



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2021 – 6:30 p.m. | Clermont

Present: Rod Marlatt, Sharon Harris, Marty Stanbrough, Larry Stone, Dina Taylor (alt.), Aimee Hilgerson, Troy Schott, & Jenna Pollock (alt.)

Not Present: Kenny Slocum, John Nikolai (alt.), Janell Bradley (alt.), Jennifer Cowsert, & Bob Hendrickson

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

Others Present: Mallory Hanson & Sheryl Struthers

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

**Motion to approve the agenda by Schott, second by Pollock. Approved.

**Motion to approve the June 2021 minutes with minor corrections by Harris, second by Stanbrough. Approved.

Vision Plan Project Updates: Hanson provided various updates on strategic priorities within the TRRC Vision Plan:

- TRRC Expansion and Promotion
 - Website: 360 Video Interactive Map/Video Interface
 - Events: Attracting Success Summit (Spring/Fall 2022) & Prairie ID Day (August 24th)
 - Promotional Materials/Advertising: Community Welcome Packets
- Natural Resource Conservation and Enhancement
 - Osborne Village Interpretation (RC&D) – Schoolhouse
 - Motor Mill Interpretation
 - Gilbertson Interpretation (Byway Hub)
- Recreational Opportunity Expansion
 - Pony Hollow Trail
 - Elkader to Elgin Trail
 - Turkey River Water Trail Improvements (Elgin Fire Dept. Signage)
- Historic and Archaeological Preservation and Restoration
 - Larrabee Building Windows: HRDP Pending
 - Keystone Bridge (Interpretive Panel-RC&D)
 - Motor Mill Inn
- Community and Regional Development
 - Elkader Wayfinding Signage: Plan/Map draft complete
 - Economic Development and Tourism
 - Attracting Success Videos
- Art and Cultural Support and Expansion

Grant Updates: The Turkey River 360 video (UMGC grant) and Information Hub (FCCF grant) projects are ongoing.

Iowa Outdoors Article: Brian Gibbs wrote an 8-page article for Iowa Outdoors Magazine featuring the TRRC.

Iowa County Magazine Article: Jenna Pollock wrote an article for Iowa County Magazine featuring the region's backbone trail system and trail usage during COVID.

Reports

Director:	The TRRC Director presented highlights from the June 2021 report. In-person trail counts will take place July 9 & 10 in Clayton Co. and July 16 & 17 in Fayette Co.
Clermont:	The City of Clermont was awarded an \$18,000 HRDP grant for the Larrabee window restoration project. The project in the recreation area near the Larrabee building and the concession stand project are nearly complete. The City also received additional funding for handicap equipment/accommodations at the park. Sharrows have been re-painted along the trail route in town.
Elgin:	Sand volleyball has started. Dotzy's has opened. Elgin has hired a new City Clerk, Craig Bennett.

Elkader: Elkader's 175th Anniversary Celebration took place June 19th. Elkader Sweet Corn Days will take place July 23-24. A new Elkader Main Street director has started.

Motor Mill: Stable work will begin soon. Conduit from electrical work in the Mill is being painted to match the limestone. The Clayton County Times/Register did an article on the Motor Mill Inn project. \$125k from the Iowa Rural Heritage Revitalization grant. A funding plan is in place to raise additional funds for the project. A fundraising drive will take place online for the Community Thrives program to raise \$3k between July 19 and August 13.

Supervisors: Nothing to report.

Conservation: CCCB: Current priority fundraising projects include the Motor Mill Inn Restoration, Osborne Campground, and Pony Hollow Trail Loop Expansion. The Attracting Success summit has been postponed. A date in Spring or Fall 2022 will be set. The sidewalks at Osborne have been paved.

FCCB: The July 4th weekend was very popular in county parks and the river was full.

Next Meeting: The August meeting will not be held due to scheduling conflicts. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6:30pm in Clermont.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm by Harris, second by Hilgerson. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson