



# Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2021 – 6:30 p.m. | Elgin City Hall

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

**Not Present:** Aimee Hilgerson, Dina Taylor (alt.), Barb Wenger (alt.), Troy Schott

\*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 Hendrickson, second by Slocum. Approved.

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

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

**Grant/Project Updates:** The Fayette County Community Foundation grant is ongoing. The kiosk panels have been ordered and should arrive next week.

**MSA Elkader to Elgin Trail Report:** The board reviewed and discussed a statement presented by Hanson:

*MSA has completed a location study for the Elkader to Elgin trail route. The study was commissioned by the City of Elkader with input from the TRRC and other stakeholders.*

*The TRRC Board consensus is that the preferred western portion of the route should traverse north of the Turkey River from Gilbertson Park in Elgin to Big Spring Fish Hatchery. Various options have been recommended and reviewed for the potential eastern route from Big Spring Fish Hatchery to Elkader.*

*The TRRC will continue to work to identify potential funding sources and resources to assist partnering entities with trail development. It is likely that trail development will begin at Gilbertson Park and the Fayette/Clayton County line, with plans to connect to Big Spring Fish Hatchery and Elkader.*

*The study provides information and data to assist with future decisions and grant writing.*

\*\*Motion to approve the public statement as presented by Harris, second by Stone. Approved.

**Annual Report Review and Approval:** Hanson presented her 2021 annual report.

\*\*Motion to approve the 2021 report with additional leveraged dollar information by Hendrickson, second by Harris. Approved.

**Annual Report Presentation and Funding Request Schedule:** Hanson provided her schedule for report presentations:

- Monday, December 20, 2021 9:30am : Fayette County Board of Supervisors
- Monday, December 20, 2021 7pm : Clermont City Council
- Monday, January 3, 2022 7pm : Elgin City Council
- Tuesday, January 11, 2022 9am : Clayton County Board of Supervisors
- Monday, January 10, 2022 6:30pm : Elkader City Council

**Vision Plan Additions:** Hanson presented potential additions for the vision plan. The group agreed they are appropriate additions.

**Regional Backbone Trail Economic Impact Study:** Marlatt presented the study that was completed by Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission and the RPA 1 Enhancement Committee with data collection support from the TRRC.

**Reports:**

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

**Clermont:** The FCCF project is complete, and the report has been submitted. The HRDP project is in progress. Clermont is applying for a Downtown Housing Grant.

**Elgin:** Elgin will be joining FCCB for the December 18<sup>th</sup> event with Santa Clause and a lighted drive by the Fire Department.

**Elkader:** The Turkey Trot went well. Elkader is applying for a Downtown Housing Grant.

**Motor Mill:** The bridge lighting event brought over 100 attendees. The lights will be removed after New Year's Day. Fundraising for the Motor Mill Inn Rehabilitation is going well. Work will likely begin in the spring. The Motor Mill Foundation received a \$10,000 SSNHA Large Program Award for a master interpretive plan for the Motor Mill site.

**Supervisors:** Nothing to report.

**Conservation:** CCCB: Clayton County Conservation hosted the Pony Hollow 15k with 57 participants. The Osborne Holiday walk went well. CCCB received a water recreation access cost share grant to improve the access at Big Spring campground.

FCCB: Fayette County Conservation is hosting a Full Moon Lighted Walk on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Hanson will be serving hot chocolate. FCCB submitted a request to the Fayette Co. Community Foundation for new a grant to purchase posts for the Gilbertson Avenue of Flags.

**Other Business:** Hanson thanked the Board for their time and support.

**Public Comments:** Sheryl Struthers brought up discussion regarding rumble strips in relation to road development.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:30pm in Elgin.

**Adjournment:**

\*\*Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm by Stanbrough, second by Stone. Approved.

*Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson*