**Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2022

1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Tom Kakabar at 8:30AM at the Young People’s Community Center (YPCC), 300 Prave Street, Ebensburg, PA 15931.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**

**Members Present:**Tom Kakabar Joe Turano Ray Gorman Randy Datsko
Eugene Kupchella Chuck Gironda Richard Bloom Jim McCann
Vicki Vasile Chris Koren Dennis Ritko Renee Daly
Brad Clemenson

**Members Absent:**Rob McCombie Tom Fritz

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

1. **Additions or Corrections to the Agenda by Board Members**
	1. Mr. Kakabar added item #6 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. Mr. Kitner shared a letter from PennDOT related to Twin Rocks trailhead drainage. He stated that he will be meeting with PennDOT on site to discuss the improvements.
	2. Mr. Kitner shared a letter from the Greater Johnstown Water Authority informing us of its plan to rehabilitate existing sewage conveyance laterals perpendicular to the Jim Mayer Riverswalk Trail. They are planning to start work in March, he will be reaching out to see what impact it will have on the trail.
5. **Approval of January 21, 2022 Reorganizational and Regular Board Minutes
Action:** Motion by Renee Daly, seconded by Chuck Gironda, to approve the January 21, 2022 Reorganizational and 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 February 2022
Action:** Motion by Rick Bloom, seconded by Joe Turano, 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 went to re-open the Sheesley building for someone to see items that they may want to purchase. He went to the Raegan’s Junction section of trail to investigate snowmobile tracks. He discovered that individuals were getting between the gates and running the trail. Mr. Eash observed that the gate was moved at Shawnee Road. He repaired the snowmobile groomer.
	2. Program Coordinator Report
		1. Ms. Lusk reported that the current balance for the 2022 Friends of the Trails Program balance is $930.00. She has been meeting with members of Conemaugh Health Systems and Laurel Medical Supply to work through necessary details to add an Athletes with Disabilities (AWD) division to the Ghost Town Trail-a-thon. Ms. Lusk is walking the corridor of the C & I Extension of the Ghost Town Trail, that is to be constructed this spring, next week with the Conservation District to discuss a cleanup. More details will be provided at the next board meeting. Ms. Lusk and Mr. Kitner spoke with the president of Smart Outdoors Inc. about trail signage along the three trails. She shared a brief overview of what Smart Outdoors does with signage for trails and plans to meet with the Trails Committee and Fundraising Committee to discuss this further.
	3. Rock Run
		1. Mr. Bloom reported that the Rock Run Board seems fairly positive about investigating forest management.
		2. Mr. Kitner reported that we have received all but one of the DCNR permits to date.
		3. Mr. Bloom shared that CPV has a contractor clearing the area to prepare for the wind farm.
	4. Ghost Town Trail Report
		1. Mr. Kitner met with Verizon and Cambria Township at Beulah Road. The township has to apply for the Highway Occupancy Permit.
		2. Mr. Kitner reported that he applied for a $3 million Economic Development Administration EDA grant.
	5. Path of the Flood Trail Report
		1. No update on the garbage at Mineral Point.
		2. No update on the status of engineering of construction breast of dam.
	6. Jim Mayer Riverswalk Report
		1. Mr. Kitner reported that we are working with DEP and a company that may be able to mitigate the oil in the Quonset hut.
	7. Duman Lake Trail Report
		1. Mr. Kitner reported that the directional signage to Duman Lake County Park has come in, they will be installed when the weather is warmer.
		2. Mr. Kitner reported that the bridge built by the Center for Metal Arts is complete and ready for installation.
	8. Open discussion on Carrolltown to Patton Trail
		1. Mr. Kitner stated that a meeting will be set up with the Trails Committee and members involved in the Carrolltown to Patton Trail to discuss possible CCCRA involvement.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
	1. RFP for Rail Salvage
	**Action:** Motion by Brad Clemenson, seconded by Eugene Kupchella, to put out an RFP for the purpose of salvaging the rail line from Ebensburg to Munster Road. Motion carried.
	2. Streamline Engineering
	**Action:** Motion by Eugene Kupchella, seconded by Brad Clemenson, to approve extra fees not to exceed $5,000.00 for Streamline Engineering to cover the costs of new PennDOT regulations for the crossing permit at Beulah Road. Motion carried.
9. **Any further public comment**
	1. None.
10. **ANNOUNCEMNT(S)**
	1. The next regularly scheduled meeting and reorganizational meeting of the Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority will take place on Friday, March 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 Joe Turano, seconded by Brad Clemenson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:19AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Caytlin Lusk
Program Coordinator, CCCRA