



# Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

Larrabee Building – Clermont, Iowa

**Present:** Rod Marlatt, Bob Hendrickson, Matt McElree, Sharon Harris, Dina Taylor (alternate), Larry Stone, Kenny Slocum, Jennifer Cowsert, & Jenna Pollock (alternate)

**Not Present:** Alex Popenhagen, Janell Bradley (alternate), Aimee Hilgerson (alternate), & Marty Stanbrough

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

**Others Present:** None

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

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

\*\*Motion to approve the September 2019 minutes by Stone, second by Taylor. Approved.

## Vision Plan Updates:

- Clermont Dam mitigation: they are working on the mussel study;
- Elkader to Elgin Trail Pre-engineering: The engineering firm, MSA Professional Services, has been selected and the contract is with the DOT for review and approval.
- Elkader Trail/Community Wayfinding signage: Elkader was accepted as a community for the next year's Iowa Living Roadways Community Visioning program. Wayfinding and trail signs were part of the request.
- Elgin trail Bridge lighting: may be applying for another grant from the Fayette County Foundation for the Future; need to meet and make a decision on how to proceed.
- Motor Mill Trail (Campaign, REAP grant) – Pollock will be providing an update to the Elkader City Council on the Motor Mill trail; she continues to work on a fundraising campaign.

**Trail Count Data Report:** Mallory is researching to figure out why the infrared camera numbers are so high. They think it is picking up car traffic even though it is not supposed to. They will turn it around to face the other direction if that is the case.

## Reports

**Director:** The TRRC Director provided the September 2019 report via email and in the packet.

**Clermont:** Road work continues as the weather allows; looking into cost of roof repair at the gazebo; still trying to decide what to do with the bricks removed from the street project; October 13<sup>th</sup> – gravestone cleaning session;

**Elgin:** Three Council seats are up and six are running; they are working on raising the dike two feet.

**Elkader:** Hendrickson spoke with Rafe and the supervisors about coming to TRRC meetings (they did not make a commitment) and about working on the trail idea (they were somewhat receptive and plan to work with the engineers as they develop trail options); there are several events the next two weekends: Harvest Fest; Heritage Days; Hwy 13 Vintage Market; show at the Opera House; and an antique tractor ride; Elkader can officially announce they received funding for major repairs to the Keystone Bridge from the DOT and Federal government. This includes repairing the sidewalk, which is of interest to this group because the sidewalk is part of the inter-city trail system.

**Motor Mill:** New signs for the savannah donated by the Grau family; they have hosted a car cruise; working on plans for the Inn with an architect to flood-proof the first floor and make the upper floors usable; looking at the stables as well to see if they can be made usable for functions;

**Supervisors:** No Report.

**Conservation:** Clayton County: Canoe access at Motor Mill has been refurbished; Heritage days is October 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>; they received \$48K from Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation for the Pony Hollow Trail extension;  
Fayette County: They hosted the by-way Model A tour; Marlatt explained work being done on flood plain easement for farmers near the river;

**Other Business:** Cowsert reported that the Upper Mississippi Gaming Commission will have a lot more money to grant in future years and is asking for ideas related to tourism and economic development. She will take a look at the TRRC

plan and the Clayton County Conservation Plan for trails and submit some of those ideas and talk with Mallory and Darla Kelchen to get their ideas. It was suggested that the UERPC is compiling information on the economic benefit of trails and Pollock would share a contact from Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Nov. 5, 2019 at 6:30pm at Gilbertson Nature Center in /Elgin.

**Adjournment:**

\*\*Motion to adjourn the meeting by Hendrickson. Second by Stone. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Jennifer Cowsert