



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. | Elkader City Hall

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

Not Present: Marty Stanbrough

Others Present: Mallory Hanson

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

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

**Motion to approve the January 2022 minutes with corrections by Pollock, second by Wachal. Approved.

Vision Plan Project Updates: Hanson provided the current updated vision plan to attendees.

Grant/Project Updates: The Fayette County Community Foundation grant report has been submitted.

Annual Report Presentation and Funding Requests: Hanson provided updates on completed presentations. Representatives of contributing entities reported current budget approvals and intentions for FY '23 funding.

Iowa Great Places Re-Designation: Hanson submitted the re-designation application for Iowa Great Places, which will make the TRRC eligible to apply for 2023 Iowa Great Places grant funding. Hanson also reported that a site visit is planned for May 6th by Great Places staff member, Jon Berg.

2022 Turkey River Safari Site Selection: Attendees discussed potential 2022 sites.

**Motion to approve the 2022 Safari Sites as presented by Pollock, second by Taylor. Approved.

2022 TFI Legislative Showcase Reimbursement Request - \$100.00: Hanson requested that the TRRC cover costs (\$100.00) from registration for the 2022 TFI Legislative Showcase.

**Motion to approve \$100.00 expense reimbursement for the 2022 TFI Legislative showcase by Cowsert, second by Schoen. Approved.

Destination Driftless Advertisement: Hanson presented a partnership opportunity with Fayette County Economic Development and Tourism to collaborate on a full-page ad in the Destination Driftless Publication for a cost of \$320.00 to the TRRC (\$640.00 total).

**Motion to approve the collaboration on a full-page ad with Fayette County Economic Development & Tourism for \$320.00 by Schott, second by Taylor. Approved.

Polos/Jackets: Hanson offered the opportunity for board members to purchase TRRC polos and jackets. Cost is estimated to be \$30 per polo. Jackets would likely be \$60 (TBD).

Reports:

- Director:** The TRRC Director presented highlights from the January-February 2022 report.
- Clermont:** The city is switching all of the downtown streetlights to LED. Clermont is planning a celebration for their 175th anniversary in 2024.
- Elgin:** The city continues working on their lagoon project.
- Elkader:** The St. Patrick’s Day parade is planned for March 17th. The Keystone Bridge project is set to begin shortly. Ladies Day out is planned for March 12th. Elkader will again partner with the Northeast Iowa Whitewater booth at Canoecopia on March 11-13 (Hanson and Marlatt will attend on March 12th).
- Motor Mill:** Work continues to conserve the wind turbines and final replacement beams are being installed in the Mill. Construction documents for the Inn Restoration have been submitted. A Coffee Talk will take place on March 3 at 10am and 6pm at Osborne to discuss future plans for the site.
- Supervisors:** The Clayton County Board of Supervisors have appointed Ray Peterson and Steve Doeppke (Alt.) to serve on the TRRC Board.
- Conservation:** CCCB: A Bluebird workshop is planned for March 4th. The Motor Motor 5k/10k trail run is planned for March 19th and volunteers are needed. A karaoke fundraiser for the Motor Mill Inn is planned for April 9th at Deb’s Brewtopia. The canoe access at Big Spring is funded and will be improved this year. Seasonal applicants are needed. Osborne Campground is awaiting a contract to move forward.
FCCB: RAGBRAI is coming through West Union as an overnight community on July 29th. Seasonal applicants are needed. FCCB is working to close out two land acquisitions.

Other Business: Hanson shared that the 7-county bike trail map is in progress and is planned to be printed before the Iowa State Fair this year.

Public Comments: No members of the public were in attendance.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 6:30pm in Elkader.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm by Schott, second by Slagel. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson