**Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
June 16, 2023

1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Tom Kakabar at 8:30AM at Sandyvale Memorial Gardens, 80 Hickory Street, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**

**Members Present:**Tom Kakabar Chuck Gironda Rick Bloom Ray Gorman

Vicki Vasile Eugene Kupchella Brad Clemenson Chris Koren

**Members Absent:**Rob McCombie Tom Fritz Jim McCann Randy Datsko  
Renee Daly Joe Turano Dennis Ritko

**Others in Attendance:**Cliff Kitner, Executive Director Caytlin Lusk, Program Coordinator   
Bruce Eash, Maintenance Specialist Alex Cruley, Maintenance Specialist   
Commissioner Thomas Chernisky Ron Kabo, Sandyvale Memorial Gardens  
Breanna Berkebile, Mainline Newspapers Katie Smolen, Tribune Democrat

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 May 19, 2023 Regular Board Minutes   
   Action:** Motion by Eugene Kupchella, seconded by Vicki Vasile, to approve the May 19, 2023 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 June 2023  
   Action:** Motion by Rick Bloom, seconded by Brad Clemenson, to approve the Treasurer’s Report and pay the bills. Motion carried.
7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
   1. Maintenance Specialist Report
      1. Mr. Eash reported they have been preparing for the Ghost Town Trail Challenge. He stated that a quad accessed the Ghost Town Trail in the Nanty Glo area by going around a gate.
   2. Program Coordinator Report
      1. Ms. Lusk reported that the Path of the Flood Historic Races went well with 695 participants that day, she is waiting on an updated budget and for bills to be paid. The Ghost Town Trail Challenge takes place tomorrow and 248 people are registered. Ms. Lusk has received a lot of camping related and general inquiries about the Ghost Town Trail lately.

* 1. Rock Run
     1. Mr. Gironda stated that there will be an open house on July 17th.
  2. Ghost Town Trail Report
     1. Mr. Kitner reported that they are paving now along the 3-mile addition. A PennDOT drainage pipe needs repaired, the construction company is waiting on approval. Once approved they can fix the pipe then finish paving.
     2. Mr. Kitner reported that we should know by the end of the month about the AMLER grant. The vetting process went well.
     3. Mr. Kitner reported that the restoration is complete and was done very well.
     4. Mr. Kitner reported that they have filed charges against the gentleman that damaged the gate, Mr. Kitner has to appear in court.
     5. Mr. Kitner spoke with Fish and Wildlife about the washout at Blacklick Creek. They feel is not an emergency situation but will see if they can repair it.
     6. Mr. Kitner reported that Ebensburg Borough is working on elaborate trail signage at the Ebensburg trailhead.
     7. Mr. Kitner reported that we received a $23,000 PA Watersheds Grant to go toward improvements on the 10.66 acre property we are trying to acquire by Red Mill Road.
     8. Mr. Kitner reported that he is working on the Joseph Dushaw bequest. They are looking at plaza designs, a restroom, and possibly putting money back in a CFA account for maintenance.
  3. Path of the Flood Trail Report
     1. Mr. Kitner met with Ryan Farabaugh of DEP to walk up and see where the water was coming from that is causing erosion on the Path of the Flood Trail. There is a large channel that was created, DEP will see what they can do to correct this.
     2. Mr. Kitner reported that a meeting was held to discuss what should be depicted on the 14 mile marker signs. He stated it was a very productive meeting.
     3. Mr. Kitner reported that South Fork wants to possibly work with us to build a trail behind Impala Motors in South Fork, which connects to the Path of the Flood Trail.
     4. Mr. Kitner reported that he has been speaking to the tree company along Front Street to clean the property up and keep only vehicles there. If they cannot comply, we need to look at other options.
     5. Mr. Kitner reported that last week a helicopter was in last week doing work along the powerline.
  4. Jim Mayer Riverswalk Report
     1. Mr. Kitner reported that phase 1 of the project is complete. We will continue working on the project.
     2. Mr. Kitner reported that he spoke with JRA, they have money to do demolition for the Sheesley property. We will have more information soon.

* 1. Pennsylvania Pedacycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
     1. Mr. Kitner reported that he went to Harrisburg earlier this week for the quarterly PPAC meeting. A consultant is doing a vulnerable user study which included walkers and bikers along PennDOT right of ways. Want to make it safer for users.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. None.
2. **Any further public comment**
   1. Mr. Kabo shared information about Sandyvale and how it ties to our trail.
3. **ANNOUNCEMNT(S)**
   1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority will take place on Friday, July 21, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. at Duman Lake County Park Pavilion 10, 157 County Park Road, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.
4. **MOTION TO ADJOURN  
   Action:** Motion by Chuck Gironda, seconded by Chris Koren, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Caytlin Lusk  
Program Coordinator, CCCRA