**Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2021

1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Tom Kakabar at 8:02AM 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 Ray Gorman Lorraine Donahue Tom Kakabar
Chuck Gironda Eugene Kupchella Chris Koren Vicki Vasile
Brad Clemenson Renee Daly

**Members Absent:**Tom Fritz Rob McCombie Jim McCann John Hurley
Dennis Ritko

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

1. **Additions or Corrections to the Agenda by Board Members**
	1. Mr. Kitner stated that under New Business, letter c. Stineman, July 2021 should be July 2022. Correction made.
2. **Floor Open to Public Comment on Agenda Items (including additions or corrections to the Agenda)**
	1. None.
3. **Correspondences:**
	1. Mr. Kakabar shared an email dated October 11, 2021 from First Energy requesting to use the Ghost Town Trail in Twin Rocks as access to update transmission lines. Mr. Kakabar and Mr. Kitner will be reviewing this and may bring it forth for action at a future date.
4. **Approval of September 17, 2021 Regular Board Minutes
Action:** Motion by Rick Bloom, seconded by Chuck Gironda, to approve the September 17, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried.
	1. Corrections or Changes: None.
5. **Approval of the Treasurer’s Report and Bills to be paid for the month of October 2021
Action:** Motion by Chuck Gironda, seconded by Brad Clemenson, to approve the Treasurer’s Report and pay the bills. Motion carried.
6. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
	1. Maintenance Specialist Report
		1. Mr. Eash reported that the trail from the C & I Extension to Duman Lake County Park is now complete, he is working on putting top coat on this portion. Mr. Eash stated the trail surface at the W. High St. underpass of the Ghost Town Trail was washed up and he spent a few days opening ditches and disposing of excess material. Knotweed was sprayed along the Ghost Town Trail from Ebensburg to Nanty Glo, the Path of the Flood Trail from Ehrenfeld to Mineral Point and behind the U.S. Steel building along the Jim Mayer Trail.
	2. Program Coordinator Report
		1. Ms. Lusk reported that the current balance for the 2021 Friends of the Trails Program for memberships and memorial benches is $14,278.00.
		2. Ms. Lusk reported that the 2021 Cambria County Trails Series is complete. The Chernisky Ghost Town Trail-a-thon had a successful first year. Once all bills are paid a financial status report will be provided for the entire 2021 Trails Series.
	3. Ghost Town Trail Report
		1. Mr. Kitner reported that we have signed the agreement for the 4 mile extension of the C & I Extension of the Ghost Town Trail.
		2. Mr. Kitner reported that he and the trails committee have organized a walk with Streamline Engineering along the 4-mile corridor of the C & I Extension of the Ghost Town Trail that is to be constructed.
	4. Path of the Flood Trail Report
		1. Mr. Kitner reported DEP has approved to put limestone surface on areas of trails that don’t have it with remaining grant funds.
		2. Mr. Kitner reported that he has received a few names of property owners that are dumping on the Mineral Point property. Information has been passed to our attorneys to speak with township attorneys.
	5. Jim Mayer Riverswalk Report
		1. Mr. Kitner reported that the tree that was purchased to replace the vandalized tree along the Jim Mayer Riverswalk has been planted in a new location.
	6. Duman Lake Trail Report
		1. Mr. Eash spoke of the trail completion in the Maintenance Specialist update.
		2. Mr. Kitner reported that Colonial Hardwoods still has logging to do on their property along the Duman Lake Connection.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
	1. Johnstown Urban Connectivity Report **Action:** Motion by Brad Clemenson, seconded by Rick Bloom, to make the final $3,000 payment for the Johnstown Urban Connectivity Project DCNR Grant to Laird Recreation and Land Planning, LLC. Resolution to accept the final plan was adopted at the September 17, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. The plan 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. Toolbox for Truck Bed for Storage
	**Action:** Motion by Lorraine Donahue, seconded by Chris Koren, to approve the purchase of a toolbox for the CCCRA truck bed for storage of tools and equipment for trail maintenance not to exceed $1,000. Motion carried.
	3. Stineman
	**Action:** Motion by Brad Clemenson, seconded by Eugene Kupchella, to approve use of the remaining $43,000 to resurface the section of the Stineman Trail with Limestone Dust using Ray I. Winters and Son’s Inc. Work has been approved by DEP and the grant has been extended 9 months from October 31, 2021 to July 31, 2022. 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, November 19, 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 Brad Clemenson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Caytlin Lusk
Program Coordinator, CCCRA