



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

April 2nd, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

Elkader City Hall – Elkader, Iowa

Present: Rod Marlatt, Roger Buchholz, Sharon Harris, Marty Stanbrough, Jon deNeui, Kenny Slocum, & Jennifer Cowser

Not Present: Alex Popenhagen, & Carrie Davis, Dina Taylor

*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 Slocum. Approved.

**Motion to approve the March, 2019 minutes by Harris, second by Stanbrough Approved.

FY '20 Financial Requests Update: Clermont, Elgin, Elkader, and Fayette County have approved FY '20 contributions to TRRC for RC&D contract funding.

Vision Plan Project Updates: The TRRC Director and Board members provided updates on the Clermont Dam Mitigation, Clayton County Trout Fishing Guide, Elkader Art in the Alley, Elkader to Elgin Trail Pre-Engineering, and Larrabee Building projects.

Trail Counter Locations: The Board agreed that the locations trail counters were located at in Fall of 2018 would be good locations to use for the purchased trail counters in the future.

2019 Trail Counts: The Board tentatively selected July 5th and 6th for the 2019 Trail Count. The TRRC Director will begin reaching out to volunteers to check for availability on those dates.

Updated Bylaws: The Board reviewed updated bylaws to edit language from “committee” to board” and include the TRRC Director as a signatory as was determined at the February 2019 TRRC Board meeting. The TRRC Director will present the updated bylaws document for approval by all 28E partners at upcoming meetings.

**Motion to approve the updated bylaws document by Harris. Second by Buchholz. Approved.

Reports

Director: The TRRC Director presented the March 2019 report.

Clermont: The Clermont Historical Society received a \$2,500 check from Viafield for the Clermont Depot and will soon be taking ownership of the ‘Becker House.’

Elgin: No Report.

Elkader: The large dam has sustained damage. The City is assessing the damage and potential options for repair. Elkader will begin hosting a new farmers market this year.

Motor Mill: Building updates are being considered for the Inn. The Mill will be open for tours every weekend soon. 13 benches are currently for sale to raise funds for the Motor Mill Foundation.

Supervisors: No report.

The Motor Motor 5k was rescheduled for March 23rd and was a success with 60 runners. The Motor Mill trail has an April letting date and August late start date.

Conservation: Fayette County Conservation received a TAP grant to construct a 7 mile trail segment from Nim’s Bridge to Juniper Rd. Paving on the Elgin to Gilbertson trail expansion will begin soon. An electronic kiosk is featuring the TRRC, FCCB, Fayette Co. Pheasants Forever, and the River Bluffs Scenic Byway is complete and located in the Fayette County Courthouse Pocket Nature Center.

Other Business: Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area has suspended their General Grant program for 2019.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on May 7, 2019 at 6:30pm at Elkader City Hall.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm by Harris. Second by Buchholz. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson