**Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
October 21, 2022

1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Tom Kakabar at 8:29AM 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 Chuck Gironda  
Richard Bloom Vicki Vasile Dennis Ritko Jim McCann  
Renee Daly Chris Koren Brad Clemenson

**Members Absent:**Rob McCombie Randy Datsko Eugene Kupchella Tom Fritz

**Others in Attendance:**Cliff Kitner, Executive Director Caytlin Lusk, Program Coordinator   
Bruce Eash, Maintenance Specialist Alex Cruley, Maintenance Specialist  
Attorney Chris Gvozdich Katie Smolen, Tribune Democrat  
Commissioner Thomas Chernisky

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 September 16, 2022 Regular Board Minutes   
   Action:** Motion by Joe Turano, seconded by Jim McCann, to approve the September 16, 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 October 2022  
   Action:** Motion by Vicki Vasile, seconded by Dennis Ritko, to approve the Treasurer’s Report and pay the bills. Motion carried.
7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
   1. Maintenance Specialist Report
      1. Mr. Eash reported that new hire, Alex Cruley, has been doing a great job. They have been mowing and trimming brush along the Ghost Town Trail. Mr. Cruley installed caution tape on the bridge along the Duman connection while bridge reconstruction is taking place. He reported that they drug the Ghost Town Trail to stop the encroachment of grass.
   2. Program Coordinator Report
      1. Ms. Lusk reported that the Friends of the Trails balance is now $3,333.00. She reported that the 2022 Cambria County Trails Series is now finished, and final bills are being paid. All went well with the trails series this year. Ms. Lusk reported that the committee is still reviewing the Smart Outdoors contract, no further action has been taken. The advertising policy is completed and will need to be reviewed.
   3. Rock Run
      1. Mr. Kakabar reported that we are waiting on an appraisal for a portion of the property for the wind farm project.
      2. Mr. Gironda reported that there is a Halloween event scheduled at Rock Run. He reported that the board at Rock Run seems positive about adding a race with CCCRA at their facility.
   4. Ghost Town Trail Report
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that the 3-mile section is currently under construction.
      2. Mr. Kitner reported that he is working with DEP to apply for the AMLER grant. This grant would match the $1 million we received from DCNR.
      3. Mr. Kitner reported that he attended a pre-job meeting for the First Energy project in Twin Rocks for power line replacement. They will be removing one gate and will replace it for us. First Energy will also place a new topcoat on that section of trail.
      4. Mr. Kitner reported that PennDOT repaved the road to Vintondale. With this project, they came about 10-15 feet onto our parking area and paved a gentle concave swell and drain grate on the other side.
      5. Mr. Kitner reported that he has an on-site meeting at the Red Mill area coming up. There is a portion of property, that serves as an access road, that they want to donate to us.
   5. Path of the Flood Trail Report
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that he spoke with the resident along Front Street that owns the tree company. He took a few dead trees down in the area of the Front Street property. Mr. Kitner stated that as long as the residents keep the area clean, we are fine with them parking there.
      2. Mr. Kitner reported that we have the contract documents for our portion of the project. He is actively working with the National Park Service with ideas for their piece of the project. The National Park Services wishes to finalize their contract with the County before signing a contract with us.
   6. Jim Mayer Riverswalk Report
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that the tank is still being evaluated by a professional.
      2. Mr. Kakabar reported that the transfer of properties has been recorded.
      3. Ms. Daly reported that they opened bids last Thursday and have awarded a contract for the demolition of the Roberts property. No timeline is available yet.
      4. Mr. Kitner reported that Penelec has been working in the area between Michigan Avenue and Bridge Street. They came in and removed a few trees that were split and fallen on the Jim Mayer Trail, and built an access road into the hillside. Mr. Kitner is working to see about restoration by Penelec to the property.
   7. Duman Lake Trail Report
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that the bridge has been constructed by the Center for Metal Arts. When the old bridge was removed, a few bridge abutments were destroyed. There are a few minor issues with materials left behind. He is meeting with CMA this morning to discuss final touches to complete the bridge.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. None.
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, November 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 Chuck Gironda, seconded by Dennis Ritko, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Caytlin Lusk  
Program Coordinator, CCCRA