



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

December 5, 2023 – 6:30 p.m. | Public Library – Elgin, Iowa

Present: Rod Marlatt, Steve Doeppke, Kayleen Schrader (alt.), Chris Wachal, Chris Schoen, Dina Taylor (phone), Bruce Lehman (alt.), Jenna Pollock (late arrival)

Not Present: Jennifer Cowsert, Deb Schmidt (alt.), Eric Grau, Troy Schott, Kenny Slocum (alt.), Dan Slagel (alt.), Janell Bradley

Others Present: Mallory Hanson, Sheryl Struthers, Greg Larson (new Clermont City Council alternate representative)

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

**Motion to approve the December 2023 agenda by Schrader, second by Schoen. Approved.

**Motion to approve the November 2023 minutes with correction by Schoen, second by Wachal. Approved.

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

**Motion to approve the budget as presented by Wachal, second by Schrader. Approved.

Visioning Workshop Follow-Up: Hanson reported that she is working to compile the visioning workshop information into a new vision plan draft.

Annual Report Presentation Schedule/Progress: Hanson reported to the Fayette County Supervisors on December 4th and has the following upcoming presentations scheduled:

- Monday, December 11, 2023 6:30pm: Elkader City Council
- Monday, December 18, 2023 6:00pm: Clermont City Council
- Monday, December 18, 2023 7:00pm: Elgin City Council
- Tuesday, December 19, 2023 9:45am: Clayton County Board of Supervisors

Reports:

Director:	The TRRC Director presented highlights from the November 2023 report. ----- Still planning for the 175 th celebration. New holiday lights were put up in the park and new holiday décor and flags have been installed throughout the community. Speed cameras continue to be a discussion.
Clermont:	----- The lagoon project is moving along as planned.
Elgin:	----- The Keystone Bridge is open for vehicle traffic. Hanson is planning to facilitate a goal setting session with the City Council in January.
Elkader:	----- The bridge lighting took place November 18 th and was well attended. Equipment has been picked up to put into the 3 rd floor of the Mill for display. A plexiglass case is now installed around the turbine. Clayton County: Snow equipment is being prepared and inspected.
Motor Mill:	----- Fayette County: Inspiring Lives will be phasing out their correctional care residents. Insurance and general cost increases will create budget challenges in the coming year. The supervisors are working with a new Human Resources company. ----- CCCB: The Holiday Walk at Osborne will take place December 7 th .
Supervisors:	----- FCCB: The Holiday Walk on December 1 st and Gilbertsons had 107 participants. The Deputy Director has resigned and therefore, staff reorganization is a priority for FCCB. FCCB is currently working on a land acquisition in the Maynard area for public use.
Conservation:	

Other Business & Public Comments: Hanson reported that the most recent data from IEDA/Travel Iowa showed that visitor/tourism spending in Fayette County increased 9.5% from 2021 to 2022 and in Clayton County, it increased 6% from 2021 to 2022.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on January 2, 2024 at the Elgin City Hall/Library.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm by Doeppke, second by Schoen. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson