**Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
April 22, 2022

1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Tom Kakabar at 8:32AM 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 Vicki Vasile

**Members Absent:**Rob McCombie Jim McCann Brad Clemenson Renee Daly  
Chris Koren Tom Fritz Dennis Ritko

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

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. **Commissioner’s Representative Report**
   1. Commissioner Chernisky provided an update on the county.
4. **Correspondences:** 
   1. None.
5. **Approval of March 18, 2022 Regular Board Minutes   
   Action:** Motion by Rick Bloom, seconded by Chuck Gironda, to approve the March 18, 2022 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 April 2022  
   Action:** Motion by Randy Datsko, 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 moved a couple trees along the Ghost Town Trail and cleared brush back along the undeveloped section of the C & I Extension for tomorrow’s trail cleanup. He reported several other trees down along the C & I Extension. Mr. Eash reported that trail conditions are muddy in the section along the C & I connection to Duman Lake County Park where ash was laid. Mr. Eash repaired fencing at Twin Rocks.
   2. Program Coordinator Report
      1. Ms. Lusk reported that the Friends of the Trails balance is now $1,980. She reported that this Saturday, April 23rd is “Celebrate Trails Day” and she is planning a cleanup along the undeveloped C & I Extension at 9AM, followed by a Frog Walk at the Stineman section of the Path of the Flood Trail at 7:30PM, which is hosted by PA Woods and Forests. Ms. Lusk stated that ADA accessible porta johns have been placed on the Ghost Town Trail system at Carson’s Crossing and Beulah Road. She is currently seeking updated map quotes for the Path of the Flood Trail map. Ms. Lusk and Mr. Kitner met with a landscape architect yesterday at the Jim Mayer Trail to discuss a design plan for memorial benches and bricks.
   3. Rock Run
      1. No update on forest management.
      2. No update on status of permits.
      3. Mr. Kakabar reported that Rock Run is about to kick off the riding season. They are anticipating a drop in attendance due to the cost of fuel.
      4. Mr. Kakabar stated that Rock Run had published a memorandum of the wind farm update for riders relative to the park as an advanced notice to upcoming activity.
   4. Ghost Town Trail Report
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that we are working on finalizing the HOP across Beulah Road.
      2. Mr. Kitner reported that we are moving to the third round of the EDA grant. He reported that a couple documents needed completed for the LSA grant, which is to go toward new equipment.
   5. Path of the Flood Trail Report
      1. No update on garbage at Mineral Point.
      2. Mr. Kitner reported that we received more updated construction drawings. The National Park Service is reviewing them for approval before we can move on to the next phase.
      3. Mr. Kitner reported that PennDOT is re-paving Washington Street. He presented our drawings to PennDOT for the addition of bike lanes along Washington Street. Mr. Kakabar reported that paving Maple Avenue is on next year’s schedule.
      4. Mr. Kitner reported that the installation of top coat and concrete swell along the Stineman section is anticipated to begin by the end of April.
   6. Jim Mayer Riverswalk Report
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that we are pursuing grants to handle the storage tank issue. The Brownsfield Committee will share possibilities with grant money to help with the tank, including a sampling and removing the liquid.
   7. Duman Lake Trail Report
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that there are several washouts that will need repaired when the weather improves.
   8. Mr. Kitner reported that the rail line owner, RJ Corman, is looking at railbanking the corridor along Route 53 into Cresson. This is a potential future corridor we can take on.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. Trails Series Expenses  
      **Action:** Motion by Chuck Gironda, seconded by Joe Turano, to authorize normal expenses associated with the Cambria County Trails Series for the 2022 year. Expenses from 2021 totaled $14,344.45. Motion carried.
   2. Right of Entry Agreement  
      **Action:** Motion by Rick Bloom, seconded by Randy Datsko, to sign a right of entry agreement upon certain lands of Pristine Resources Land, LLC (Pristine), located in Cambria Township, Cambria County, Pennsylvania to provide temporary access for the Licensee and its contractors to the former C & I Railroad right of way for the purpose of trail construction, to deposit excess fill, and to install two culverts on Pristine’s property on 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, May 20, 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 Chuck Gironda, seconded by Rick Bloom, to adjourn the meeting at 9:14AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Caytlin Lusk  
Program Coordinator, CCCRA