**Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2023

1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Tom Kakabar at 8:31AM at the Young People’s Community Center (YPCC), 300 Prave Street, Ebensburg, PA 15931.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**

**Members Present:**Richard Bloom Tom Kakabar Chuck Gironda Joe Turano   
Randy Datsko Dennis Ritko Ray Gorman Eugene Kupchella  
Jim McCann Brad Clemenson Vicki Vasile Renee Daly  
Chris Koren

**Members Absent:**Rob McCombie Tom Fritz

**Others in Attendance:**Cliff Kitner, Executive Director Caytlin Lusk, Program Coordinator   
Bruce Eash, Maintenance Specialist Alex Cruley, Maintenance Specialist  
Attorney George Gvozdich Breanna Berkebile, Mainline Newspapers   
Eric Kuzo, public Lisa Kuzo, public   
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. Mr. Kitner received a thank you card from PA Woods and Forests.
5. **Approval of January 20, 2023 Reorganizational Minutes and Regular Board Minutes   
   Action:** Motion by Randy Datsko, seconded by Joe Turano, to approve the January 20, 2023 Reorganizational Minutes and 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 February 2023  
   Action:** Motion by Rick Bloom, seconded by Chuck Gironda, 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 took care of fallen trees along the trails. Mr. Cruley is scanning blueprints to file electronically in the office. He is working with the county GIS to create a mapping program for marking locations of culverts, benches, etc.
   2. Program Coordinator Report
      1. Ms. Lusk reported that the 2023 Friends of the Trails balance is currently $2,180.00. Much of the Path of the Flood Historic Races and Ghost Town Trail Challenge are planned, online registration is posted for both events. Ms. Lusk shared that two photos of the Cambria County Trails were recognized this year in the National Recreation Trail photo contest. The Ebensburg Library is interested in pursuing a story walk along the Ebensburg portion of the Ghost Town Trail.

* 1. Rock Run
     1. Mr. Gironda reported that Rock Run is ready to start planning the race.
     2. Mr. Kakabar reported that Atty. Gvozdich reviewed a draft deed for the brown parcels.
  2. Ghost Town Trail Report
     1. Mr. Kitner reported that two of the three grants are finished for the 3-mile addition of the C & I Extension. The box culverts are now on site, when the weather is more appropriate they will be installed.
     2. Mr. Kitner reported that the AMLER grant has been submitted and he is now responding to questions related to the grant.
     3. Mr. Kitner reported that the new gate will be installed within a week or so. First Energy will also be putting on the replacement dust.
     4. Mr. Kitner reported that the police Chief is still working through the process to get the insurance check to us for repair of the damaged fence from the traffic accident at Edwards Street.
     5. Mr. Kitner reported that he has been meeting with PA Fish and Wildlife for possible funding for the Rexis branch erosion issue. They are recommending no vehicles on that section of trail and possible closure of the trail until it is repaired.
  3. Path of the Flood Trail Report
     1. No update on trail extension to the breast of the dam.
     2. Mr. Kitner reported that mud still needs cleaned up and dust put down along damaged sections due to weather.
     3. Mr. Kitner reported that there will soon be another tree cutting day from the Franklin ballfield to the tunnel along the Path of the Flood Trail.
  4. Jim Mayer Riverswalk Report
     1. No update on the underground tank.
     2. Mr. Kitner reported that there are ruts along the Jim Mayer Trail where Penelec was removing trees from Michigan Avenue to Bridge Street. Winters is under contract with Penelec for repairs. They will be repairing the broken pipe with a higher crush rating pipe, and will be resurfacing the trail.
     3. Ms. Daly reported that the Roberts Property demolition is now complete, except for grass seeding.
     4. Mr. Kitner reported that someone came to get wood from the Sheesley property and will be making a donation to CCCRA.
     5. Mr. Kitner reported that Penelec should be taking care of the mudslide area.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. City Permit: Motion by Brad Clemenson, seconded by Rick Bloom, to apply for the permit to the City of Johnstown for the project, being led by the Gunter Leadership Program and Greater Johnstown School District, on the Jim Mayer Trail. Motion carried.
2. **Any further public comment**
   1. None.
3. **ANNOUNCEMNT(S)**
   1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority will take place on Friday, March 17, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at the Young People’s Community Center (YPCC), 300 Prave Street, Ebensburg, PA 15931.
4. **MOTION TO ADJOURN  
   Action:** Motion by Chuck Gironda, seconded by Joe Turano, to adjourn the meeting at 9:26AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Caytlin Lusk  
Program Coordinator, CCCRA