**Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
November 18, 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 Chuck Gironda  
Richard Bloom Dennis Ritko Eugene Kupchella Randy Datsko  
Renee Daly Chris Koren Jim McCann

**Members Absent:**Rob McCombie Tom Fritz Vicki Vasile Brad Clemenson

**Others in Attendance:**Cliff Kitner, Executive Director Caytlin Lusk, Program Coordinator   
Bruce Eash, Maintenance Specialist Alex Cruley, Maintenance Specialist  
Breanna Berkebile, Mainline Newspapers 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 October 21, 2022 Regular Board Minutes   
   Action:** Motion by Chuck Gironda, seconded by Randy Datsko, to approve the October 21, 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 November 2022  
   Action:** Motion by Randy Datsko, seconded by Eugene Kupchella, 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 and Mr. Cruley mowed the Path of the Flood and Jim Mayer Trail. They completed some excavating work off of the new bridge connecting to Duman Lake. Mr. Eash reported that he and Mr. Eash removed some fencing along the Ghost Town Trail in the Nanty Glo due to its age and condition. The trail between Nanty Glo and Twin rocks may need resurfaced soon. Mr. Cruley trimmed some trees along the trail. They got the snowmobile ready for snow grooming. Mr. Eash stated that he ad to buy an inner tube for the big tractor and that all the tires on this tractor may soon need replaced, he is looking into quotes.
   2. Program Coordinator Report
      1. Ms. Lusk and Mr. Kitner met with Pat Leyo of Rock Run to discuss a race at their facility this year to be part of the Cambria County Trails Series. She stated that an online store will be open through November 27th for the public to purchase trail shirts and hats. Ms. Lusk promoted the trails by filming a short segment that was featured at the Chamber’s Economic Summit and presented ADA trail material at a summit through the 1889 Jefferson Center for Population Health and Conemaugh Health Systems.
   3. Rock Run
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that the appraisals were pushed through for the wind farm. He met with DCNR last week and reported that DCNR is sending CPV a letter allowing them to move forward. They are hoping to start construction this coming summer. Mr. Kitner stated that the hopeful completion will be 2024/2025, depending when they can get started.
      2. Mr. Bloom reported that Rock Run is on board and enthusiastic about partnering with CCCRA to offer a trail race on the Rock Run property.
   4. Ghost Town Trail Report
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that the 3-mile extension is making great progress. They found a closer location to dump material. He stated that this is still anticipated to be completed early spring 2024.
      2. Mr. Kitner reported that he is working on the AMLER grant. He is currently looking at the bony pile by park and pool. Mr. Kitner reached out to Minetech to get a cost estimate for the submission. Mr. Kitner is working with Louann Gray on ARC funding, money that comes back to coal impacted communities, to help match the DCNR funds.
      3. Mr. Kitner reported that First Energy is putting in a new gate and they are contacting our contractor, Ray Winters, to install the gate when they are complete. They anticipate to be done end of November/early December.
   5. Path of the Flood Trail Report
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that a groundbreaking was held earlier this week for the project. Berkebile excavating is under contract. The National Park Service has to sign the tower agreement before we can work on the agreement between CCCRA and NPS.
      2. Mr. Kitner reported that he attended and spoke at a National Park Service event along the trail to provide updates.
   6. Jim Mayer Riverswalk Report
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that we are getting prices on the underground tank removal. DEP may be able to help us remove it.
      2. Mr. Kitner reported that he walked with Penelec to show them the issues that resulted from their tree removal project. They agreed to repair the damage and resurface approximately 100 yards of trail.
      3. Ms. Daly reported that the demolition contract was awarded. Act 152 funds are being used. She stated that we should see activity with abatement soon, then demolition will be done by early spring 2023. The final usage can be either grass or gravel.
      4. Mr. Kitner reported that the sale of the Dynacom property is complete. Mr. McCann stated that they will start cleaning up the property through the winter and hope to begin site construction in the spring.
   7. Duman Lake Trail Report
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that the permanent bridge by the Center for Metal Arts is complete.
   8. Richland Career Days
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that he shared information about CCCRA at Richland High School for their first ever Richland Career Day.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. Sale of Front Street Property: Motion by Joe Turano, seconded by Ray Gorman, to rescind the motion relating to the advertisement to put out for bid the sale of the Front Street property, adopted at the August 19, 2022 regular monthly board meeting. Motion carried.
   2. Duman Lake Bridge: Motion by Chuck Gironda, seconded by Randy Datsko, to purchase the remaining steel grating for the Duman Lake Bridge, not to exceed $4,000. 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, December 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
11. **MOTION TO ADJOURN  
    Action:** Motion by Chuck Gironda, seconded by Randy Datsko, to adjourn the meeting at 9:27AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Caytlin Lusk  
Program Coordinator, CCCRA