



# Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

Larrabee Building – Clermont, Iowa

**Present:** Kenny Slocum, Sharon Harris, Rod Marlatt, Dina Taylor, Jennifer Cowsert, Janell Bradley, & Carrie Davis

**Not Present:** \*, Jon deNeui, Alex Popenhagen, & Roger Buchholz

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

**Others Present:** Mallory Hanson, Aimee Dotzenrod Hilgerson, Jenna Pollock, Debbie D., & Sheryl Struthers

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Rod Marlatt.

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

\*\*Motion to approve the September, 2018 minutes by Davis, second by Harris. Approved.

**Trail Counter Agreement:** An agreement drafted by UERPC was presented for the purchase of trail counter's in partnership with the UERPC enhancement committee.

\*\*Motion to table until investigation into trail counter data management by Harris, second by Davis. Approved.

**Vision Plan Project Updates:** The TRRC director gave brief updates on the following vision plan projects:

- Clermont Dam Mitigation – Grant application submitted to leverage \$12,000 contract with NE IA RC&D
- Elkader to Motor Mill Trail – Federal Recreational Trails Grant submitted by Clayton County Conservation
- Elgin to Gilbertson Trail – Bridge construction complete, rail installation pending
- Elkader to Elgin Trail – Preliminary engineering funding to begin Fall 2019
- Recreational Club Workshop – January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Kenny and Mallory will facilitate the workshop
- Clermont Depot – Brick work is almost complete, interpretive signage will be developed with RC&D assistance
- Larrabee Building – Clermont Historic Commission will discuss potential for HRDP grant
- Keystone Bridge – City of Elkader is looking into matching funds potential
- Clayton County Trout Fishing Guide – Stream GPS mapping will begin this fall
- Clayton County Courthouse Clock Tower – Rehabilitation work is in progress

**Iowa Great Places Annual Meeting Follow-Up:** The TRRC director presented about the TRRC as a case study at the Iowa Great Places annual meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

## Reports

**Director:** TRRC Director presented the September 2018 report.

**Clermont:** The City of Clermont is working with the Iowa DOT on a solution for trees along Hwy 18 that may need to be removed or relocated. The City is interested in vision planning assistance this winter.

**Elgin:** The City of Elgin is looking into potential for raising the dike along the Turkey River.

**Elkader:** A UMGC grant was received for the Art in the Alley project. Elkader has expressed interest in applying for the Trees Forever community visioning program.

**Motor Mill:** A temporary floor option is being explored for the Inn. Long-term planning is an interest.

**Supervisors:** The courthouse parking lot was dedicated and multiple NE Iowa projects will be presented at the October 9<sup>th</sup> DOT Commissioner's meeting in Decorah.

Heritage Days will take place October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The McGregor trail has been completed.

Rod Marlatt will participate in a panel at the Iowa Trail Summit on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Conservation:** The Turkey River Watershed Management Authority is participating in a statewide watershed effort. Fayette and Clayton County Conservation are discussing the potential for a canoe access at the 10-mile bridge site along the Turkey River.

**Other Business:** The Iowa Flood Center is looking for recommendations for additional flood monitors in the Turkey River watershed. The Northeast Iowa RC&D office in Postville is now a stormwater demonstration site. Tours are available to community groups and organizations (contact Mallory for more information).

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Gilbertson Nature Center in Elgin.

## Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson