



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Meeting Minutes

February 6th, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.
Gilbertson Nature Center – Elgin, Iowa

Present: Kenny Slocum, Jennifer Cowsert, Sharon Harris, Jon deNeui, Dina Taylor, Rod Marlatt, Carrie Davis, Roger Buchholz, and Alex Popenhagen

Not Present: *, Janell Bradley

*Note: No current representative has been appointed by the Clayton County Supervisors to serve on the TRRC board.

Others Present: Mallory Hanson, Neal & Sheryl Struthers, and Jenna Pollock

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm by Rod Marlatt.

**Motion to approve the agenda by Harris, second by Popenhagen. Approved.

The minutes from the December 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed.

**Motion to approve the November 2017 minutes by Harris, second by Buchholz. Approved.

Annual Report and Financial Requests: TRRC Director reported that all annual reports and financial requests have been made.

Project Updates:

- a. TRRC Trail Expansion
- b. Clayton & Fayette County Trail Amenities – TRRC Director reported that a \$8,900 People for Bikes Letter of Interest was submitted for bicycle racks and delineator posts.

Events:

- a. Motor 5k – March 17th, 2018
- b. Disc Golf Tournament – July 13th, 2018
- c. Fayette County Tourism Opera House Tour – September 23rd, 2018
**Motion to approve partnership for Fayette County Tourism's Opera House Tour and to contribute a maximum of \$150.00 for the event by Harris. Second by Popenhagen. Approved.

Election of Officers:

**Motion to approve Rod Marlatt as Chair, Roger Buchholz as Vice-Chair, and Mallory Hanson as Secretary/Treasurer by Harris. Second by Cowsert. Approved.

TRRC Board Representative/Appointment Terms: Representatives for the TRRC Board have been appointed for all entities except the Clayton County Supervisors.

Project Discussion:

- a. Trail Expansion and Development – Regional Enhancement Grant
Clayton County Conservation will pursue a grant for expansion of the Pony Hollow Trail. Fayette County Conservation will pursue a grant for a 7-mile expansion from the Nims Bridge.
**Motion to provide letters of support for both applications by Harris. Second by Popenhagen. Approved.
- b. Elkader Clock Tower Project – UMGC Grant
The Clayton County Board of Supervisors declined assistance from the TRRC.
- c. Clayton County Trout Fishing Guide – UMGC
The TRRC will apply to UMGC to develop guides for 2019.

Turkey River Safari – Site Identification: The Board has been asked to review past sites and compile a list of potential sites for 2018 before the March meeting.

Vision Planning Discussion: The TRRC will begin an updated vision planning process. The Board has been asked to fill out Vision Planning Work Plan sheets for potential projects.

Director’s Report: TRRC Director presented the December 2017/January 2018 activities report.

Clermont Report: The canoe takeout will be improved along with the bank stabilization project.

Elgin Report: No report.

Elkader Report: Sufficient funding has now been raised through partnership efforts with the TRRC for the byway public art project in Elkader.

Motor Mill Report: Planning for community outreach has begun.

Supervisors Report: No report.

Conservation Report: The trail expansion project in Elgin continues. A statewide Turkey River Watershed Management Authority Bus Tour is planned for June 8th, 2018. Osborne Nature Center renovations are nearing completion. An agreement is in progress for the Motor Mill Trail with Fall 2018 anticipated construction.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on March 6th, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Elgin Public Library.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm by Harris. Second by Popenhagen. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson