



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2023 – 6:30 p.m. | Larrabee School – Clermont, Iowa

Present: Rod Marlatt, Steve Doeppke, Troy Schott, Chris Schoen, Kayleen Schroeder (alt.), Kenny Slocum (alt.), Eric Grau, Dina Taylor, Janell Bradley, Jennifer Cowsert

Not Present: Dan Slagel (alt.), Deb Schmidt (alt.), Chris Wachal, Bruce Lehman (alt.), Jenna Pollock,

Others Present: Mallory Hanson, Brian Balster

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Rod Marlatt.

**Motion to approve the September 2023 agenda by Bradley second by Taylor. Approved.

**Motion to approve the August 2023 minutes by Taylor, second by Schoen. Approved.

Review of Financials: Hanson provided an update of the programming budget.

**Motion to approve the presented budget by Schott, second by Taylor. Approved.

Grant/Vision Plan Project Updates: Hanson and Schoen shared that state agency representatives visited the Inn last week. It was a positive Visit. Hanson shared information about the Tribes of the Turkey River project with the Elgin Historical Society in Elgin.

REAP Assembly: Marlatt shared information about the REAP (Resource Enhancement and Protection) program and upcoming assembly(s). The local assembly will take place in October in the central part of the Northeast Iowa region.

Reports:

Director:	The TRRC Director presented highlights from the August 2023 report.
Clermont:	The Clermont City Council is looking to purchase new holiday lights. The Great River Road TRRC trail section is closed due to construction. Clermont continues to plan for the 175 th celebration in 2024.
Elgin:	Updated sent from Wachal via email: Working with the county on 401 Mill Ave. Wastewater treatment plant to start construction either this fall or in the spring, weather permitting.
Elkader:	The Keystone Bridge is being paved this week. Still scheduled to be completed by December. Art in the Park was a success. October activities and events are coming up.
Motor Mill:	There has been good attendance during the summer for tours. Clayton County: Still working on seal coating. Almost finished with garbage monitor building. Multiple vehicles and equipment have been purchased for various departments.
Supervisors:	Fayette County: Gravel sections and driveways along the Great River Road TRRC trail section are being paved. MN is investing in a trail connecting from Harmony to the Iowa state line within our region – The RPA1 Enhancement Committee will be discussing how to support connection of the Regional Backbone Trail. CCCB: Progress continues the Osborne Campground project. A prairie hike is planned for September 23, 2023. Pony Hollow 15k and 5k is planned for October 28 th .
Conservation:	FCCB: Multiple influencers have visited Fayette County in the past 2 months with a Fayette County Economic Development & Tourism/Shrpa partnership. A monarch tagging program is planned for September 6, 2023. A nighttime scavenger hike will take place on October 14. Sasquatch September is in progress.

Other Business: Changes in the Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Iowa Economic Development Authority were discussed.

Public Comments: No public comments were shared.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on October 3, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Larrabee School in Clermont.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm by Bradley, second by Schoen. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson