**Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2021

1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Tom Kakabar at 8:01AM at the Young People’s Community Center (YPCC), 300 Prave Street, Ebensburg, PA 15931.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**

**Members Present:**Richard Bloom John Hurley Ray Gorman Lorraine Donahue  
Tom Kakabar Chuck Gironda Renee Daly Eugene Kupchella  
Dennis Ritko Chris Koren Vicki Vasile

**Members Absent:**Tom Fritz Brad Clemenson Rob McCombie Jim McCann

**Others in Attendance:**Cliff Kitner, Executive Director Caytlin Lusk, Program Coordinator   
Bruce Eash, Maintenance Specialist Attorney George Gvozdich   
Allie Byers, Mainline Newspaper Commissioner Thomas Chernisky

1. **Additions or Corrections to the Agenda by Board Members**
   1. None
2. **Floor Open to Public Comment on Agenda Items (including additions or corrections to the Agenda)**
   1. None.
3. **Correspondences:** 
   1. None
4. **Approval of August 20, 2021 Regular Board Minutes   
   Action:** Motion by Chuck Gironda, seconded by Lorraine Donahue, to approve the August 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes with the correction of adding Ray Gorman as a present attendee. Motion carried.
   1. Correction: Ray Gorman was marked absent but was present in attendance.
5. **Approval of the Treasurer’s Report and Bills to be paid for the month of September 2021  
   Action:** Motion by Lorraine Donahue, seconded by Chuck Gironda, to approve the Treasurer’s Report and pay the bills. Motion carried.
6. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
   1. Ghost Town Trail Report
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that we have the grant agreement from DCNR. He is meeting with Streamline Engineering next week to discuss the plans moving forth to prepare for construction.
   2. Path of the Flood Trail Report
      1. Mr. Kitner shared that pavilions are an ineligible expense with remaining grant funds per DEP. He stated that we are permitted to use excess grant money for physical trail enhancements. He is looking into the price of limestone top coat for portions of the Path of the Flood Trail that do currently have this type of top coat.
   3. Jim Mayer Riverswalk Report
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that the fire training facility containers have been moved to the Dynacom Property for storage. This is per the agreement with the City of Johnstown. The City of Johnstown has also provided proof of insurance.
   4. Duman Lake Trail Report
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that volunteers are working on building the 0.3 mile section of trail to connect the C & I Extension to the already existing 1.7 mile section that connects to Duman Lake County Park. We are still waiting for the bridge to be constructed.
      2. Mr. Kitner noticed that the logging bridge had washed away after Hurricane Ida. He reached out to Colonial Hardwoods, the owners of the bridge, to notify them of this.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. Johnstown Urban Connectivity Report **Action:** Motion by Renee Daly, seconded by Rick Bloom, to accept the final report from “Johnstown Urban Connectivity” which can be located on the CCCRA website at <http://www.cambriaconservationrecreation.com/jucp-final-plan/> and which details the endeavor of Cambria County to identify locations and opportunities to re-connect neighborhoods, community centers, downtowns and attractive tourist destinations to the already successful outlying rural multi-use trails such as the Ghost Town Trail, Path of the Flood Trail and Jim Mayer Riverswalk Trail. Motion carried.
   2. Chernisky Ghost Town Trail-a-thon  
      **Action:** Motion by Vicki Vasile, seconded by Chris Koren, to approve payment of bills for the Chernisky Ghost Town Trail-a-thon up to $5,000 pertaining to the purchase of shirts, medals, awards, food waste facilities, race timing, signage, and bus transportation for staff, volunteers and event participants. Motion carried.
   3. Duman Lake Trail Connection to the C & I Extension of the Ghost Town Trail  
      **Action:** Motion by Rick Bloom, seconded by Eugene Kupchella, to approve the utilization of funds received via grant and via the Friends of the Trails Program donations for payments of bills up to $40,000 for materials, trucking and bridge expenses. Motion carried.
   4. Jim Mayer Riverswalk Tree Purchase  
      **Action:** Motion by Lorraine Donahue, seconded by John Hurley, to approve purchase of a tree to be planted on the Jim Mayer Riverswalk Trail through funds from CCCRA ($50.00) and funds donated by a donor who chooses to remain anonymous ($100.00), in honor of the kindergarten aged child who organized and participated in the clean-up of the Jim Mayer Riverswalk Trail in 2020. Said planted tree would replace the tree that was vandalized on the Jim Mayer Riverswalk Trail in 2020. Motion carried.
8. **Any further public comment**
   1. Commissioner Chernisky provided an update on Cambria County.
9. **ANNOUNCEMNT(S)**
   1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority will take place on Friday, October 15, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. All meetings will be held at the Young People’s Community Center (YPCC), 300 Prave Street, Ebensburg, PA 15931. <https://join.skype.com/CMBFrahlr87d/>; Telephone No.: (425) 436-6317; Access Code: 298266
10. **MOTION TO ADJOURN  
    Action:** Motion by Chuck Gironda, seconded by Rick Bloom, to adjourn the meeting at 8:38AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Caytlin Lusk  
Program Coordinator, CCCRA