



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

Larrabee Building – Clermont, Iowa

Present: Rod Marlatt, Sharon Harris, Alex Popenhagen, Aimee Hilgerson (alternate), Marty Stanbrough, Janell Bradley (alternate), Jenna Pollock (alternate), & Jennifer Cowsert

Not Present: Dina Taylor (alternate), Kenny Slocum, & Larry Stone

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

Others Present: Mallory Hanson & Nancy Stanbrough

The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm by Rod Marlatt.

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

**Motion to approve the June 2019 minutes by Harris, second by Popenhagen. Approved.

Infrared Trail Counter Data: The TRRC Director is working to collate the data from the in-person counts and infrared counters and will send to the board when complete.

Turkey River Water Trail Guides: The board discussed funding opportunities for funding.

**Motion to approve application for Iowa Tourism Grant to fund printing of 15,000 updated Turkey River Water Trail guides by Popenhagen. Second by Harris. Approved.

Turkey River Event: Clayton County Conservation is co-hosting a Paddle, Pedal, Pour every 2nd Saturday throughout the summer. Details can be found on the TRRC Facebook Page.

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 (RFP due August 19th).

Executive Committee Elections

**Motion to nominate and elect Rod Marlatt as President by Harris. Second by Popenhagen. Approved.

**Motion to nominate and elect Jennifer Cowsert as Vice-President by Pollock. Second by Harris. Approved.

Turkey River Video

**Motion to approve the Turkey River video produced by Sam Fathallah by Popenhagen. Second by Pollock. Approved.

Iowa Trails Summit 2019

**Motion to approve Hanson's attendance by Harris. Second by Cowsert. Approved.

Reports

Director: The TRRC Director presented the June/July 2019 report.

Clermont: Baseball diamond lights will be installed in the coming months. BBQ in the park was successful.

The HRDP grant for Larrabee Building windows was unsuccessful. Resubmittal is planned for 2020.

Elgin: Dike system is in progress. Homecoming was successful.

Elkader: Sweet Corn Days and Art in the Park are upcoming.

Motor Mill: The Inn restoration is in the planning process. Art show will take place in September.

Supervisors: Fayette County is working on road repair and improvement and has a new Economic Development & Tourism Director through Northeast Iowa RC&D.

Clayton County Conservation is planning to submit a REAP grant for the Motor Mill Trail. This is the large infrastructure grant the TRRC Board approved for the Director to write.

The Elgin Trail and Trail Bridge Grand Opening took place during Elgin's Homecoming.

Fayette County submitted the first reimbursement request for the Iowa Great Places grant for the TRRC Trail.

Conservation: Fayette County Conservation is planning to submit a REAP grant for a land acquisition.

The TRWMA will be featured at ISACC.

A celebration of Iowa's State Parks will take place at Echo Valley State Park and Volga River Recreation Area on September 21, 2019. Information can be found on the "Visit Fayette County" Facebook Page.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Sept. 3, 2019 at 6:30pm at Clermont City Hall (Larrabee Building).

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm by Harris. Second by Popenhagen. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson