**Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
June 17, 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 Chris Koren  
Vicki Vasile Tom Fritz Renee Daly

**Members Absent:**Rob McCombie Brad Clemenson Dennis Ritko Jim McCann

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

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. Chris Sherry requested information on the time frame on bids for the trail project from Ebensburg to Loretto. He expressed concern about ATVs that are ripping up and down the section of rail line that has been torn out and asked what we are going to do about it. “We can’t keep them out of our fields to begin with let alone now that you guys opened up a highway, super highway, right through our fields,” Mr. Sherry stated. Mr. Kitner offered to speak with Mr. Sherry after the meeting, but Mr. Sherry refused and told Mr. Kitner to come talk to them at their property.
3. **Commissioner’s Representative Report**
   1. Commissioner Chernisky provided an update on the county.
4. **Correspondences:** 
   1. Mr. Kakabar shared an email from Indiana County Parks regarding the Blacklick Creek Mine Treatment Plant. Clearing and grubbing of the site will begin next week. The plant will be fully operational by March 2025.
5. **Approval of May 20, 2022 Regular Board Minutes   
   Action:** Motion by Rick Bloom, seconded by Chuck Gironda, to approve the May 20, 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 June 2022  
   Action:** Motion by Renee Daly, seconded by Chris Koren, 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 repaired the washout area on the single track trail leading to Duman Lake County Park with some volunteers. He shared that they recycled railroad ties from the Ebensburg to Munster rail area. Mr. Eash reported that the tractor broke down while mowing and was down for about a week, but has since been repaired. He repaired the washout on the Ghost Town Trail by the bridge at High Street.
   2. Program Coordinator Report
      1. Ms. Lusk reported that the Friends of the Trails balance is now $2,380.00. She reported that there were 545 participants in the Path of the Flood Historic Races and all went well. She reminded board members that tomorrow is the Ghost Town Trail Challenge, around 200 participants are anticipated and described the event. Ms. Lusk reported that a meeting was held with Smart Outdoors and the Advertising Committee, Executive Committee and Trails Committee. She plans to reconvene with all committees then share information with the board as soon as possible.
   3. Rock Run
      1. Mr. Kakabar reported that CPV has followed through with their 4th year financial commitment per the agreement.
   4. Ghost Town Trail Report
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that the C&I project is out for bid. There are six interested contractors so far.
      2. Mr. Kitner reported that things are moving along with LSA and EDA grants.
      3. Mr. Kitner reported that we signed a letter with the Conservation District to accept moving forward with them writing a grant to repair our property regarding the stream bank remediation along the Rexis Branch.
      4. Mr. Kitner reported that Cresson Steel started at Tanner Street in Ebensburg and the removal is progressing. A possible water break was discovered, Ebensburg Borough is investigating. They anticipate being done the first week of July.
      5. Mr. Kitner reported that a section is roped off for the Brandon Sliko preservation communication shack
      6. Mr. Kitner reported that the Red Mill Bridge is not permitted to go over a PennDOT Road, we will not be able to re-use it on the trail.
   5. Path of the Flood Trail Report
      1. No update on garbage at Mineral Point.
      2. Mr. Kitner reported that the paperwork will be ready by the middle of next week to get the project out for bid for the construction to the dam.
      3. Mr. Kitner reported that he attended a NPS program at the museum in South Fork to discuss the trail.
      4. Mr. Kitner reported that the concrete swell is complete on the Stineman section. Ray Winters plans to finish up the stone topcoat today or early next week.
      5. No update on brush fire on Path of the Flood Trail.
   6. Jim Mayer Riverswalk Report
      1. No update on the underground tank.
      2. Mr. Kitner is working with Coal Tubin to get assistance with grass cutting on properties along trail.
   7. Duman Lake Trail Report
      1. Mr. Eash reported that the washout repair is complete.
   8. No update on Route 53 rail line into Prince Gallitzin.
   9. Mr. Kitner reported that we are hiring Dave Gongloff for the Maintenance Specialist 2 position. He will be starting June 27, 2022.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. None at this time.
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, July 15, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at Duman Lake County Park, 157 County Park Road, Pavilion #10, Ebensburg, PA 15931. Telephone No.: (425) 436-6317; Access Code: 298266
    2. Mr. Bloom shared that the Conemaugh Valley Conservancy and Blacklick Water Association are working to acquire funding to work on the AMD project in Vintondale.
11. **MOTION TO ADJOURN  
    Action:** Motion by Chuck Gironda, seconded by Randy Datsko, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Caytlin Lusk  
Program Coordinator, CCCRA