



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

May 7th, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

Elkader City Hall – Elkader, Iowa

Present: Rod Marlatt, Roger Buchholz, Sharon Harris, Dina Taylor (alternate), Marty Stanbrough, Jenna Pollock (alternate), & Jennifer Cowsert

Not Present: Alex Popenhagen, Jon deNeui, Kenny Slocum, & Carrie Davis

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

Others Present: Mallory Hanson, Kate Lower, Sheryl Struthers, & Larry Stone

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by Rod Marlatt.

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

**Motion to approve the April, 2019 minutes by Harris, second by Buchholz. Approved.

Bylaws Presentation Update: The TRRC Director has presented the updated bylaws to and received approval from the Fayette County Board of Supervisors, Elkader City Council, Clermont City Council, and Elgin City Council. A presentation will be made on May 14th to the Clayton County Board of Supervisors for approval.

Turkey River Safari Update: The TRRC Director has secured locations, called Iowa One Call requests, and designed and sent the 2019 guidebook to the printer. Posts will be installed on May 9th.

2019 Trail Count Volunteers: Slots are still available for both the Fayette and Clayton counts in July.

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

Turkey River Water Trail Guides: 1,500 guides are left in storage. The board would like to pursue options for funding of a re-print. The TRRC Director will get costs estimates to bring to the next meeting.

TRRC Banner: The board is interested in pursuing funding for an additional pull-up banner. The TRRC Director will look into options.

Reports

Director: The TRRC Director presented the April 2019 report.

Clermont: The Clermont Depot is planning to be open for Memorial Day weekend. The interpretive panel was installed at the Depot.

Elgin: Homecoming planning and preparation continues.

Elkader: The Fishery was hosted last weekend with good participation. Music and Monarchs will take place May 11th along with the opening of the Elkader Famers Market at its new location in Founders' Park. Work on the dam will not begin until the fall when water levels are lower. The George Meyer museum is getting ready to open for the season and will host a vintage market this fall.

Motor Mill: Motor Mill was featured in Our Iowa and The Iowan magazines in the latest issue. The Mill will be open for tours Memorial Day weekend. Planning for the Inn remodel continues.

Supervisors: Fayette County is working on road repair and improvement.

Conservation: Clayton County Conservation rejected all bids for the Motor Mill Trail due to the one bid received being almost double the engineer's estimate. The project will be re-let at a later date. Osborne celebrated 30 years on May 2nd. Travel Iowa and My County Parks has begun their 99 Parks-99 Counties promotion. Osborne Pond is currently being renovated. The Elgin to Gilbertson Trail is being paved this month. The Trail and Trail Bridge Grand Opening will take place June 29th, 2019 at 9:00am during Elgin's Homecoming Celebration. The TRWMA Otter Creek project was featured in the Iowa County Magazine.

Other Business: Jenna Pollock discussed the potential for a capital fundraising campaign for trail development.

The board reviewed the KWVL commercial opportunity from Clayton County Development Group:
**Motion to table the opportunity until funding is available in the TRRC Programming Budget and the \$1,500 is received (as was committed) from Clayton County Tourism following completion of the Turkey River Promotional Video by Pollock. Second by Harris. Approved.

Sheryl Struthers informed attendees that the Fayette County Tourism Center in Fayette will be closed for the 2019 season.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on June 4th, 2019 at 6:30pm at Elkader City Hall.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36pm by Harris. Second by Buchholz. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson