**Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2022

1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Tom Kakabar at 8:37AM at Duman Lake County Park, 157 County Park Road, Pavilion #10, Ebensburg, PA 15931.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**

**Members Present:**Tom Kakabar Joe Turano Eugene Kupchella Chuck Gironda
Richard Bloom Brad Clemenson Jim McCann Renee Daly
Dennis Ritko

**Members Absent:**Rob McCombie Vicki Vasile Chris Koren Tom Fritz
Randy Datsko Ray Gorman

**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
Katie Smolen, Tribune Democrat

1. **Additions or Corrections to the Agenda by Board Members**
	1. Mr. Kitner amended action item #11a to note pending professional review.
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 June 17, 2022 Regular Board Minutes
Action:** Motion by Chuck Gironda, seconded by Renee Daly, to approve the June 17, 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 July 2022
Action:** Motion by Brad Clemenson, 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 the mowing is caught up on the three trails as well as the properties along the Jim Mayer Trail in the City. He is able to get mowing on the trails done a day sooner with help from the new hire. Mr. Eash had removed several fallen trees along the trails. He stated that knotweed is rapidly growing and is becoming a nuisance in some areas, he was able to trim it back along the short section of trail by the Nanty Glo Park and Pool. Mr. Eash noticed on this same section that branches from a neighboring pine tree are beginning to encroach on the trail and will trim them.
	2. Program Coordinator Report
		1. Ms. Lusk reported that the Friends of the Trails balance is now $2,430.00. She reported that there were 177 finishers in the Ghost Town Trail Challenge and that everything went well. Ms. Lusk is proceeding with planning the final events in the trails series and shared information on the Couch Potato 0.0k that takes place on September 24th during PotatoFest in Ebensburg.
	3. Rock Run
		1. None.
	4. Ghost Town Trail Report
		1. Mr. Kitner reported that bids came in for the 3-mile addition of the C & I Extension of the Ghost Town Trail. He is still working with PennDOT to get the road crossing issues resolved.
		2. Mr. Kitner has been working with the county over the last few days to get final documents in order for the EDA grant. This grant would finish off the remaining portion of the Ghost Town Trail C & I Extension loop.
		3. Mr. Kitner reported that the grant has been submitted to repair the stream bank deterioration along the Rexis Branch. We will look for approval sometime this summer with construction to begin next construction season.
		4. Mr. Kitner reported that the last piece of rail has been removed from Ebensburg to Munster Road. Cleanup will take place now to finish the project.
	5. Path of the Flood Trail Report
		1. No update on garbage at Mineral Point.
		2. Mr. Kitner reported that the top coat and concrete swell have been completed along the Stineman section and are holding up well.
		3. Mr. Kitner has been working with Penelec and getting pricing for replacing the gate that was torn out from the brush fire along the trail. He will forward the quote to Penelec for them to handle payment directly.
		4. Mr. Kitner reported that we have a $100,000 grant for Path of the Flood project to finish the trail to the breast of the dam. The lowest bid was $226,000. He is making phone calls to see how we can incorporate volunteers into the project.
	6. Jim Mayer Riverswalk Report
		1. Mr. Kitner reported that things are moving forward with the removal of the underground tank.
	7. Duman Lake Trail Report
		1. Mr. Kitner spoke with the Center for Metal Arts and reported that the bridge should be installed by this fall.
	8. Mr. Kitner reported that Reed Township reached out to him about regarding the rail line along Route 53 from Cresson to Prince Gallitzin State Park. They are supportive and are willing to do maintenance on the rail line.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
	1. Ghost Town Trail 3-Mile Extension
	Motion by Brad Clemenson, seconded by Rick Bloom, to accept the bid from Sanner Masonry and Excavation, Inc., 155 Warehouse Road, Rockwood, PA in the amount of $817,358.63 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 professional review. Motion carried.
	2. Streamline Engineering
	Motion by Brad Clemenson, seconded by Eugene Kupchella, to approve Supplement #2, 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 $5,500.00. Motion carried.
	3. Smart Outdoors
	Motion by Joe Turano, seconded by Rick Bloom, to enter into contract with Smart Outdoor Inc., per recommendation from the Trails Committee, Executive Committee and Advertising Committee, to provide professional services with advertising and trail safety measures along the Ghost Town Trail, Path of the Flood Trail and Jim Mayer Riverswalk. 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, August 19, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at Rock Run Recreation Area, 1228 St. Lawrence Road, Patton, PA 16668. Telephone No.: (425) 436-6317; Access Code: 298266
11. **MOTION TO ADJOURN
Action:** Motion by Chuck Gironda, seconded by Eugene Kupchella, to adjourn the meeting at 9:26AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Caytlin Lusk
Program Coordinator, CCCRA