



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. | Public Library, Elgin

Present: Rod Marlatt, Jenna Pollock, Steve Doepcke, Marty Stanbrough, Jennifer Cowsert, Chris Schoen (alt.), Dina Taylor

Not Present: Eric Grau, Chris Wachal, Troy Schott

Others Present: Mallory Hanson, Vicki Rowland, Sheryl Struthers

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

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

**Motion to approve the October 2022 minutes by Schoen, second by Doepcke. Approved.

Grant/Project Updates: Hanson presented an updated vision plan and updated attendees on the following grant/vision plan projects: Expansion & Promotion Karaoke Fundraiser Dec. 10, 2022, Bike Trail Map; Recreational Opportunity Expansion: Trail Projects; Historic & Archaeological Preservation & Restoration: Motor Mill Inn; Community & Regional Development: Elkader Signage.

Annual Report Draft Review and Approval: Hanson presented the draft 2022 annual report.

**Motion to approve the 2022 annual report with minor updates by Pollock, second by Stanbrough. Approved.

Reports:

Director: The TRRC Director presented highlights from the October 2022 report.

Clermont: Road projects are complete. Trunk or Treat was hosted in the park for the first time this year.

Elgin: Elgin Historical Society hosted an Archeo Day in partnership with the University of Iowa: Archaeology. The City of Elgin received a CBDG for their sewer project.

Elkader: The City of Elkader received a Rural Housing Readiness Grant. Get Your Jingle On will take place November 4th. Shop Small Day and the Turkey Trot will take place November 26th. A Christmas Story will premier at the Elkader Opera House on December 2nd.

Motor Mill: A UMGC Grant for \$50,000 was received for the Inn project. Inn work has begun. The bridge lighting will take place on November 10th. Turbines will be picked up soon. Wood is still for sale.

Supervisors: Clayton Co: Sewer and water is complete for the new EMS building. Winter preparation is complete. Fayette Co: Black topping is complete.

Conservation: CCCB: The Holiday Walk will take place December 1st at Motor. The Osborne Welcome Center has changed to winter hours (no weekends). OWLS has one more event in November. The Pony Hollow 15k will take place November 5th. The Inn project is progressing well.

Conservation: FCCB: The City of West Union received a \$581,350 State Recreational Trails Grant for their project to construct a trail to Echo Valley State Park. The FCCB is working on a 16.8 acquisition to add to the existing Fritz property. The historic marker sign arrived for the Stone Man (funded through the Iowa Dept. of Cultural Affairs).

Other Business: No other business was discussed.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at 6:30pm in Elgin at the Library.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm by Taylor, second by Stanbrough. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson