**Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2022

1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Tom Kakabar at 8:34AM at Rock Run Recreation Center, 1228 St. Lawrence Road, Patton, PA 16668.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**

**Members Present:**Tom Kakabar Joe Turano Eugene Kupchella Ray Gorman
Richard Bloom Dennis Ritko Tom Fritz Vicki Vasile
Jim McCann

**Members Absent:**Rob McCombie Renee Daly Chris Koren
Randy Datsko Chuck Gironda Brad Clemenson

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

1. **Additions or Corrections to the Agenda by Board Members**
	1. New business item b. Path of the Flood Trail will be changed to an informational update, no formal motion will be made. This item will be amended as informational update e. Path of the flood iii.
	2. Mr. Kakabar amended New Business item c. related to Streamline Engineering will now be listed as item b., the costs value stated is incorrect at $5,500 and will be amended to $2,900.
2. **Floor Open to Public Comment on Agenda Items (including additions or corrections to the Agenda)**
	1. None.
3. **Rock Run Representative Report**
	1. Mr. Leyo reported provided an update on operations at Rock Run.
4. **Commissioner’s Representative Report**
	1. Commissioner Chernisky provided an update on the county.
5. **Correspondences:**
	1. Mr. Kitner reported that Ehrenfeld sent a letter stating that they cannot take on maintenance as we expand the 9/11 Memorial Trail.
6. **Approval of July 15, 2022 Regular Board Minutes
Action:** Motion by Rick Bloom, seconded by Tom Fritz, to approve the July 15, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Motion carried.
	1. Corrections or Changes: None.
7. **Approval of the Treasurer’s Report and Bills to be paid for the month of August 2022
Action:** Motion by Vicki Vasile, seconded by Joe Turano, to approve the Treasurer’s Report and pay the bills with clarification that due to the low balance of the checking account, staff has permission to do internal borrowing from restricted funds for payroll until the county payment comes in to replenish the borrowed amount. Motion carried.
8. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
	1. Maintenance Specialist Report
		1. Mr. Eash reported that he was able to mow the Ghost Town Trail, Jim Mayer Riverswalk and the lots in Moxham. He installed some of the directional signs for the Duman trail connection to the C&I Extension. Mr. Eash hauled some gravel and laid it in the ash area on Duman connection and attempted to remediate some of the bumps in the trail. He stated that a proper top coat may correct the issue.
	2. Program Coordinator Report
		1. Ms. Lusk reported that the Friends of the Trails balance is now $2,723.00. She reported that payment has been received for the Path of the Flood Historic Races. The trails series has brought in a net profit of $20,005.47 from the Path of the Flood Historic Races and Ghost Town Trail Challenge. The Jim Mayer Riverswalk 5k/10k will be taking place on September 3rd. Ms. Lusk stated that things are ongoing with Smart Outdoors, she is coordinating with Indiana County Parks and Trails regarding the portion of the Ghost Town Trail in Indiana County.
	3. Rock Run
		1. None. Mr. Kakabar reported that things are progressing with CPV and the wind farm. Construction may begin within the next year or so.
	4. Ghost Town Trail Report
		1. Mr. Kitner reported that Sanner Excavating didn’t meet the DCNR requirements for paperwork, so DCNR threw out their bid. The next low bidder is Ray Winters and Sons, DCNR will approve their bid for $999,036. Mr. Kitner stated that we can eliminate the base coat for this project because we have enough base material already on site, which will save costs.
		2. Mr. Kitner reported that we have been unable to get an active SAMS number, our EDA grant request was rejected for this reason.
		3. Mr. Kitner reported that the rail line removal is officially complete. Plans are being made to remove the steam pipe.
	5. Path of the Flood Trail Report
		1. Mr. Kitner reported that we are looking at selling the Front Street property to avoid any further property issues.
		2. Mr. Kitner reported that a mudslide is present about 0.6 miles from the Fifficktown trailhead. It is coming from the old mine reclamation project. Mr. Kitner stated that we are out of warranty but he is trying to contact Rosebud Mining for assistance with remediation. It is not affecting the trail too much now, but the ditches are full.
		3. Mr. Kitner reported that we re-bid the project for the final segment of the Path of the Flood Trail. The lowest bid was still above our grant amount. He will continue to see what can be done with what is available.
	6. Jim Mayer Riverswalk Report
		1. No update on underground tank.
		2. Mr. Kitner reported that we have received complaints about garbage dumping in the Riverside parking area. Cameras have been installed and some of the individuals doing so have been caught.
	7. Duman Lake Trail Report
		1. Mr. Kitner reported that the Center for Metal Arts is looking at installing the bridge in October.
	8. Mr. Kitner reported that Dean Township and Reed Township have turned in MOUs to do the maintenance on the trail if we would acquire the rail line along Route 53 to Prince Gallitzin State Park.
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
	1. Ghost Town Trail 3 Mile Extension: Motion by Rick Bloom, seconded by Eugene Kupchella, to accept the bid from Ray Winters & Sons Inc., 269 Winterfield Rd, Indiana, PA in the amount of $999,036 to construct the 3-mile segment of trail along the C & I Extension of the Ghost Town Trail from Beulah Road to Springfield Street, pending solicitor and granting agency review. Motion carried.
	2. Streamline Engineering
	Motion by Rick Bloom, seconded by Eugene Kupchella, to approve Supplement #3, proposal for engineering services by Streamline Engineering for the preparation of highway occupancy permits and crossing approvals for the Ghost Town Trail C & I Extension at Beulah Road, not to exceed $2,900.00. Motion carried.
	3. Sale of Front Street Property
	Motion by Joe Turano, seconded by Vicki Vasile, to put out for bid the sale of the Front Street property in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth by our attorney. Motion carried.
	4. Purchase of a Floor Jack
	Motion by Ray Gorman, seconded by Tom Fritz, to approve the purchase of a floor jack for the use of repairs for equipment. Motion carried.
	5. Purchase of a Chainsaw
	Motion by Rick Bloom, seconded by Joe Turano, to approve the purchase of a chainsaw. Motion carried.
10. **Any further public comment**
	1. None.
11. **ANNOUNCEMNT(S)**
	1. The next regularly scheduled meeting and reorganizational meeting of the Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority will take place on Friday, September 16, 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
12. **MOTION TO ADJOURN
Action:** Motion by Eugene Kupchella, seconded by Vicki Vasile, to adjourn the meeting at 9:43AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Caytlin Lusk
Program Coordinator, CCCRA