



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.
Gilbertson Nature Center – Elgin, Iowa

Present: Rod Marlatt, Dina Taylor (alt.), Larry Stone, Marty Stanbrough, Alex Popenhagen, Jennifer Cowsert, Jenna Pollock (alt.)

Not Present: Aimee Hilgerson (alt.), Bob Hendrickson, Janell Bradley (alt.) Kenny Slocum, Matt McElree, & Sharon Harris

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

Others Present: Mallory Hanson, Nancy Stanbrough, & Sheryl Struthers

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

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

**Motion to approve the October 2019 minutes with updates by Stanbrough, second by Taylor. Approved.

Trail Count Data Report: Updated data was shared with attendees. It is expected that the Clermont-Elgin unit is counting vehicle traffic in addition to pedestrians and bicyclists.

Iowa Tourism Grant Application: An application to print 15,000 updated Turkey River Water Trail guides was submitted. Notification is expected in November.

Vision Plan Project Updates: The Board discussed updates on the Clermont Dam Mitigation, Elkader to Elgin Trail Pre-Engineering (awaiting DOT approval for engineer contract), Elkader Trail/Community Wayfinding Signage (Trees Forever Visioning application awarded), Elgin Trail Bridge Lighting, and the Motor Mill Trail.

The Motor Mill Trail Campaign is in full swing. The REAP grant was not awarded, however, Clayton County Conservation is working to solicit online contributions and will be hosting three events to garner support and funding for the project: November 23 – Trivia Night at Deb’s (Motor Mill Bridge Lighting), December 19 – Trivia Night (Motor Mill Theme), January 18 – Karaoke Night at Deb’s. The TRRC will help to promote these events and Mallory will assist with logistics.

Annual Report Discussion and Presentation Dates: Mallory will put together the annual report and will begin scheduling presentations for December 2019 and January 2020.

Reports

Director: The TRRC Director presented the October 2019 report.

Clermont: Road construction is in progress. Bricks will be utilized to boarder the gazebo in the City Park. City elections took place.

Elgin: The dike system is in final phases. The City is awaiting better weather to proceed. City elections took place.

Elkader: City elections took place.

Motor Mill: The Sesquicentennial Bridge Lighting will take place November 23rd. Events are planned for every month in 2020.

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

Conservation: Clayton County Conservation is working through DOT requirements for the Motor Mill Trail/Hwy 13 project. The 15k is planned for November 16th. Nature kids is planned for November 27th. The Holiday Walk is planned for December 5th and will feature a “Mammoth Hunt.” Fayette County Conservation secured a \$490k REAP grant for acquisition of the Beeghly property. A playscape is being developed at Gilbertson’s in Elgin.

Other Business: West Union has hired a new Economic Development/Chamber director: Kristie Austin. The REAP Assembly will take place in Calmar on November 18th.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Dec. 3, 2019 at 6:30pm at the Elgin Public Library (Elgin, Iowa).

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm by Stone. Second by Cowsert. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson