



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2023 – 6:30 p.m. | Elkader City Hall – Elkader, Iowa

Present: Rod Marlatt, Jenna Pollock, Dan Slagel, Chris Schoen (alt.), Kayleen Schrader, Jennifer Cowsert, Kenny Slocum (alt.)

Not Present: Steve Doepcke, Janell Bradley, Chris Wachal, Dina Taylor, Eric Grau, Troy Schott

Others Present: Mallory Hanson, Brian Balster

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

**Motion to approve the agenda by Slagel, second by Schrader. Approved.

**Motion to approve the April 2023 minutes by Pollock, second by Slagel. Approved.

Financials were reviewed by attendees.

Grant/Project Updates: No updates were provided.

Events: Hanson reminded board members about the upcoming Turkey River Safari Kick-Off. Pollock asked that everyone put tentative dates on their calendar for the Motor Mill Inn Open House/Grand Opening (July 14, 15, or 16).

FY '24 Contract – June Meeting: Hanson will send the draft contract for review prior to the June meeting.

Reports:

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

Clermont: Water meters are almost complete. The Council is considering speed cameras. Park cleanup was completed. The 175th community celebration will take place the 1st weekend in July of 2024.

Elgin: Marlatt reported that the 401 Mill Street property has been transferred to the City of Elgin. The Council continues to work with SHPO and other agencies to take steps for mitigation.

Elkader: Hanson reported that plans are being made for the community wayfinding signage project. Cowsert reported that the Driftless 100 and Vintage Market took place last weekend and went well. Multiple other events are upcoming in the coming weeks. Bridge progress continues. A re-dedication of the Keystone Bridge is planned tentatively for May of 2024.

Motor Mill: Progress on the Inn continues. Plans for a design for the turbine display are ongoing. Tours will start Memorial Day weekend. May 20th will be the cleanup day at the Mill.

Supervisors: No reports.

CCCB: Inn progress continues. The tuck pointer was recently on site, planning for the parking pad location has taken place, and the schedule is on track for end of June completion. New Motor Mill rack cards were produced. The Osborne Campground planning continues. Multiple events in May are planned, including a May 19 Endangered Species Day at Osborne Pond, May 26 Savanna Saunter at Bloody Run, and the OWLS program the 3rd Thursday.

Conservation: FCCB: Preparation for the camping season is underway. The TRWMA watershed cartoon (produced by Northeast Iowa RC&D and funded through the Iowa Flood Center) is complete and will be premiered at the University of Iowa in May. An Archaeo-Blitz event took place in Elgin in April to kick-off fundraising for the Elgin Historical Society's Tribes of the Turkey River project (interpretive center). The Iowa DOT received a National Scenic Byway grant to develop byway interpretive hubs across the state. The project was proposed and will likely be led by the Northeast Iowa RC&D and is based off the first interpretive hubs installed along the River Bluffs Scenic Byway.

Other Business: No other business was discussed.

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

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19pm by Schrader, second by Slagel. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson