



# Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. | Zoom

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

**Not Present:** Aimee Hilgerson, 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 and Pets: Shelby, Ragnar, Marley, Mya, and Zackary

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

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

\*\*Motion to approve the August 2020 minutes by Cowsert, second by Harris. Approved.

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

**Grant Updates:** The Clayton County Conservation Board did not receive the State Recreational Trails grant. The City of Clermont is interested in applying for a Fayette County Community Foundation Grant for park improvements. The UMGC pre-application for Turkey River 360 video and water trail guide reprint was submitted. Clayton County Conservation applied for a REAP grant for the boardwalk portion of the Pony Hollow Trail extension.

**New Business:** Hanson shared information about the virtual Iowa Trails Summit webinar series (Sept. 9, Oct. 21, Nov. 18) with attendees. The board discussed the potential to apply for an Iowa Tourism Grant for the Turkey River 360 video and water trail guide reprint:

\*\*Motion to apply for an Iowa Tourism Grant this year by Harris. Second by Cowsert. Approved.

## Reports

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

**Clermont:** An Eagle Scout is planning projects in the main park (bricks, lighting, mulching, planting).

**Elgin:** No report.

**Elkader:** The Keystone Bridge project is moving into the final design stage. Elkader is looking into the cost to fix the large dam.

**Motor Mill:** A viewing platform is being installed inside the mill for view of the basement. The Mill will be open until mid-October on Saturdays. The bridge lighting ceremony will take place November 21<sup>st</sup>. A photo contest will take place this fall. Planning is still being done for the Stable and Inn.

**Supervisors:** The County continues the large road repair project.

**Conservation:** A Monarch Release Party is planned for Sept. 4. National Public Lands Day is Sept. 26. A new park ranger has been hired for CCCB. A mock-up was received for construction of the Osborne Campground. CCCB is looking into the potential for a Conservation Corps of Iowa NE Iowa crew.

A new environmental education coordinator was hired for FCCB. Programming is now occurring at Skip-A-Way in Clermont. The Great Places Grant is in its final stages. A dinosaur dig was installed at Gilbertsons. Looking into the potential for a bicycle maintenance station.

**Other Business:** Slocum expressed interest in discussing a plan for development of a regional hiking guide. Hanson will schedule a work session with Slocum.

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

## Adjournment:

\*\*Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm by Hendrickson. Second by Harris. Approved.

*Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson*