



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

November 6th, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

Gilbertson Nature Center – Elgin, Iowa

Present: Sharon Harris, Rod Marlatt, Dina Taylor, Janell Bradley, Carrie Davis, Jon deNeui, Alex Popenhagen, & Roger Buchholz

Not Present: *, Kenny Slocum, & Jennifer Cowsert

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

Others Present: Mallory Hanson

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

**Motion to approve the agenda by Buchholz, second by deNeui. Approved.

**Motion to approve the October, 2018 minutes by Davis, second by Bradley. Approved.

Trail Counter Update: UERPC and TRRC are still looking into trail counter options prior to purchase.

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

- Clermont Dam Mitigation – NE IA RC&D was contracted by the Iowa DNR and secured a \$16,000 grant through the Iowa DNR Low-Head Dam Safety Program to help pay consultants for preliminary work associated with dam mitigation design options, such as cultural/historic review, mussel surveys, and potential mitigation option renderings. An additional application will be submitted to US Fish & Wildlife Service to expand the funds available for these activities.
- Elkader to Motor Mill Trail – The State Recreational Trails Grant application was not awarded. The Federal Recreational Trails Grant application is pending.
- Elgin to Gilbertson Trail – Bridge construction is complete and the rail has been installed.
- Elkader to Elgin Trail – Preliminary engineering funding to begin Fall 2019
- Recreational Club Workshop – January 16th, 2019 – Kenny and Mallory will facilitate the workshop
- Clermont Depot – Brick work is complete and windows are being worked on. Mallory is working with Mary Follet to gather information for development of interpretive signage by RC&D.
- Larrabee Building – The Clermont Historic Commission would like to pursue an HRDP grant.
- Keystone Bridge – The City of Elkader is likely to be included in an application by the Iowa DOT for federal funding along with other Iowa cities.
- Clayton County Trout Fishing Guide – Stream GPS mapping has begun and the Iowa Tourism Grant notification will be in November.

Vision planning continues and Mallory shared the current draft, which includes 35 projects.

Iowa Trails Summit Follow-Up: The TRRC director attended the Iowa Trails Summit and is working to try to bring it to Northeast Iowa in 2019.

Turkey River Trot 5K (Elkader, Iowa): Main Street Elkader and the Elkader Area Chamber of Commerce are hosting a 5K on November 24th, 2018. Volunteers are needed.

Reports

Director: TRRC Director presented the October 2018 report.

Clermont: The Iowa DOT has informed the City of Clermont that no trees will need to be removed because of the along Hwy 18 project next year. 2 trees that are dying will need to be replaced by the City.

Elgin: The City of Elgin is planning to raise the dike along the Turkey River.

Elkader: Elkader is looking at wayfinding signage planning.

Motor Mill: Building updates are being considered for the Inn as well as amenity additions such as restroom facilities.

Supervisors: The Elgin to Gilbertson bridge project is complete.

Multiple Clayton County Conservation events are occurring in November.

Conservation: The Elgin to Gilbertson bridge project is complete. Fayette County Conservation has multiple land acquisition projects in progress. A new “pocket nature center” was developed in the Fayette County Courthouse in West Union.

Other Business: Reappointments for all TRRC representatives are required in January of 2019:

Name	Entity	Term Limits	Last Term Reappointment	Next Reappointment
Roger Buchholz	Elkader City Council	One Year	January 1, 2018	January 1, 2019
Alex Popenhagen	Elgin City Council	One Year	January 1, 2018	January 1, 2019
Sharon Harris	Clermont City Council	One Year	January 1, 2018	January 1, 2019
Dina Taylor	Clermont City Council (Alternate)	One Year	January 1, 2018	January 1, 2019
No Current Appointment	Clayton County Supervisor	Two Year	No Appointment	January 1, 2019
Janell Bradley	Fayette County Supervisor	Two Year	January 1, 2017	January 1, 2019
Jon deNeui	MMF Board Member	Three Year	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2019
Kenneth Slocum	Clayton County Conservation	Three Year	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2019
Jennifer Cowsert	Elkader City Clerk	Three Year	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2019
Rod Marlatt	Fayette County Conservation Director	Three Year	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2019
Carrie Davis	Fayette County Tourism Director	Three Year	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2019

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on December 4th, 2018 at 6:30pm at the Elgin Public Library.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson