**Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
July 19, 2024

1. The regular board meeting was called to order by Tom Kakabar at 9:35AM at Duman Lake County Park, Pavilion #10, 157 County Park Road, Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**

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

**Members Absent:**Rob McCombie Tom Fritz Renee Daly Jim McCann

**Others in Attendance:**Cliff Kitner, Executive Director Caytlin Lusk, Program Coordinator   
Bruce Eash, Maintenance Specialist Alex Cruley, Maintenance Specialist  
Commissioner Thomas Chernisky Ray Clawson, Mainline Newspapers   
Josh Byers, Tribune Democrat Natalie Depto-Vesey, public   
Tim Semelsberger, public Ray McGuff, 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. None.
3. **Commissioner’s Representative Report**
   1. Commissioner Chernisky provided an update on the county.
4. **Correspondences:** 
   1. None.
5. **Approval of June 21, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes   
   Action:** Motion by Brad Clemenson, seconded by Vicki Vasile, to approve the June 21, 2024 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 July 2024  
   Action:** Motion by Randy Datsko, seconded by Rick Bloom, to approve the Treasurer’s Report and pay the bills. Motion carried.
7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
   1. Maintenance Specialist Report
      1. Mr. Cruley reported that all trails have been mowed since the last meeting. They completely resurfaced the Jim Mayer Trail washouts. He and Mr. Eash filled in the washout at Snake Road, though it will need more material in the future. Once the material comes available they will better address the washout.
   2. Program Coordinator Report
      1. Ms. Lusk reported that the Friends of the Trails balance for 2024 is at $3,020. She shared statistics and financial information on the Ghost Town Trail Challenge with the board. Ms. Lusk reported that signs are ready to be ordered for the Gunter Leadership project, she will sign off on them by Monday. These signs have QR codes for trail users to make online donations to the Friends of the Trails account for maintenance and beautification of the trails.
   3. Rock Run
      1. Mr. Kakabar reported that the operating agreement with Rock Run has been fully executed and distributed. Early stages of construction are beginning.
      2. Ms. Lusk shared that volunteers are being requested to host a CCCRA table at Summer Blast on August 9 and 10.
   4. Ghost Town Trail Report
      1. Mr. Kakabar reported that we are ready to award phase 1 of the C & I Extension project. Minetech plans on having shovels in the ground sometime in September for the bony pile removal.
      2. Mr. Kakabar reported that the gate and sign are in, and the project should be starting soon at Red Mill Road.
      3. Mr. Kakabar reported that we were denied the permit for the washout at Twin Rocks. Mr. Kitner is still working through things with the engineers.
      4. Mr. Kakabar reported that ground has been broken for the Joseph Dushaw bequest rest area.
      5. Mr. Kakabar reported that we are still waiting on the stone donation from the 9/11 Memorial Trail Alliance before repairing washouts on the Ghost Town Trail.
   5. Path of the Flood Trail Report
      1. Ms. Lusk reported that she is waiting for verification from the National Park Service that information for the final sign is historically correct. Once verified, the signs will go into production.
      2. Mr. Kakabar reported that we are still waiting on the stone donation from the 9/11 Memorial Trail Alliance.
   6. Jim Mayer Riverswalk Report
      1. Mr. Ritko reported that he will get the Gunter group back together to confirm the location for the sign. Leftover funds will go to picnic tables.
      2. Mr. Kakabar reported that the washouts on the Jim Mayer Trail have been fully repaired, per the maintenance specialist update.
   7. Updates on Johnstown Urban Connectivity Projects
      1. Mr. Kakabar reported that the PennDOT approval meeting for the Path of the Flood section of the Johnstown Urban Connectivity Project was moved to August, so the project is currently on hold.
      2. Mr. Kakabar reported that construction for the Jim Mayer portion of the Johnstown Urban Connectivity Project should begin at the end of this month. They are working on scheduling a pre-construction meeting.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
   1. Bid Award to Cottle’s Asphalt Maintenance Inc.  
      Motion by Ray Gorman, seconded by Rick Bloom, to award the construction of Phase 1 of the C & I 1.5 mile Extension box culvert and trail building in the amount of $777,343.90 to Cottle’s Asphalt Maintenance Inc., pending DCNR and solicitor review. Motion carried.
   2. Agreement with Keller Engineers  
      Motion by Eugene Kupchella, seconded by Chrisk Koren, to add Keller Engineers for construction inspection on the 1.5 mile extension project in the amount not to exceed $211.526.80. Motion carried.
   3. Added Engineering Services from Keller Engineering  
      Motion by Rick Bloom, seconded by Joe Turano, to accept proposals from Keller Engineers to do the extra engineering services, environmental permits and temporary traffic signal design associated with the concrete beam superstructure (i.e. bridges) in the amount not to exceed $58,000.00. Motion carried.
9. **Any further public comment**
   1. Natalie Depto-Vesey expressed concern about the Carrolltown to Patton trail regarding her property.
   2. Tim Semelsberger expressed concern about the Carrolltown to Patton trail regarding his property.
   3. Ray McGuff expressed concern with dirt bikes and quads cutting locks from gates and accessing the trail and neighboring properties in the area of Edwards Street.
10. **ANNOUNCEMNT(S)**
    1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority will take place on Friday, August 16, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. at Rock Run Recreation, 1228 St. Lawrence Rd., Patton, Pennsylvania.
11. **MOTION TO ADJOURN  
    Action:** Motion by Randy Datsko, seconded by Vicki Vasile, to adjourn the meeting at 10:39AM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Caytlin Lusk  
Program Coordinator, CCCRA