



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2021 – 6:30 p.m. | Elkader

Present: Rod Marlatt, Sharon Harris, Larry Stone, Marty Stanbrough, Kenny Slocum, & Jennifer Cowsert

Not Present: Aimee Hilgerson, Stephanie Mackenzie-Herman (alt.), John Nikolai (alt.), Dina Taylor (alt.), Bob Hendrickson, & 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

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Rod Marlatt.

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

**Motion to approve the March 2021 minutes by Harris, second by Stanbrough. Approved.

Vision Plan Project Updates: Discussion on the Elkader Community Visioning, Turkey River 360 Video and Water Trail Guide Update, Elkader to Elgin Trail Pre-Engineering, Pony Hollow Trail, and Clermont Dam Mitigation.

Grant Updates: The Turkey River 360 video and water trail guide reprint (UMGC grant) is in process and the Fayette County Community Foundation grant was awarded.

2021 Turkey River Safari: Hanson finalized the guidebook draft and is planning to installation in mid-May.

Clayton County Conservation “Attracting Success” Project: The project is underway with planning for interviews scheduled and a YouTube channel developed.

Marketing Plan: Hanson presented the updated TRRC Vision Plan and presented an opportunity to advertise in the upcoming issue of the Destination Driftless Publication:

**Motion to fund a full-page advertisement for \$435.00 in the 2021 Destination Driftless publication by Harris, second by Stone. Approved.

May 8th GEAR Elkader Grand Opening: Hanson updated attendees on the new outdoor retailer opening in Elkader.

New Fayette County At-Large Board Member Appointment:

**Motion to appoint Troy Schott as an At-Large TRRC Board Member by Cowsert, second by Stone. Approved.

Reports

Director:	The TRRC Director presented highlights from the March 2021 report.
Clermont:	Clermont received their Fayette County Community Foundation grant for Safe and Healthy Recreation in Clermont. The City is also working on an HRDP grant with Hanson for Larrabee School window restoration. A request has been made to re-paint the sharrows along the trail route within the community.
Elgin:	No report.
Elkader:	The Carter St. rehabilitation project will begin. The Keystone Bridge project will be re-bid. The Founders’ Day celebration will be held June 19 th .
Motor Mill:	The Foundation is waiting on designs/bids for the stable project. The Motor Mill Trail opening went well on March 20 th . The Mill will be open for tours starting Memorial Day Weekend. The wooden turbines are being sent to Maryland for restoration.
Supervisors:	No report.

CCCB: The Motor Motor 5k/10k was extremely successful with 160 runners.

Conservation:

FCCB: Multiple efforts are on going to make the case for trails funding at a state and federal level. Efforts include a survey through the American Trails Association, earmark request through Congresswoman Hinson, and a \$5M trail fund through the Iowa DOT. Clayton, Fayette, and Winneshiek Counties are coordinating along with Northeast Iowa RC&D on these efforts.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:30pm in Elkader.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39pm by Cowsert, second by Stone. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson