



# Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. | Elkader City Hall

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

**Not Present:** Chris Wachal, Kenny Slocum (alt.)

**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 Taylor. Approved.

\*\*Motion to approve the April 2022 minutes by Taylor second by Doeppeke. Approved.

**Grant/Project Updates:** Pollock updated attendees on the upcoming Clayton County Attracting Success Summit (registration to open in June) and progress on the Motor Mill Inn Restoration. Approximately \$300,000 is secured (Rural Heritage Grant, UMGC, and Private Fundraising) and an additional \$200,000-\$300,000 is still needed to complete the project based on preliminary estimates. The Phase 1 archaeological review has been completed.

**Iowa Great Places Grant:** Attendees discussed the upcoming Iowa Great Places grant opportunity.

\*\*Motion to pursue an Iowa Great Places grant application for the Motor Mill Inn restoration and to explore the potential for an additional application for the Keystone Bridge by Taylor, second by Schoen. Approved.

**In-Person Trail Count Dates:** Clayton County trail counts will take place July 15-16. Fayette County trail counts will take place July 8-9 or July 1-2.

**RAGBRAI Promotion:** Hanson presented a promotion proposal to attendees.

\*\*Motion to approve the purchase of a 4'x6' sign featuring the TRRC and TRWMA for \$600.00 by Pollock, second by Stanbrough. Approved.

The design will be approved by the board prior to its fabrication.

**Ad Discussion:** Hanson presented an opportunity to advertise in a local business' map publication. The board will consider ads on a case-by-case basis in the future.

\*\*Motion to decline the presented opportunity by Pollock. Second by Schott. Approved.

## Reports:

**Director:** The TRRC Director presented highlights from the April 2022 report.

**Clermont:** Park clean-up took place at the end of April.

**Elgin:** Elgin is preparing to be a pass-through town on July 30<sup>th</sup> for RAGBRAI.

**Elkader:** The Keystone Bridge project will be extended due to unforeseen circumstances. The Carter St. project continues progress. Elkader's 32nd annual Redhorse Fisheree is planned for May 7.

**Motor Mill:** Central students participated in a clean-up day. The Foundation is gearing up for the tourism season starting Memorial Day weekend. The Motor Mill Foundation received \$1,000 from the Clayton County Foundation for the Future for their interpretive plan project.

**Supervisors:** Clayton Co: Rocking is taking place on roadways throughout the county. A new building is being constructed for Clayton County Emergency Management.

Fayette Co. Rocking is taking place on roadways throughout the county. A new secondary roads shop is being constructed.

**Conservation:** CCCB: The animal exhibit is temporarily closed for tree work. Field trip season is active. Karaoke Night at Deb's Brewtopia raised approximately \$1,000. The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Driftless Area Gravel Bike Race had over 120 registered riders and 66 that completed the race. Katherine McCarville's presentation on mega floods and rivers was very popular and sparked an interested from the public in water quality.

FCCB: FCCB is preparing for the upcoming camping season and is assisting with planning and preparation for RAGBRAI. The Turkey River Watershed Management Authority recently received funds for watershed entry signage from the Great River Rumble Group.

**Other Business:** The TRRC received an Iowa Tourism award for Outstanding Niche Marketing Initiative (Rural) for their 360 virtual reality video of the Turkey River Water Trail at the 2022 Iowa Tourism Conference.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 6:30pm in Elkader.

**Adjournment:**

\*\*Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm by Stanbrough, second by Taylor. Approved.

*Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson*