



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

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

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

Not Present: Chris Schoen, Troy Schott

Others Present: Mallory Hanson, Brian Balster, Becca Patten

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

Motion to **approve the agenda with the addition of introductions by Bradley second by Pollock Approved.

Attendees introduced themselves.

Election of officers commenced following the approval of the agenda and introductions.

**Motion to elect Rod Marlatt as Chair, Jennifer Cowsert as Vice-Chair, and Mallory Hanson as Secretary-Treasurer by Taylor, second by Wachal. Approved.

May 2023 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion to **approve the May 2023 minutes by Pollock, second by Cowsert. Approved.

Financial review took place under New Business.

Grant/Project Updates: No updates were provided.

Events: Hanson reminded board members about the upcoming Turkey River Safari Kick-Off and the tentative Motor Mill Inn Open House/Grand Opening (July 14 for VIP, July 15 for General Public)

FY '24 Contract for Services Review and Approval: Hanson presented the contract.

**Motion to approve the FY '24 Contract for Services between the Turkey River Recreational Corridor and Northeast Iowa Resource Conservation and Development as presented by Pollock, second by Bradley. Approved.

FY '24 Proposed Programming Budget Review and Approval: Hanson presented the FY '24 budget.

**Motion to approve the FY '24 Programming Budget as presented by Slagel, second by Taylor. Approved.

Reports:

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

Clermont: A ribbon cutting was held at City Park for a new little library. Planning for the 175th celebration continues. Joyfully Empowered Yoga is taking place at the Clermont Opera House on Monday nights.

Elgin: Local citizens are working on creating a pickle ball court at Schori Park. Planning for Elgin Homecoming (2024) continues.

Elkader: Sip, Sample, & Shop is taking place this weekend. Rhythm on the River continues. Sweet Corn Days and Art in the Park will take place this summer. Bridge work continues.

Motor Mill: Spring cleaning day took place. The original, preserved turbines were moved back into the Mill. Tours began and will take place Saturdays noon-5pm weekly in the warm months.

Clayton County: Rock contracts were let. Contract is in progress for solar. Improvements to the secondary roads shop continue.

Supervisors: Fayette County: Road construction through Volga River State Recreation Area is complete. Bridge replacements were let. The Tractorcade will come through the area next week. The 100th anniversary of the cornerstone laying at the courthouse is being celebrated June 24th.

CCCB: The Osborne Campground project has not yet gone out for bid. Multiple day camps are planned along with Hunters Education courses. Pollock shared photos of updates on the Motor Mill Inn.

Conservation: FCCB: The new watershed animation was premiered at the University of Iowa - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fXWOn0D0aI8>. Memorial Day weekend was very busy. The Avenue of Flags project (new permanent poles) is almost complete. A new Mammoth display is in the Gilbertson Nature Center. A new Naturalist (Megan Boyer) has been hired and started Monday.

Other Business: Schmidt asked for permission to send information about things happening in the Corridor to the Driftless Journal for publication. Attendees all agreed.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on August 1, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Larrabee School in Clermont.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm by Bradley, second by Taylor. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson