



# Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2021 – 6:30 p.m. | Elkader

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

**Not Present:** Stephanie Mackenzie-Herman (alt.), John Nikolai (alt.), Janell Bradley (alt.), Aimee Hilgerson, Troy Schott, Jenna Pollock (alt.), & Bob Hendrickson

\*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 Taylor, second by Stanbrough. Approved.

\*\*Motion to elect Rod Marlatt as Chair and Jennifer Cowsert as Vice-Chair by Slocum, second by Taylor. Approved.

\*\*Motion to approve the May 2021 minutes by Stone, second by Slocum. Approved.

**Vision Plan Project Updates:** Discussion on the Elkader Community Visioning (Signage Planning in Progress), Elkader to Elgin Trail Pre-Engineering (Awaiting MSA Report), Pony Hollow Trail (COVID State Rec. Trails Grant was submitted by CCCB), and Clermont Dam Mitigation (Options were presented to the Clermont City Council by Northeast Iowa RC&D) took place.

**Grant Updates:** Turkey River Water Trail Guides were printed (UMGC grant) and distributed. The Turkey River 360 video (UMGC grant) and Information Hub (FCCF grant) projects are ongoing.

**Clayton County Conservation “Attracting Success” Project:** The project continues to progress with planning for a Fall summit (9/10/21) underway. The summit will feature young professionals in the workforce and apprenticeship opportunities for students.

**FY '22 Contract Approval:** The draft contract was reviewed.

\*\*Motion to approve the FY '22 Contract between the TRRC and Northeast Iowa RC&D as presented by Taylor, second by Slocum. Approved.

## Reports

<b>Director:</b>	The TRRC Director presented highlights from the May 2021 report. The Board also discussed plans for an in-person trail count in July.
<b>Clermont:</b>	The project in the recreation area near the Larrabee building is ongoing. Planning for the concession stand project is ongoing. Sidewalk behind Larrabee building is being re-done.
<b>Elgin:</b>	Guppy's has been re-opened as a convenience store and a café. Dotzys will be re-opened in the next few weeks.
<b>Elkader:</b>	Elkader's 175 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will take place June 19 <sup>th</sup> . Paying for a feasibility study for a potential hotel. Rhythm on the River will occur on Thursday nights.
<b>Motor Mill:</b>	The Mill is now open for tours on Saturdays through the summer. A vehicle counter is on the bridge. Funds to upgrade the stable/inn are secured. The turbines are now in Maryland to be dried and preserved.
<b>Supervisors:</b>	Nothing to report.
<b>Conservation:</b>	CCCB: Approved for Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to start work on the campground at Osborne. Currently interviewing for an office assistant and a part-time tourism assistant. FCCB: The 50 <sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Canoe Trip Economic Impact Report was presented. Memorial Day was extremely popular.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 6:30pm in Clermont.

## Adjournment:

\*\*Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36pm by Stanbrough, second by Slocum. Approved.

*Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson*