



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. | Zoom

Present: Rod Marlatt, Dina Taylor (alt.), Kenny Slocum, Bob Hendrickson, Larry Stone, Sharon Harris, Marty Stanbrough, Jenna Pollock (alt.), Aimee Hilgerson & Jennifer Cowser

Not Present: Stephanie Mackenzie-Herman (alt.), John Nikolai (alt.), & Matt McElree

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

Others Present: Mallory Hanson

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Rod Marlatt.

**Motion to approve the agenda by Kenny, second by Bob. Approved.

**Motion to approve the March 2020 minutes by Aimee, second by Jenna. Approved.

Vision Plan Project Updates: The Board discussed updates on the Clermont Dam Mitigation, Elkader to Elgin Trail Pre-Engineering, Elkader Community Visioning, Elgin Trail Bridge Lighting, and the Motor Mill Trail.

Trail Counter Updates: Hanson reported that the Pony Hollow and TRRC Trail infrared trail counters have been installed since March 24, 2020. Hanson proposed purchase of an additional counter for installation at the new trail bridge at Gilbertson Campground.

**Motion to purchase 2 additional counters by Harris, second by Pollock. Approved.

Regional Transportation Alternative Program Grant: Clayton County Conservation received a \$170,000 TAP grant for the Pony Hollow Trail Extension, pending UERPC Policy Board approval. Pollock requested consideration for the TRRC board to approve writing of a State Rec. Trail Grant for the Pony Hollow Trail Extension.

**Motion to approve Hanson to write the State Rec. Trail Grant for CCCB for the Pony Hollow Trail Extension as the FY '21 large infrastructure grant by Harris, second by Slocum. Approved.

Reports

Director: The TRRC Director presented highlights from the March 2020 report. Hanson also updated participants on the plan for the digital 2020 Turkey River Safari.

Clermont: Hanson worked with Harris to finalize the 2020 HRDP application for Larrabee Building windows. The DOT is still working to improve the curbs along Hwy 18 and will be completing a final assessment. An eagle scout in town will be working on park projects.

Elgin: The dike work has begun.

Elkader: The City is exploring the potential for an additional Turkey River access/exit. The city campground is not open until May 15th. Keystone Bridge work continues.

Motor Mill: Awaiting word from the Governor for continuation of the basement silt removal project. May 23rd is the tentative date to open for tours.

Supervisors: Fayette County Economic Development is posting COVID-19 resources daily on www.visitfayettecountyiowa.com. Currently working with the Fayette County Community Foundation to allocate emergency disaster response funds to organizations in need.

Conservation: Clayton County Conservation is currently working on park improvement and prairie burns. Osborne is tentatively planning to re-open by appointment May 15th. Elements of exhibits will stay closed. Public programming will remain on hold until July, tentatively. Trail and public area usage has increased since the pandemic began. The TRWMA will be receiving funding through a \$3M RCPP grant. FCCB received a Fayette County Community Foundation to finish up the bridge lighting and install interpretive kiosks. FCCB wrote an AARP Challenge Grant to restore the Gilbertson Hiker's Highway (Handicap Accessible Trail). FCCB wrote an Arts Council Grant for TRRC Trail Mile Markers. A fishing dock will be added to the Gilbertson Lake.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 6:30pm. Location TBD.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm by Sharon, second by Aimee. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson