



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2023 – 6:30 p.m. | Elkader City Hall, Elkader, Iowa

Present: Rod Marlatt, Jenna Pollock, Steve Doeppke, Janell Bradley, Chris Wachal, Dan Slagel, Dina Taylor, Eric Grau, Deb Schmidt (alt.), Troy Schott, Jennifer Cowsert, Kenny Slocum

Not Present:

Others Present: Mallory Hanson, Sheryl Struthers, Neil Struthers, Ann Gibney

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

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

**Motion to approve the February 2023 minutes with corrections by Pollock, second by Bradley. Approved.

**Motion to approve the financials as presented by Schott, second by Wachal. Approved.

Grant/Project Updates: No updates were provided.

Events: Hanson reminded board members about upcoming events including the Motor Motor 5k/10k, Driftless 100, and Turkey River Safari Kick-Off.

Annual Iowa Great Places Meeting: Hanson, Marlatt, Pollock, Grau, and Schmidt will attend on April 10th.

Advertisement Discussion: Hanson presented information about advertising on YouTube. Hanson will include this in the budget proposal for FY '24 and will also inquire about potential Clayton County Development Group partnerships.

Memorial Donation Consideration: Board members donated funds to present a donation from TRRC Board Members in memory of late Motor Mill Foundation Board member, John Nikolai. \$190.00 was donated to the Motor Mill Foundation in John's name.

Reports:

Director: The TRRC Director presented highlights from the February 2023 report.

Clermont: Planning for park clean up and the 175th town celebration is in progress.

Elgin: Discussion regarding the 401 Mill Street property continues.

Elkader: Bridge work will resume in the Spring, weather permitting. Ladies Day out is the weekend of March 11th. A new Main Street director has been hired. An Easter Basket Hunt will be hosted by the Chamber on April 1st.

Motor Mill: Progress on the Inn continues. The Motor Mill Memories event was successful, with 27 participants. Planning for the turbine display continues. The Foundation is working with the Northeast Iowa RC&D to implement the Interpretive Master Plan.

Clayton Co: A bond passed for the new radio systems. The county EMS building is complete. Multiple road projects are planned for the summer.

Supervisors: Fayette Co: The budget hearing is set for March 20th. The WMT Tractorcade will be traveling through the Corridor in June. Ivy Road will be repaired (runs through Volga River State Recreation Area). The Courthouse in West Union will be 100 in 2024.

CCCB: OWLS kicks off on March 9th with the theme: "Iowa Then & Now." Coffee and Conservation was hosted with multiple partners in attendance. The Motor Motor 5k/10k will take place on March 18th. Multiple DNR workshops will be hosted at Osborne this spring. A TRWMA open house will take place at Osborne on March 22nd.

Conservation: FCCB: A TRWMA open house will take place in West Union on March 15th. The TRWMA is working with the University of Iowa and Northeast Iowa RC&D to produce a watershed themed animation for educational purposes. A new environmental coordinator has been hired. Canoeopia will take place March 10-12. Dick Jensen will receive a Gift to Iowa award from the Governor on March 22nd.

Other Business: Hanson shared that Fayette County Tourism is one of 15 “sites” chosen to be featured in Travel Iowa’s Soul of Iowa 2.0 video/social content campaign.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 6:30pm at Elkader City Hall.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm by Wachal, second by Doeppke. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson