**Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
December 16, 2022

1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Tom Kakabar at 8:33AM 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 Tom Fritz Eugene Kupchella Randy Datsko  
Chris Koren Vicki Vasile Brad Clemenson

**Members Absent:**Rob McCombie Denny Ritko Jim McCann Renee Daly

**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 November 18, 2022 Regular Board Minutes   
   Action:** Motion by Eugene Kupchella, seconded by Tom Fritz, to approve the November 18, 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 December 2022  
   Action:** Motion by Brad Clemenson, 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 a couple of fence posts in the Nanty Glo area along the Ghost Town Trail appear to be damaged due to fallen trees over the years. They will be replaced in the spring. Mr. Eash stated that stakes have been placed along entry ways of the new 3 mile segment of the C & I Extension to prevent vehicular traffic.
   2. Program Coordinator Report
      1. Ms. Lusk reported that the Friends of the Trails balance is over $42,000 at this point, including the entire 2022 Cambria County Trails Series. She has been in touch with a local artist about potentially pursuing the mural along the Ghost Town Trail behind Agway in Ebensburg. Ms. Lusk has prepared some slides of information on trails in the region.
   3. Trail data presentations
      1. Ms. Lusk and Mr. Kitner shared slideshow presentations on trail mileage data and financials for CCCRA.
   4. Rock Run
      1. Mr. Kakabar reported that we are still waiting on an update for wind energy development.
   5. Ghost Town Trail Report
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that the 3-mile extension is now usable. The new will get graded down to Beulah Road and have a completed parking lot over the winter months. The project will not be completed until it is warm enough to lay asphalt.
      2. Mr. Kitner reported that budgetary items need completed before the grant can be submitted.
      3. Mr. Kitner reported that the power line project is done, we are waiting on the gate.
      4. Mr. Kitner reported that there was an accident at Edwards Street that damaged a privacy fence. Insurance information has been received and it will be repaired.
   6. Path of the Flood Trail Report
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that all paperwork is now complete, the contractor will start with construction in the spring for the trail to the breast of the dam.
   7. Jim Mayer Riverswalk Report
      1. Mr. Kitner reported that he is getting prices on the underground storage tank.
      2. Mr. Kitner reported that the project is complete with Penelec removing trees. He will check with Ray Winters about the status of the top coat.
      3. No update on Roberts Property.
      4. Mr. Kitner reported that Mr. McCann reported another squatter on the Sheesley property that started a fire.
   8. Budget discussion
      1. Discussion was held on the 2023 budget.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. Approval of 2023 Budget: Motion by Brad Clemenson, seconded by Ray Gorman, to approve the 2023 operating budget for the Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority, subject to periodic review. 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, January 20 2023, 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 Brad Clemenson, seconded by Joe Turano, to adjourn the meeting at 9:58AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Caytlin Lusk  
Program Coordinator, CCCRA