



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.
Larrabee Building – Clermont, Iowa

Present: Rod Marlatt, Bob Hendrickson, Matt McElree, Sharon Harris, Dina Taylor (alternate), Larry Stone, Aimee Hilgerson (alternate), Marty Stanbrough, & Kenny Slocum

Not Present: Alex Popenhagen, Jennifer Cowser, Jenna Pollock (alternate), & Janell Bradley (alternate)

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

Others Present: Mallory Hanson & Sheryl Struthers

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

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

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

Introductions: New attendees/members were introduced. Bob Hendrickson will be the new representative for the Elkader City Council.

Turkey River Event: Clayton County Conservation continues to host 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, Elkader to Elgin Trail Pre-Engineering (RFPs reviewed on August 21st), and Elkader Trail/Community Wayfinding Signage (Trees Forever Visioning application submitted by September 1st).

New TRRC At-Large Representative Discussion and Approval:

**Motion to approve the appointment of Matt McElree, Assistant to the Fayette County Engineer, as an at-large board member for TRRC by Harris, second by Hilgerson. Approved.

Community Logo and Great Places Logo Use: Marlatt encouraged cities and partners to utilize their community logos and the Iowa Great Places logo on their letterhead and correspondence. Hanson will send logos to partners.

Reports

Director: The TRRC Director presented the August 2019 report.

Clermont: 22/25 Baseball diamond lights have been installed. A preservation workshop will be held at God's Acres Cemetery on October 13 at 2pm.

Elgin: The dike system is in final phases.

Elkader: Art in the Park was successful and Art in the Alley has been very popular.

Motor Mill: The Motor Mill Art Show will take place Sept. 7 (12pm-4pm). The boat ramp is currently under construction. Weekend tours will be Sept. 14-15, Sept. 28-29, & Oct. 12-13 (Heritage Days).

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

Conservation: Clayton County Conservation is planning a Monarch Release Party on Fri. Sept. 6. Sept. 28 is National Public Lands Day. The Osborne Pond is now complete. O.W.L.S. will host a bus trip to the Aldo Leopold Shack on Sept. 19. Relay Cropping School will take place Sept. 17th & 18th (<https://northeastiowarcd.org/relay-cropping-school/>). The REAP grant for the Motor Mill Trail was submitted. This is the large infrastructure grant the TRRC Board approved for the Director to write.

The bridge lighting remains for the Elgin to Gilbertson trail expansion project. Fayette County Conservation is submitted a REAP grant for a land acquisition. The TRWMA was 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. The Northeast Iowa Farm Crawl will take place Sept. 21 & 22. Information can be found on the "Visit Iowa" Facebook Page.

Other Business: The Motor Mill Trail fundraising campaign has begun. Follow the “Trails of Clayton County Iowa” Facebook page to learn more. The Iowa DNR is currently working to map the Turkey River Water Trail to add to their Iowa DNR Water Trail Maps set in addition to the TRRC’s guide.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Oct. 1, 2019 at 6:30pm at Clermont City Hall (Larrabee Building).

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm by Slocum. Second by Harris. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson