



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2020 – 6:30 p.m.
Elkader City Hall | Elkader, Iowa

Present: Rod Marlatt, Dina Taylor (alt.), Kenny Slocum, Larry Stone, Marty Stanbrough, & Jennifer Cowser

Not Present: Bob Hendrickson, Stephanie Mackenzie-Herman (alt.), Jenna Pollock (alt.), John Nikolai (alt.), Aimee Hilgerson, 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, Ann Gibney, Kate Lower, & 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 February 2020 minutes by Slocum, second by Stanbrough. Approved.

Mediacom Commercial Partnership: The Board reviewed the updated 2020 partnership program.

Vision Plan Project Updates: The Board discussed updates on the Clermont Dam Mitigation, Elkader to Elgin Trail Pre-Engineering (steering committee meeting Feb. 5), Elkader Community Visioning (steering committee meeting Feb. 6), Elgin Trail Bridge Lighting, and the Motor Mill Trail (Pre-construction meeting set for March 30).

2020 Turkey River Safari: The board finalized the list for 2020 sites.

Upcoming Events: Hanson, Marlatt, and Pollock plan to attend Canoecopia to assist with the Northeast Iowa Whitewater booth on March 14. The Motor Motor 5k will take place March 21, 2020. A karaoke night to support Motor Mill Trail will take place at Deb's Brewtopia on March 28, 2020.

Reports

Director: The TRRC Director presented highlights from the February 2020 report.

Clermont: Hanson will potentially assist with a 2020 HRDP application for Larrabee Building windows.

Elgin: No report.

Elkader: Ladies Day Out is scheduled for March 14, 2020. The City needs to re-apply for designation as a Cultural & Entertainment District.

Motor Mill: An interpretive intern is set to be hired for 2020. A beam was replaced on the 4th floor of the Mill. Tours will begin May 23rd on weekends.

Supervisors: Fayette County is bonding for road resurfacing projects.

Conservation: Signage is being updated along Pony Hollow Trail and at the animal exhibit at Osborne. The CCCB newsletter will be going digital and the website is being updated. Online campsite reservations will be offered beginning this fall. OWLS begins March 19, 2020. Communities can receive up to 200 seedlings through the Iowa DNR's "Trees for Kids" programs
FCCB is upgrading canoe launches at Gilbertsons and along the Volga River. FCCB will be hiring for a new roadside staff position. The Byways of Iowa Foundation is sponsoring Senate File 2060 to help fund future scenic byway projects in Iowa. Marlatt attended the legislative showcase on March 2, 2020 and discussed Iowa Great Places funding and the Invest in Iowa Act. The Northeast Iowa Tourism Association won an Outstanding New Event award for their annual Farm Crawl at the Iowa Tourism Conference. Marlatt won an Outstanding Individual Leader award at the Iowa Tourism Conference.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 6:30pm at the Elkader City Hall.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm by Taylor, second by Stanbrough. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson