



# Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2021 – 6:30 p.m. | Clermont City Hall

**Present:** Jenna Pollock (alt.), Marty Stanbrough, Larry Stone, Dina Taylor (alt.), Troy Schott, Kenny Slocum, Jennifer Cowsert, Barb Wenger (alt.)

**Not Present:** Rod Marlatt, Sharon Harris, Aimee Hilgerson, 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 Jennifer Cowsert.

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

\*\*Motion to approve the September 2021 minutes with corrections by Schott, second by Stanbrough. Approved.

**Vision Plan Project Updates:** No significant updates were given.

**Grant Updates:** The Fayette County Community Foundation grant is ongoing. A draft of kiosk designs has been completed and is in the review process.

**GEAR Elkader Partnership Request:** A partnership opportunity was presented from GEAR Elkader. The request would be for \$100/month to sponsor a live webcam camera featuring the Turkey River. The dollars would be provided to a third-party company out of Colorado to host and manage the camera(s).

\*\*Motion to table the decision pending additional information by Stone, second by Taylor. Approved.

Hanson will request the following information from GEAR Elkader: 1) How many views do you currently have on the existing live webcams? 2) Would you consider a sponsorship for the webcam in exchange for a TRRC sponsorship?

Hanson will also look into legal requirements for live webcam utilization.

**MSA Elkader to Elgin Trail Report:** The board reviewed excerpts from MSA's Elkader to Elgin trail alignment report and had discussion about potential next steps.

\*\*Motion to table the discussion until the next meeting by Taylor, second by Stone. Approved.

## Reports

**Director:** The TRRC Director presented highlights from the September 2021 report.

**Clermont:** Visitors to the Clermont area saw information about the TRRC in the Iowa Outdoors magazine. Other visitors also found the area through a backpacking website.

**Elgin:** Nothing to report.

**Elkader:** Osborne Heritage Days will take place Oct. 9-10. Elkader is also hosting Harvest Fest and the Hwy 13 Vintage Market the same weekend.

**Motor Mill:** Oct. 9-10 is the last weekend the Mill is open for tours. The stable interior work is nearing completion. The Motor Mill Inn Restoration project received a UMGC grant last week and now has \$290,500 total secured. The Motor Mill Bridge lighting will take place November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Supervisors:** Fayette County is currently working on a Volga Lake Road improvement project.

**Conservation:** CCCB: Clayton County Conservation received a UMGC grant for the Osborne Campground project last week and currently has two fish habitat projects nearing completion. Date Night at Motor Mill was very popular and another is planned for November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Other Business:** The River Bluffs Scenic Byway hosted a bus tour last week with 30 participants.

**Public Comments:** Sheryl Struthers shared that a walk at Echo Valley State Park will take place October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 6:30pm in Elgin.

## Adjournment:

\*\*Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm by Stanbrough, second by Slocum. Approved.

*Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson*