**Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2024

1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Tom Kakabar at 9:33AM at Sandyvale Memorial Gardens, 80 Hickory Street, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**

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

**Members Absent:**Rob McCombie Tom Fritz Vicki Vasile Chris Koren
Joe Turano

**Others in Attendance:**Cliff Kitner, Executive Director Caytlin Lusk, Program Coordinator
Bruce Eash, Maintenance Specialist Alex Cruley, Maintenance Specialist
Attorney Chris Gvozdich Commissioner Thomas Chernisky
Commissioner Scott Hunt Diana Kabo, Sandyvale Memorial Gardens
Ron Kabo, Sandyvale Memorial Gardens Janice Bloom, Public

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. Diana Kabo shared information about events at Sandyvale Memorial Gardens.
3. **Commissioner’s Representative Report**
	1. Commissioner Chernisky provided an update on the county.
4. **Correspondences:**
	1. None.
5. **Approval of June 7, 2024 Special Board Minutes
Action:** Motion by Chuck Gironda, seconded by Renee Daly, to approve the June 7, 2024 Special 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 2024
Action:** Motion by Rick Bloom, seconded by Randy Datsko, to approve the Treasurer’s Report and pay the bills. Motion carried.
7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
	1. Maintenance Specialist Report
		1. Mr. Cruley reported that they had mowed all trails since last meeting. They resurfaced the Jim Mayer Trail washouts, on the Michigan Ave. side, with 3 loads of stone. Mr. Cruley shared that they spent a lot of time trimming trees and prepping the Ghost Town Trail for the race. There was a machinery breakdown that they are working through.
	2. Program Coordinator Report
		1. Ms. Lusk reported that the Friends of the Trails balance for 2024 is at $2,745, with a few memberships yet to be processed. The Ghost Town Trail Challenge had 197 participants this year, and netted around $9,000 for the Friends of the Trails Program. Ms. Lusk reported that the Gunter Leadership group is actively working on fundraising to purchase signage at trailheads for online donations to the trails, a sample sign has been created.
	3. Rock Run
		1. Mr. Bloom reported that Rock Run is still working through the process for the windfarm, there are a few concerns about some items. Summer Blast is taking place soon, all campsites are sold out.
	4. Ghost Town Trail Report
		1. Mr. Kitner reported that we now have the DEP contract for the AMLER money. It will cost $3.285 million to do the project. The first phase of the project is out for bid, which is the segment at Cardiff including the box culvert. The second phase will go out for bid after permits are received.
		2. Mr. Kitner reported that the gate and fencing are ordered for the Red Mill project. We are waiting for it to come in before proceeding.
		3. Mr. Kitner reported that we were denied the Chapter 105 permit last week. He spoke to our engineer, who will redo some calculations. Mr. Kitner is working through BAMR to see if the owner of the mine can be held responsible.
		4. Mr. Kitner reported that the Joseph Dushaw wall construction should begin in a week or so.
		5. Mr. Kitner reported that we have been focusing on washouts on the Path of the Flood and Jim Mayer Trail first. Mr. Eash is waiting on Mr. Kitner’s approval to move onto washouts along Ghost Town. We are waiting on the 9/11 trail alliance grant for stone. There are newer washouts in the Twin Rocks area. Ed Patterson is sending his maintenance crew to remediate that as they can.
		6. Mr. Kitner reported that PennDOT installed guiderail along Beulah Road parallel to the C & I Extension.
	5. Path of the Flood Trail Report
		1. Mr. Kitner reported that we are waiting for one sign to be completed for the 9/11 Memorial Trail signage project.
		2. Mr. Kitner reported that we were denied for the COLCOM grant.
		3. Mr. Kitner reported that we may resurface the Path of the Flood from Franklin to the tunnel with the stone we will receive from the 9/11 Trail Alliance Grant.
	6. Jim Mayer Riverswalk Report
		1. Mr. Ritko reported that the sign was delivered. He’s going to reach out to the team and figure out where to install it at the Bridge Street project site. All remaining funds will go to picnic tables.
		2. Update under maintenance specialist report.
	7. Updates on Johnstown Urban Connectivity Projects
		1. Mr. Kitner reported that there is a PennDOT meeting coming up for final approvals for the Path of the Flood side. This should be out for bid in July, pending the approvals.
		2. Mr. Kitner reported that they had approved contracts last month. When he spoke to the Berkebile supervisor, he was informed that they have a crew getting started at the end of July on the Jim Mayer side of the project.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
	1. Bill of Sale, Release and Indemnity Agreement
	Motion by Chuck Gironda, seconded by Ray Gorman, to enter into a bill of sale, release and indemnity agreement with Cambria County, to transfer and convey all of its rights, title, interest, in and to 10 surplus Motorola 1250 portable radios for use at Rock Run, pending our agreement with Rock Run. Motion carried.
	2. Agreement with Minetech Engineers
	Motion by Brad Clemenson, seconded by Rick Bloom, to enter into an agreement with Minetech Engineers to do the engineering of the bony pile removal portion of the AMLER project, estimated cost of $11,365, not to exceed $12,600.
9. **Any further public comment**
	1. Mr. McCann stated that a fence will be going up around the fire training facility.
10. **ANNOUNCEMNT(S)**
	1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority will take place on Friday, July 19, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at Duman Lake County Park, Pavilion #10, 157 County Park Road, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.
11. **MOTION TO ADJOURN
Action:** Motion by Randy Datsko, seconded by Dennis Ritko, to adjourn the meeting at 10:30AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Caytlin Lusk
Program Coordinator, CCCRA