**Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2022

1. Reorganizational Meeting
2. The regular board meeting was called to order by Tom Kakabar at 8:20AM at the Young People’s Community Center (YPCC), 300 Prave Street, Ebensburg, PA 15931.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Roll Call**

**Members Present:**Richard Bloom Tom Kakabar Chuck Gironda Jim McCann   
Joe Turano Lorraine Donahue Dennis Ritko Vicki Vasile  
Renee Daly Ray Gorman Chris Koren Brad Clemenson  
Tom Fritz

**Members Absent:**Rob McCombie Eugene Kupchella

**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. Kakabar added item # 7 to be named *Commissioner’s Representative Report*, where the representing commissioner may share updates relevant to the county.
2. **Floor Open to Public Comment on Agenda Items (including additions or corrections to the Agenda)**
   1. None.
3. **Commissioner’s Representative Report**
   1. Commissioner Chernisky provided an update on the county.
4. **Correspondences:** 
   1. None
5. **Approval of December 17, 2021 Regular Board Minutes   
   Action:** Motion by Jim McCann, seconded by Vicki Vasile, to approve the December 17, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried.
   1. Corrections or Changes: None.
6. **Approval of the Treasurer’s Report and Bills to be paid for the month of January 2022  
   Action:** Motion by Rick Bloom, seconded by Chuck Gironda, to approve the Treasurer’s Report and pay the bills. Motion carried.
7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
   1. Maintenance Specialist Report
      1. Mr. Eash reported that he picked up the ski equipment for the YPCC cross country ski rental program. He reported that vehicles are accessing the Jim Mayer Trail by Moxham Lumber and are dumping trash into the river. He requested placement of a large stone or barrier to stop vehicles from accessing the trail. Mr. Eash cleared up a fallen tree on the Rexis Branch of the Ghost Town Trail and noticed that several more trees that appear ready to fall soon. Mr. Eash picked up signs at RPM Signs for along the Path of the Flood Trail and received signs from National Memorial Trail Association, all signs will be placed when the weather is warmer. Mr. Eash also reported that there was a large washout between Vintondale and Twin Rocks and that Indiana County Parks and Trails quickly remediated the issue.
   2. Program Coordinator Report
      1. Ms. Lusk reported that the current balance for the 2022 Friends of the Trails Program balance is $800.00, she stated that majority of this is donations in memory of Lou Galliker, a long time trail supporter. She shared that the cross country ski rental program funded by a grant from the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies is now underway at the YPCC. An event called Winterfest is being planned by the Ebensburg Main Street Partnership for February 5th and will include various outdoor winter activities, one of which will be a clinic with the cross country ski rentals on the Ghost Town Trail. Ms. Lusk has been planning the 2022 Trails Series and shared that a frog walk has been planned to take place on April 23rd along the Path of the Flood Trail with more details to come.
   3. Rock Run
      1. Mr. Bloom reported that he has been investigating the process of beginning forest management at Rock Run. More information will be shared as it is received.
   4. Ghost Town Trail Report
      1. Mr. Kitner has been working with PennDOT and Streamline Engineering regarding changes to road crossing requirements for the Beulah Road crossing along the proposed 4-mile corridor of the C & I Trail to be constructed this spring. CCCRA has a standard Road Crossing Agreement from 2015 on file that will need updated due to changes in requirements. This is the final agreement necessary before getting the project out for bid.
      2. Mr. Kitner reported that things are moving forth with the Vintondale bony pile removal through DEP. This project should be going out for bid and construction soon.
   5. Path of the Flood Trail Report
      1. No update on the garbage at Mineral Point.
      2. Mr. Kitner reported that CCCRA is working with the EADs Group and performing site visits with property owners along the projected trail corridor from the Stineman Trailhead to the breast of the dam.
   6. Jim Mayer Riverswalk Report
      1. Mr. Kitner met with teachers at Johnstown High and the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies regarding a joined effort in creating a rest area along the Jim Mayer Trail. CFA is willing to put money toward the project.
      2. Mr. McCann provided an update on the status of the City’s interest in purchase of two properties along the Jim Mayer Trail for the fire training facility.
   7. Duman Lake Trail Report
      1. Mr. Kitner shared that DEP located the owner of the hunting hut along the trail and the hut has been removed. Mr. Kitner stated that DEP is investigating other tree stands that are stationed on their property along this section of trail.
   8. Report on inquiries from three counties in Pennsylvania seeking advice and consultation
      1. Mr. Kakabar reported that three separate counties have recently sought Mr. Kitner’s advice on how to create and operate and organization like the CCCRA. Discussion was held on the topic and Mr. Kitner has been advised to properly manage his time and regular duties and address such inquiries on an individual basis as he is available.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. Wayfinding Signs  
      **Action:** Motion by Brad Clemenson, seconded by Chuck Gironda, to approve the amended purchase price of 17 wayfinding signs to include shipping from the Department of Corrections Correctional Industries Manufacturing to be placed along the Ghost Town Trail extension and Duman Lake County Park connection, not to exceed $628.83, the previously approved price without shipping was $610.81. Motion carried.
   2. Rock Run Liason  
      **Action:** Motion by Jim McCann, seconded by Chuck Gironda, to appoint Rick Bloom as the third liaison from the CCCRA Board to the Rock Run Board. Motion carried.
   3. Path of the Flood Trailhead Signs  
      **Action:** Motion by Jim McCann, seconded by Rick Bloom, to approve the purchase of 2 trailhead signs to match the signs donated by South Fork for the remaining trailheads Stineman and Franklin Ballfield not to exceed $500.00. Motion carried.
9. **Any further public comment**
   1. None.
10. **ANNOUNCEMNT(S)**
    1. Mr. McCann opened discussion about the proposed Carrolltown to Patton Trail currently led by Northern Cambria Community and Development Corporation. He requested the CCCRA consider taking lead in the effort to get this trail created, a discussion item will be added to next month’s agenda.
    2. Mr. Clemenson shared an upcoming event, Consort for the Conservatories, which will be held on Saturday, September 17th. He stated that this will be a fundraiser for multiple trail and recreation groups in the area.
    3. The next regularly scheduled meeting and reorganizational meeting of the Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority will take place on Friday, February 18, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at the Young People’s Community Center (YPCC), 300 Prave Street, Ebensburg, PA 15931. Telephone No.: (425) 436-6317; Access Code: 298266
11. **MOTION TO ADJOURN  
    Action:** Motion by Brad Clemenson, seconded by Joe Turano, to adjourn the meeting at 9:50AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Caytlin Lusk  
Program Coordinator, CCCRA