



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2023 – 6:30 p.m. | Larrabee School – Clermont, Iowa

Present: Rod Marlatt, Steve Doepke, Troy Schott, Kayleen Schrader (alt.), Kenny Slocum (alt.), Chris Wachal, Chris Schoen, Dan Slagel (alt.), Janell Bradley, Jennifer Cowsert,

Not Present: Deb Schmidt (alt.), Jenna Pollock, Eric Grau, Dina Taylor, Bruce Lehman (alt.)

Others Present: Mallory Hanson

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

**Motion to approve the October 2023 agenda by Schott second by Bradley. Approved.

**Motion to approve the September 2023 minutes with correction by Schrader, second by Schoen. Approved.

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

Grant/Vision Plan Project Updates: Hanson shared updates on Motor Mill Inn and Tribes of the Turkey River projects.

Visioning Workshop: The TRRC Board will meet Nov. 1, 2023 at the Elgin City Hall/Library for a visioning workshop.

Iowa Bike Expo: The TRRC will secure a mini booth at the Iowa Bike Expo on January 27, 2024. Hanson will plan to bring Driftless 100 Flyers/Postcards.

**Motion to approve budget update for the \$250 Iowa Bike Expo booth by Schrader, second by Wachal. Approved.

Reports:

- Director:** The TRRC Director presented highlights from the September 2023 report. Hanson added that there were over 60 attendees present at the Iowa Museum Association Annual Conference for the Clermont presentation. Hanson will plan to attach monthly reports to submitted minutes moving forward.
- Clermont:** Still planning for the 175th celebration, including submission of a Fayette County Community Foundation grant. Multiple City Council seats are up for election.
- Elgin:** Mitigation planning continues at the 401 Mill St. property. Weather permitting, work will begin on the Lagoon this fall. All sewer and water lines are being mapped (GIS) in town. Multiple City Council seats are up for election.
- Elkader:** Mayor and City Council seats are up for election. An online fundraising effort has begun for the Keystone Bridge. The Depot Museum had their open house last weekend. Peter Pan will open at the Elkader Opera House this weekend. Wistling Bit Saddle Club is celebrating their 175th anniversary this weekend. Next weekend will be Witches Night Out, Osborne Heritage Days, and Hwy 13 Vintage Market, and the continued Peter Pan production at the Opera House.
- Motor Mill:** A second ramp has been installed at the Mill to improve ADA accessibility. The Bridge Lighting will take place in November. UMGC funding was awarded for phase 2 of the interpretive plan.
- Supervisors:** Fayette County: The county shop addition project continues. Various road projects continue.
- Conservation:** Fayette County: Bradley participated in the IEDA Regional Roundup event in Calmar last week. Hosted the County Social services meeting last week at the new County shop. A committee is in place for the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the courthouse in 2024.
- CCCB: Dirt work continues in Osborne Campground. UMGC funding was awarded for safety equipment upgrades. Prairie seed harvesting continues. Pony Hollow 15k/5k will take place Oct. 28th.
- FCCB: TRRC Trail (Clermont) crossings were paved in partnership with Secondary Roads. Numbers have been added to the park along the Clermont-Elgin Trail to coordinate with the interpretive sign (wonder wheel). Plans to build a shelter house at that roadside park are in place. Nocturnal Scavenger Hunt is Oct. 14th. The Master Conservatist program with Clayton and Fayette County Conservation and Extension was successful. The regional enhancement committee will be looking at prioritization for new trail funding opportunities.

Other Business & Public Comments: No other business was discussed, and no public comments were shared.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on November 1, 2023 at the Elgin City Hall/Library.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm by Doeppke, second by Bradley. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson