



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. | Zoom

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

Not Present: Stephanie Mackenzie-Herman (alt.), Aimee Hilgerson, Dina Taylor (alt.), Marty Stanbrough, 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 Harris, second by Stone. Approved.

**Motion to approve the October 2020 minutes by Stone, second by Hendrickson. Approved.

Vision Plan Project Updates: The Board discussed updates on the Elkader Community Visioning, Turkey River Park Access, Turkey River 360 Video and Water Trail Guide Update, Elkader to Elgin Trail Pre-Engineering, Motor Mill Trail (Grand opening planned for March 20), and Pony Hollow Trail.

Paul Berland provided a written update on the Clermont Dam Mitigation project: the engineering firm identified several potential options and is developing cost opinions and renderings for the options. They hope to have them by the end of this month at which time we will present them to Clermont City Council and then the public.

Grant Consideration: The board discussed potential projects for the Fayette County Community Foundation.

**Motion to apply for funding to develop a TRRC/River Bluffs Scenic Byway interpretive hub to be installed at Gilbertson Conservation Education Area by Harris, second by Slocum. Approved.

Annual Reports Schedule and Process Discussion:

Reports

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

Clermont: The City has approved a bond for street and other city projects. An Eagle Scout recently completed a project at the park band shell utilizing reclaimed bricks.

Elgin: No report.

Elkader: The Keystone Bridge project is progressing with construction expected next season.

Motor Mill: The bridge lighting is planned for November 21st at 5pm. 20,000 vehicles were reported to have crossed the bridge between May and October of 2020.

Supervisors: No report.

Conservation: The Pony Hollow 15k had 50 runners participate. Multiple events are planned for November. CCCB is planning to sell cedars as holiday trees. A design has been drafted for the Osborne campground.

Gilbertsons, the Fayette County Transfer Station, and the FCCB Wildwood office are moving to solar power. Multiple land acquisitions are being negotiated by FCCB. FCCB is assisting with funding applications for the West Union to Echo Valley State Park Trail.

Other Business: Northeast Iowa RC&D is hiring for two positions.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 6:30pm. Location TBD.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34pm by Cowsert, second by Stone. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson