for the event.

Party in the Park: Wise passed around sign-up sheets for the Party in the Park that will be on Sunday, Aug. 17th from 1-8 pm. Wise talked about the different responsibilities that the group will be in charge of including a craft table, game, AMD tie-dye, popcorn, and balloons. She also stressed the importance of volunteering to help with the Huff Run 5k race that will be held at 7 pm that evening. The responsibilities for this include: registration table, race directors, food station, water station, timing, and race numbers. This is our major fundraiser for the year. There was a discussion about hosting a corn hole tournament at the Party in the Park, which Wise would look into. John Slack offered to make the game, while Leasure-Earnhardt said she could make the bean bags.

New Business

Project Update: Wise discussed the progress on our current projects. She stated that the Belden project was 50% completed with one slag bed done and another one started. Two out of the three impoundments were also completed and 25% of the rock channels are done. Wise told the group there has been no changes in the Mineral Zoar project since the last meeting. The Fern Hill project was awarded to Red Malciut and can start in 30 days.

Reimbursement Sheet: Leasure-Earnhardt passed around the mileage reimbursement sheet that she made for the group to look at and comment on. This slip will be what members would need to fill out for the group in order to receive mileage reimbursement for their travel. The slips will be kept at the Huff Run Office and filed with the treasurer's books for more accurate book keeping. The group made some minor changes with the form.

Set Fall Tour Date: Wise explained to the group that every other year we host a fall tour open to all citizens that is on a Saturday and the in between years we

have a tour for agency professionals during the week. This year is the tour for the citizens and the two dates that Wise gave the group would be Oct. 11th and Oct. 25th. The group decided on the 25th to give us more time after the elected officials' tour. Belden is one of the sites we want to show the citizens, but again transportation is an issue that needs to be decided on. A tractor/ wagon was an option that will be further explored.

Set Next ODOT Clean-Up Date: There was discussion about when we should hold our next St. Rt. 800 clean-up. Wise told the group we need to have a least one more date planned for the year for our adopt-a-highway commitment. There was discussion amongst the group between September and November, and November 7 was the date decided on. This is a Friday and the time will be from 9 am to noon. November 8th will be the back-up date if the weather is bad on the 7th.

Correspondence: Ed Taggart passed around the OSM newsletter for the group to look at. Taggart also talked about the Ohio River Summit, and decided he would not be attending the summit that will be held in Kentucky.

Ed Taggart adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Amber Leasure-Earnhardt, VISTA

August 19th, 2008 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Ed Taggart, Maureen Wise, Amber Leasure-Earnhardt, Mike Steinmaus (via skype), John Slack, Bo Hysong, Amanda Hook, Marissa Geib, and Merv Burton

Ed Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.
Maureen Wise read the treasurer's report

<i>Starting Balance:</i>	<i>\$6,179.08</i>
Receipts:	
Eagles donation, membership renewals, donations, bat box sales	\$1,978.00
5K registrations, membership renewals	\$ 280.00
Expenses:	
Medals for 5K	\$227.50
Photo Contest Winners	100.00
5K T-shirts	300.00
Popcorn and Coffee	29.35
Meal Reimbursement (Bug Sampling)	10.80

Zoar Gift Certificate	25.00
Petty Cash	27.57
Ed Taggart mileage	68.40
<i>Ending Balance:</i>	<i>7,648.46</i>

The treasurer's report was motioned to be accepted by Bo Hysong, and seconded by Merv Burton. The vote passed unanimously.

The minutes were motioned to be accepted by John Slack, and seconded by Merv Burton. The vote passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Elected Officials Tour- Amber Leasure-Earnhardt discussed the details about the Elected Officials' Tour (to be held on Oct. 10th from 2-4 pm). All city, county, township, state, and federal officials have received a formal invite along with the HRWRP officers. All members of HRWRP are invited to attend the informational meeting held at Slutz Park before the tour. She told the group that Slutz Park has allowed them to use their facilities for free since we are a non-profit. This is where the officials will meet and Leasure-Earnhardt will give a brief power point, drinks and food will be provided. Then Jim Gue has agreed to lead a tour of the Belden project. It was decided that private transportation will be provided to the Belden project by members of HRWRP, and that the food and drinks will be provided by individual members and petty cash.

Ice-Cream Social- The combined Sept. meeting and Community Ice-Cream Social will be themed "Landscaping with a Purpose". The time for the Ice Cream Social will be 6 pm. Amber Leasure-Earnhardt is spearheading the project and has lined up a speaker from the Tuscarawas Soil and Water Office about this topic who will focus on rainwater runoff in your yard. Posters have been made and are posted in numerous places throughout the Sandy/Tusky Valley communities. Taggart's Ice Cream Parlor in Magnolia has agreed to donate all the ice-cream for the event. A sign-up sheet has been passed around for members to donate an ice cream topping for the event; please remember to bring all toppings to the office the Friday before the event.

Party in the Park- The Huff Run 5K and Fun Mile, held Aug. 17th, was a great success with 35 runners registered and competed and over \$1,098.48 made. At the Party in the Park, three members renewed their memberships, along with three new memberships purchased. All the children's shirts bought for AMD tie-dyeing were dyed and distributed, along with numerous adult shirts. The craft table, headed by Eric Earnhardt and his brother-in-law, was also a success, with the games being the hit of the day. All of the photographs entered in the contest are now on display in the Mineral City Library.

New Business:

Project Update- The Belden Project is moving right along. It's about 70%

complete and on schedule. It has been decided to definitely remove the large gob pile by Brass Road. Fern Hill has started construction and is moving much quicker than expected. It will only take about a month to complete. The Army Corps of Engineer's Permit for Mineral Zoar is slowing things down still for this project. It might not be started until next spring.

Fish Study Results- The results from the ODNr Fish Study Survey are in, and it is exciting news! We have 12 species of fish recorded in an area where only 6 were recorded during a baseline study years ago. We also have recorded new species of fish not previously thought to inhabit Huff Run's watershed, including the Pumpkin Seed Sunfish, in the less polluted areas in the upper reaches.

Watershed Coordinator Grant- is completed! The grant, through Rural Action, is turned in and a response is expected by September 27th. The grant is expected to fund the majority of the Watershed Coordinator's salary from 2009 through 2011. Many organizations matched the grant, but the Sandy Valley Eagles did agree to give \$1,500 yearly but will not sign a contract. A needed \$1,500 was agreed to be funded by HRWRP, as agreed to by Ed Taggart and Bo Hysong before the meeting.

Agriculture- Amber Leasure-Earnhardt discussed her work with the Agricultural Expo. HRWRP is sponsoring and helping organize the event, expected to draw hundreds of people. She passed around the flyer, along with the Agricultural newsletter she designed. She expressed her interest in making the newsletter a bi-annual occurrence.

Correspondence-none

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm by President Ed Taggart.

Respectfully submitted by Marissa Geib

September 16th , 2008 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Marissa Geib, Tyler Isaacs, Eric Earnhardt, Mike Steinmaus, Merv Burton, John Slack, Bo Hysong, Rose Geib, Vivian Slack, Shawn Burgess, Linda Burgess, Heather Burgess, Kevin Burgess, Ed Taggart, Amber Leasure-Earnhardt, and Maureen Wise

Ed Taggart called the meeting to order at 7:06 in the Mineral City Park Pavilion

From 6-7pm (prior to the meeting) HRWRP held a community Ice-Cream social, attended by 40 people, which was a success despite the fact that electric power hadn't been restored to Mineral City and many neighboring communities.

Friendly games of corn-hole (donated by John Slack, Jim Toms and painted by Marissa Geib and Amanda Hook) were played and all who attended had a good time.

No Treasurer's report was given due to Belle Everett's absence.

The minutes were motioned to be accepted by Bo Hysong, and seconded by Mike Steinmaus. The vote passed unanimously.

Jeremy Broadwater is no longer an active member of the group, and therefore cannot hold the position of Secretary. Tyler Isaacs made the motion to remove him from the office, with Eric Earnhardt seconding the motion. Eric Earnhardt motioned that Marissa Geib be instated to the office, with Bo Hysong seconding the motion. Jeremy will be sent a letter regarding this change in position.

Old Business

Elected Officers Tour Reminder- Amber Leasure-Earnhardt reminded everyone about the upcoming Elected Officers Tour, happening on October 10th. She mailed out 42 invitations, and has gotten many back and also has received a call from the governors office expressing their remorse no one could attend the event as a representative. She also asked that any available members meet at Slutz Park to attend the event, as the more people that attend the better image of our group is projected. A Community Fall Tour of our projects is also planned on October 25th from 9 am-12 pm. Any member wishing to assist with either event should contact Amber. A sign-up sheet for drivers who own large vehicles was passed around so that transportation from Slutz Park to the Belden Project can be provided.

New Business

Project Update-

Mineral-Zoar project is due to start by spring 2009, ODNR is hiring a consultant to reapply for the Army Corps of Engineer Permit which has been holding the project up.

Fern Hill project is coming to a close

Belden project is also close to being completed.

New Abandoned Mineland Project near HR-25, still in design, bidding will be in the fall with work to be done throughout winter

Beatty project has recently been sampled, and the overall project looked good

Office Volunteer- Marissa Geib will be volunteering in the office 6hrs a week, through the beginning of December. She is receiving credit for community service through Kent State University Tuscarawas. Along with helping in the office and holding the secretaries position, she will also help conduct water sampling and assist with future fundraisers.

VISTA Update- Sadly our VISTA volunteer, Amber Leasure-Earnhardt, will be

leaving us in December when her term through Americorps expires. There will be no replacement for her, but next August Rural Action will be providing us with two new Americorps volunteers, not in the VISTA program. Mike Steinmaus added that the time between December and August, when there will be no volunteer in the office, would be the perfect time for members to volunteer their time to help Maureen out.

Correspondence- There was no correspondence

As an added note, Mike Steinmaus (our coordinator from Rural Action) added to the meeting that Huff Run is an outstanding organization and we do great work.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32

Respectfully submitted by Marissa Geib, Secretary

October 21, 2008 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Marissa Geib, Tyler Isaacs, Merv Burton, John Slack, Bo Hysong, Ed Taggart, Amber Leasure-Earnhardt, and Maureen Wise

Ed Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:37 in the Huff Run office

No Treasurer's report was given due to Belle Everett's absence.

The minutes were motioned to be accepted by John Slack, and seconded by Tyler Isaacs. The vote passed unanimously.

Old Business

Events follow up- There has been 2 events since the last meeting: the Community Ice-Cream Social and the Elected Official tour. The Ice-Cream Social was a success, with 40 people attending and one new membership. The speaker scheduled to present at the event was postponed to a later meeting, probably sometime in spring. Our Elected Officials tour has also happened, with meeting space generously donated by Slutz Park. There were a total of 14 people attending. Amber Leasure-Earnhardt presented a PowerPoint on our mission as a watershed restoration group, and Jim Gue gave a presentation at the Belden project on the technical aspects of or reclamation projects. Thank you to Trustee Bo Hysong, Councilman Tyler Isaacs, and County Commissioner Chris Abbuhl for representing their elected offices and attending this event.

New Business

Volunteer Program- Through Rural Action, Huff Run has implemented a new

volunteering program. New volunteers will be given one of 4 job descriptions, all of which are being posted on online volunteer matching sites. These new titles will help organize volunteer hours and keep accurate job descriptions.

School Grant- An interested teacher from Sandy Valley Elementary School has contacted Huff Run about a possible ongoing service-learning program with her students. She is interested in writing a grant in order to get her students involved in watershed restoration activities. She became aware about our mission when she and her students attended an Awareness Day.

December Meeting- There will be a meeting in December, though it will be a short one.

Project Update- The Belden project is not yet completed; there is one slag bed not yet working and one gob pile that needs to be reclaimed. Water Data collected from the Farr site reported a low water levels in the mine entry.

Grant Updates- Huff Run was awarded the ODNR Watershed Coordinator grant, paying for Maureen's salary through 2011! Match will provided by Rural Action, Huff Run and other current grants. With this ODNR grant, there are enough salary funds to keep our VISTA volunteer, Amber Leasure-Earnhardt until July of 2009! The funds will come out of the US EPA grant which was to pay for parts of other involved RA employees who have salary funds elsewhere. Amber will be staying on as a 32 hr/ week employee with the title Assistant Watershed Coordinator. We will be applying for more grants this fall in order to fund dump clean ups in the Carroll County portion of our watershed.

Bacteria Study-The study conducted by the Tusacarawas Health Department in conjunction with Huff Run reported that bacteria levels throughout the watershed were not as bad as the 2004 levels. The only sub-par levels reported were collected from the sewage plant. In 2004 the levels collected Brass Rd., County Rd. 90, and the Sewage plant were much higher.

Fall Fundraiser- A watercolor print is being donated by Roderick MacIver of Heron Dance Studios to Huff Run, and we are looking into possible fundraising ideas including it. Tyler Isaacs mentioned the idea of a silent auction, and Marissa Geib brought up the option of selling a raffle at Sandy Valley High School's craft fair. We could possibly sell raffle tickets for the print at the Mineral City Library, and other venues.

Correspondence

Crossroads Research, Conservation, and Development have invited Huff Run to attend their annual fall meeting. It was decided that up to 3 members would attend, with Ed Taggart and Marissa Geib going for sure to represent Huff Run.

County Wide Landfill has donated \$100 to Huff Run, and has also invited members to attend a community tour. It was discussed and decided that any individuals are welcomed to go but Huff Run will not send a designated representative.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marissa Geib, Secretary.

November 18, 2008 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Marissa Geib, Tyler Isaacs, Merv Burton, Bo Hysong, Ed Taggart, Amber Leasure-Earnhardt, and Maureen Wise Eric Earnhardt, Belle Everett, Chris Verich

Ed Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:40 in the Mineral City Fire Station

Belle Everett estimated a total of \$8,200 in her treasurers report (by approximate guess). It was motioned to be accepted by Tyler Issacs, and seconded by Merv Burton.

The minutes were motioned to be accepted by Merv Burton, and seconded by Eric Earnhardt. The vote passed unanimously.

Old Business

Fundraiser-The Heron Dance Studio Watercolor Print Raffle is underway, with tickets being sold for \$2 apiece. The total cost for the fundraiser is \$59.18, including the shipping and handling for the print and the cost to produce the tickets. There was a total of 1,000 tickets printed, leaving us a profit margin of just under \$2,000. All members are asked to stop in and pick up a book of tickets to sell to family and friends. Many members took some that night.

ODOT Clean-Up- The quarterly Adopt a Highway clean-up was held Nov. 7th, with 6 members and volunteers coming to help. The 2 miles of Rt. 800 that we keep clean produced over 13 bags of trash and 4 bags of recycling! At the January meeting we will set dates for the 2009 clean-ups. Thank you to all who came out and helped.

New Business

Project Update-At the Belden Project we are still trying to work with Tuscon (our contractor) for add-ons to the original project bid. We may go through a separate contractor to finish the project. The Fern Hill Project is basically done, with ODNR inspections in a few weeks. Bidding will be this week for the Mineral-Zoar project,

with construction planning to begin in early April. Finally, the Thomas Project is waiting on a Storm Water Plan (that could take months) before being let out to bid.

AmeriCorps Agreement- The relationship between Rural Action, Huff Run, and the AmeriCorps was discussed, with attention being paid to the date of dismissal for Amber Leasure-Earnhardt (Dec. 5th) and the date of hiring for her (Dec. 8th). Rural Action is requesting an new Memorandum of Understanding between themselves and Huff Run concerning the AmeriCorps volunteer. Amber and Ed Taggart will be on the planning committee for the AmeriCorps volunteers with Rural Action.

Correspondence

All members signed a "Get Better" card for fellow Huff Runner John Carrick, who has been hospitalized lately due to severe medical reasons. A letter was received from the Sandy Valley Eagles inviting everyone to attend a benefit spaghetti dinner for John. Membership pamphlets were distributed on behalf of Rural Action.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm by Bo Hysong and Belle Everett. After the conclusion of the meeting, Chris Verich spoke to our group as a representative for the Ohio Consumers Council. The presentation was both interesting and informative; filled with facts about the services and uses of the council. The information regarding winter billing for heating gas and electricity was especially imperative. Thanks so much for coming and speaking to us, Chris!

Respectfully submitted by Marissa Geib, Secretary.

December 16th, 2008 Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Marissa Geib, Tyler Isaacs, Merv Burton, Bo Hysong, Ed Taggart, Amber Leasure-Earnhardt, Eric Earnhardt, Maureen Wise, and Mike Steinmaus
Ed Taggart called the meeting to order at 5:42 pm at the Huff Run Watershed Office

Treasurer Belle Everett was not present so no treasurers report was presented

The minutes were motioned to be accepted by Tyler Isaacs, and seconded by Eric Earnhardt. The vote passed unanimously.

Old Business

Fundraiser- The Heron Dance Studio Watercolor Print Raffle is concluded

tonight; as of present we have made \$476 total from ticket sales. Next month thank-you notes will be completed for Heron Dance Studio and the framer. The drawing of the winner was motioned to be postponed until all tickets are turned in by Eric Earnhardt and seconded by Mike Steinmaus. As a reminder, all money raised will be deposited into the Educational Fund.

New Business

Project Update-The problem slag bed at the Belden Project is still not up and running. ODNR has decided to wait until Spring to change the piping that may fix the problem. Also, the gob pile near the entrance will wait until Spring also. They may do a letter bid to make the process faster.

The bid meeting went well at the Mineral-Zoar Project with 19 contractors attending. The bids will be opened later in the week with a Spring construction. Our project at Fern Hill is not completed; a gate still needs to be installed at the entrance to the project. This has made the timeline off and so a grant extension is needed and has been done.

Finally, the second phrase of the Lyons project is rolling. This is the project that after construction is adding more acidity and iron than it initially was to the stream. Other factor such as pH, alkalinity, aluminum and manganese are working properly. ODNR has been out to the site and will be doing surveying and engineering this winter. Grant writing will commence once the design is complete.

MOU- The Memorandum of Understanding between Rural Action and the Partnership was reviewed. This same MOU has been revisited for many years and no changes (other than wording about AmeriCorps vs VISTA) were made. It was motioned by Bo Hysong to be accepted, and was seconded by Tyler Isaacs. The document was signed and sent on for RA to sign.

Lease Agreement- Our lease agreement with the city of Mineral City was also signed by Huff Run Officers, setting our rent for the 2009 year. It was motioned into agreement by Marissa Geib, and seconded by Merv Burton. Tyler Isaacs, as a Mineral City Councilman, abstained and is delivering the agreement to the council at their next meeting.

Webpage Completion- Our webpage is completed, thanks to the diligent work of Nate Wise and the web department at WRL Advertising. It is up and running, and as a thank you it was motioned by Bo Hysong and seconded by Tyler Isaacs to reimburse them \$45 for lunch.

OSM AML letter – A letter has been prepared by the Ohio Environmental Council for our US Senators about environmental concerns about changes to funding for the Office of Surface Mining's emergency program. Copies were passed around and the citizens were asked to sign the letters and send them to the senators if they agreed.

Correspondence-Our RC&D membership dues invoice have arrived, and it was

motioned by Merv Burton and seconded by Eric Earnhardt to pay the \$50 yearly fee.

Before the completion of our meeting, it was noted that as per Rural Actions schedule, the office will be closed from Dec. 22nd-Jan 5th. Hope you and yours have a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm

Respectfully submitted by Marissa Geib, Secretary.