**Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
November 19, 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 Ray Gorman Lorraine Donahue Tom Kakabar   
Chuck Gironda Jim McCann Chris Koren Vicki Vasile  
Renee Daly

**Members Absent:**Tom Fritz Rob McCombie John Hurley Eugene Kupchella  
Dennis Ritko Brad Clemenson

**Others in Attendance:**Cliff Kitner, Executive Director Caytlin Lusk, Program Coordinator   
Bruce Eash, Maintenance Specialist Attorney George Gvozdich   
Commissioner Thomas Chernisky Katie Smolen, Tribune Democrat

1. **Additions or Corrections to the Agenda by Board Members**
   1. Mr. Kitner stated that item (7) on agenda should read October 15, 2021.
   2. Mr. Kitner stated that item (8) should read November 2021.
   3. Mr. Kitner added informational item (g) as a grant announcement.
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 October 15, 2021 Regular Board Minutes   
   Action:** Motion by Rick Bloom, seconded by Lorraine Donahue, to approve the October 15, 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 November 2021  
   Action:** Motion by Lorraine Donahue, seconded by Renee Daly, 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 mudslide along the Path of the Flood Trail was our responsibility to correct, and that Mark Kohart offered to use his equipment and work alongside another volunteer to correct this issue. These volunteers also cleared knotweed from the trail from Fifficktown to Ehrenfeld. Mr. Eash noticed that the new Duman Trail Extension material has shifted, he attempted to level out the material again. Mr. Eash visited all trailheads to replace the “Hunters Wear Orange So Should You” signs as needed. Mr. Kitner added that the sidewalk addition under 422 of the C & I Extension is now complete.
   2. Program Coordinator Report
      1. Ms. Lusk reported that the current balance for the 2021 Friends of the Trails Program for memberships, memorial benches, the Trails series and other miscellaneous donations is $47,827.21.
      2. Ms. Lusk reported that the Young People’s Community Center was awarded a grant from the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies to purchase cross country ski equipment for a rental program. This program will be similar to the bicycle rental program where visitors may rent equipment to use along the Ghost Town Trail.
   3. Ghost Town Trail Report
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that we are still working with Streamline Engineering to get the proper documents to get this out for bid.
      2. Mr. Kitner reported that he is currently investigating individuals to salvage the rail line.
   4. Path of the Flood Trail Report
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that we are still working on getting the final projects started when the weather improves.
      2. No update on Mineral Point Garbage.
   5. Jim Mayer Riverswalk Report
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that 5 benches made by the Johnstown High School have been earmarked for us. He will be working with various classes at the high school to design a small park let along the Jim Mayer Trail. The Community Foundation for the Alleghenies and the Mayer family may be willing to financially support this project.
      2. Mr. Kitner reported that the MOA has been signed with the City of Johnstown regarding the fire school facility that has been relocated to the Dynacom property.
   6. Duman Lake Trail Report
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that he is approaching another grant for $7,500 through the Laurel Highlands Landscape to assist in the bridge funds.
      2. No update for Colonial Hardwoods logging.
   7. Grant Announcement
      1. Commissioner Chernisky announced that the Metropolitan Planning Organization was awarded a $24 million grant. Mr. Kitner reported that trail development is part of the grant. $1 million has been earmarked for the Johnstown Urban Connectivity Plan.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. Path of the Flood Breast of the Dam **Action:** Motion by Rick Bloom, seconded by Vicki Vasile, to approve the proposal from The EADS Group in the amount of $10,300.00 for design and engineering of the trail from the current end at Stineman Ribbon to the Breast of the Dam, paid for with the grant funds we received through DCED. Motion carried. Mr. Kakabar abstained from the vote.
   2. Ghost Town Trail Electrical Transmission Lines  
      **Action:** Motion by Ray Gorman, seconded by Chuck Gironda, to approve the proposal from First Energy to utilize the Ghost Town Trail from Twin Rocks trailhead for about a mile to access their transmission lines to do repair work. The proposal is for $2,000.00 plus new top coat along this section of trail to be installed when they are completed, subject to concurrence of language provided by First Energy. Motion carried.
8. **Any further public comment**
   1. Commissioner Chernisky provided an update on Cambria County.
9. **ANNOUNCEMNT(S)**
   1. Mr. Kakabar shared that CPV made their submission of property transfers, their plans for wind development is currently under review by DCNR.
   2. Mr. Gironda shared that Rock Run had a great year. They are looking at adding cabins to the park.
   3. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority will take place on Friday, December 17, 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 Rick Bloom, seconded by Lorraine Donahue, to adjourn the meeting at 9:02AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Caytlin Lusk  
Program Coordinator, CCCRA