



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. | Elgin City Hall

Present: Jenna Pollock, Rod Marlatt, Kenny Slocum (alt.), Marty Stanbrough, Chris Wachal, Dina Taylor (alt.), Troy Schott, Kayleen Schrader (alt.), Jennifer Cowsert, Dan Slagel, Chris Schoen (alt.)

Not Present: None

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

Others Present: Mallory Hanson, Sheryl Struthers, Larry Stone, Brian Gibbs

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

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

**Motion to approve the December 2021 minutes by Wachal, 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 arrived.

Annual Report Presentation and Funding Requests: Hanson provided updates on completed presentations.

At-Large Board Member Appointments/Re-Appointments:

**Motion to appoint Dan Slagel and Chris Schoen (alt.) as Motor Mill Foundation at-large representatives, Jenna Pollock and Kenneth Slocum (alt.) as Clayton County Conservation at-large representatives, Jennifer Cowsert as the Clayton County at-large representative, and Rod Marlatt as the Fayette County Conservation at-large representative for the Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board by Taylor, second by Schott. Approved.

2022 Turkey River Safari Site Consideration: Attendees discussed potential 2022 sites. Hanson asked for recommendations to be brought to the March 2022 meeting.

Reports:

Director:	The TRRC Director presented highlights from the December 2021 report.
Clermont:	Clermont is sponsoring a Downtown Housing Grant application. The Clermont Community Club installed holiday lights.
Elgin:	Elgin worked with the Dec. 18 th FCCB lighted hike. A large sewer plant project is in process in partnership with FCCB.
Elkader:	There are three new Elkader City Council members. Everyone is invited to a January 20 th meeting at 6:15pm at GEAR Elkader to discuss the pedestrian bridge and walking trail project that was identified as a project in Elkader's Trees Forever visioning. The Irish Shanti is under new ownership. The interpretive committee will be meeting next week to discuss long-term interpretive planning for the entire site. The bridge lights have been uninstalled. The wooden turbines are still in Maryland and should be back at the Motor Mill site for this coming season. The stable still needs roof and wood repair, but floors are complete. Discussions are taking place with the county engineer to seal coat Galaxy Road.
Motor Mill:	
Supervisors:	Bonding is moving forward to additional road projects. CCCB: Planning for 2022 programming is underway. The Motor Motor 5k/10k will take place on March 19 th . The archaeological survey was complete for the Osborne Campground project.
Conservation:	FCCB: The holiday lighted walk took place on Dec. 18 th with approximately 250 attendees. Two land acquisitions are in process. Fayette County Solid Waste Commission hired Northeast Iowa RC&D to develop recycling cartoons.

Other Business: Hanson shared that Fayette County Economic Development & Tourism commissioned Northeast Iowa RC&D to develop a new tourism video featuring Fayette County attractions and activities.

Public Comments: Brian Gibbs shared an idea for a video/mini documentary featuring the history of the Turkey River.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 6:30pm in Elkader. The February meeting was cancelled due to the TFI Legislative Showcase taking place on February 1st.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19pm by Stanbrough, second by Wachal. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson