



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2023 – 6:30 p.m. | Public Library, Elgin

Present: Rod Marlatt, Jenna Pollock, Steve Doepke, Janell Bradley, Barb Wenger, Dan Slagel, Chris Schoen (alt.), Dina Taylor

Not Present: Eric Grau, Chris Wachal, Troy Schott, Kayleen Schroeder, Jennifer Cowsert

Others Present: Mallory Hanson

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm by Rod Marlatt.

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

**Motion to approve the December 2022 minutes by Pollock, second by Schoen. Approved.

Grant/Project Updates: Hanson asked board members to review the vision plan.

2023 Sponsorship Requests: Hanson shared sponsorship letters and the current sponsor list. Board members recommended additional sponsors to request contributions from and requested that Hanson solicit donations through social media and newspaper advertisement.

2023 Turkey River Safari Site Discussion: Hanson presented the list of past safari sites and attendees shared potential sites. Hanson will bring a final draft of a list to the February meeting.

Sticker Purchase: Attendees discussed purchasing TRRC logo stickers.

**Motion to purchase 1,000 stickers for a total of \$204.50 + shipping by Taylor, second by Schoen. Approved.

Events: Hanson proposed attendance and a \$250 booth for the Iowa Bike Expo on January 28th:

**Motion to purchase a \$250.00 booth for the 2023 Iowa Bike Expo by Pollock, second by Bradley. Approved.

Pollock and Hanson discussed the Driftless 100 Gravel Race. Hanson will offer time to assist with the event day-of. Cowsert had asked Hanson about interest in partnering in the Elkader Turkey Trot. Hanson will offer time to assist with coordination and day-of event assistance.

Attendees discussed potential partnership to assist with marketing the Driftless 100 Gravel Race April 29, 2023 and the Elkader Turkey Trot (1st Saturday after Thanksgiving). Attendees agreed to support the events through assistance with marketing and day of assistance.

Reports:

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

Clermont: The Larrabee School window rehabilitation project is continuing. The City is looking into new holiday lights for next year.

Elgin: The City is hosting a garage sale to sell old holiday items. The building is complete for the wastewater project. The City is advertising their part-time maintenance position.

Elkader: The City is re-advertising their Main Street position.

Motor Mill: Additional funding applications are pending for the Motor Mill Inn project. Planning is in progress for the turbine display.

Supervisors: Clayton Co: One new supervisor was elected. Overhead doors were installed on the EMS building.

Fayette Co: Two new supervisors were elected. The courthouse elevator is being replaced/repaired.

CCCB: A snowshoe hike is planned for February 13th. The Motor Motor 5k/10k will take place March 18th. 5 acres of trees were removed in preparation for the Osborne Campground project.

Conservation: FCCB: Multiple grant applications are pending. A ~10-acre fen in the northeast corner of the County is being donated to the Fayette County Conservation Board. Fayette County Economic Development & Tourism is partnering with FCCB to market the county with Valpak/Iowa Tourism.

Other Business: No other business was discussed.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 6:30pm in Elgin at the Library.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm by Slagel, second by Doeppke. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson