



# Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.  
Elgin Public Library – Elgin, Iowa

**Present:** Rod Marlatt, Dina Taylor (alt.), John Nikolai (alt.), Aimee Hilgerson, Kenny Slocum, Matt McElree, & Sharon Harris,

**Not Present:** Larry Stone, Marty Stanbrough, Jennifer Cowser, Bob Hendrickson, Stephanie Mackenzie-Herman (alt.), & Jenna Pollock (alt.)

\*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 Taylor, second by Slocum. Approved.

\*\*Motion to approve the January 2020 minutes by Hilgerson, second by Slocum. Approved.

**Vision Plan Project Updates:** The Board discussed updates on the Clermont Dam Mitigation (archaeological review complete, awaiting preliminary sketches), Elkader to Elgin Trail Pre-Engineering (steering committee meeting Feb. 5), Elkader Community Visioning (steering committee meeting Feb. 6), Elgin Trail Bridge Lighting (cost effective alternative has been identified), and the Motor Mill Trail (bid to be reviewed by CCCB Feb. 5).

**2020 Turkey River Safari:** Mallory will present a list of sites to the board via email for review and suggestions. Distribution will be primarily through Clayton and Fayette County Tourism and Conservation locations in 2020. Motor Mill will also distribute.

**Upcoming Events:** Hanson, Marlatt, and Pollock plan to attend Canoeopia to assist with the Northeast Iowa Whitewater booth on March 14. The Motor Motor 5k will take place March 21, 2020. Volunteers are welcome.

**Vision Plan Project Additions:** Marlatt presented trail half-mile marker and StoryWalk projects to be added to TRRC's ongoing vision plan.

\*\*Motion to approve the project additions as presented by Taylor. Second by Hilgerson. Approved.

**Iowa Legislative Showcase (Booth Registration):** Hanson suggested the board consider funding participation in the showcase.

\*\*Motion to approve up to \$250 to fund registration for the 2020 Iowa Legislative Showcase by Taylor. Second by Hilgerson. Approved.

## Reports

**Director:** The TRRC Director presented highlights from the January 2020 report.

**Clermont:** \$3,500 contribution is budgeted. Budget is yet to be approved. Harris and Taylor have been re-appointed to the TRRC Board. Collaborating with RC&D for community facilities planning. Speed/Traffic cameras are being considered.

**Elgin:** \$3,500 contribution is budgeted. Budget is yet to be approved.

**Elkader:** \$3,000 contribution is budgeted. Budget is yet to be approved.

**Motor Mill:** An interpretive intern is set to be hired for 2020. The Foundation is interested in putting electricity into the Mill. Various repairs to the Mill are ongoing.

**Supervisors:** \$10,000 contribution from Fayette County Board of Supervisors is budgeted.

**Conservation:** Murals in the Osborne Welcome Center are almost complete. Clayton County Conservation plans to apply for 2020 Wellmark funding for the Pony Hollow Trail. Marlatt presented information about promotion from Iowa Group Travel Association (Byways of Iowa Foundation and Fayette County Economic Development and Tourism hold memberships). Fayette County Conservation is almost done acquiring a new property in Fayette. The Byways of Iowa Foundation is sponsoring Senate File 2060 to help fund future scenic byway projects in Iowa.

**Other Business:** The Motor Mill Foundation would like to request an alternate representative for the TRRC Board.

\*\*Motion to appoint Jonn Nikolai as an at-large alternate for the Motor Mill Foundation by Taylor. Second by Slocum. Approved.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Mar. 4, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Elkader City Hall. Note the date change.

**Adjournment:**

\*\*Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48pm by Taylor, second by Slocum. Approved.

*Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson*