



# Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2024 – 6:30 p.m. | Public Library – Elgin, Iowa

**Present:** Deb Schmidt (alt.), Chris Wachal, Bruce Lehman, Steve Doeppke, Kayleen Schrader, Chris Schoen, Dan Slagel (alt.), Jenna Pollock, Kenny Slocum (alt.), Jennifer Cowsert

**Not Present:** Rod Marlatt, Troy Schott

**Others Present:** Mallory Hanson, Brian Balster

The meeting was called to order at 6:29pm by Vice-Chair, Jennifer Cowsert.

\*\*Motion to approve the February 2024 agenda by Pollock, second by Wachal. Approved.

\*\*Motion to approve the January 2024 minutes by Doeppke second by Schoen. Approved.

**Review of Financials:** Hanson provided an update of the programming budget and members provided updates on the FY '25 Budget Requests.

**Visioning Workshop Follow-Up:** Members discussed the vision plan draft and provided feedback for changes.

\*\*Motion to approve the updated vision plan by Lehman, second by Pollock. Approved.

**2024 Turkey River Safari Update:** Hanson reported progress for Safari site permissions and other logistics.

\*\*Motion to approve the 2024 list of sites/locations by Pollock, second by Schrader. Approved.

**Programming Budget Proposal Review and Discussion:** Hanson presented some opportunities for marketing initiatives for the FY '24 and FY '25 programming budgets.

\*\*Motion to approve proposed changes to the FY '24 programming budget and draft FY '25 programming budget by Pollock, second by Wachal. Approved.

**Motor Motor 5k/10k Volunteers Needed:** Volunteers are needed for the event on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Hanson will forward the link to sign up as a volunteer with Clayton County Conservation.

## Reports:

**Director:** The TRRC Director presented highlights from the January 2023 report and invited, along with the City of Elkader, everyone to attend the Keystone Bridge Re-dedication on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Clermont:** Still planning for the 175<sup>th</sup> celebration in July. Speed cameras are in discussion and solutions for safety at the crosswalk near Casey's General Store and Skip-a-Way are in progress.

**Elgin:** The City continues to work on demolition at 401 Mill Street and the community is still planning for Elgin's Homecoming celebration in June.

**Elkader:** Ladies Day Out is planned for March 9<sup>th</sup>, the hospital will host its gala March 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the St. Patrick's Day parade will take place per usual on the holiday.

**Motor Mill:** Planning for potential summer projects is in progress. New interpretive panels were recently installed on the first floor with assistance from Northeast Iowa RC&D staff.

Clayton County: Work on the mechanics bay is in progress. The County continues budget work for the upcoming year.

**Supervisors:** Fayette County: Lehman reported on multiple projects and initiatives happening throughout the County.

CCCB: Multiple events are upcoming: Feb. 9-Iowa Gallivant Sausage Industry presentation, Feb. 17-OWL Prowl, Feb. 17-Winter ID, Feb. 24-Survival Skills @ Pikes Peak during Bald Eagle Days in the Ports of Discovery (Marquette/McGregor). Pollock reported that Clayton and Fayette County Conservation and ISU Extension offices are hosting the statewide Master Conservationist event in August. Pollock also reported that she has been in touch with EWALU about their interest in hosting an adventure race in the Clayton County/Corridor area in 2025.

Conservation: FCCB: Marlatt has been working to stay in communication with state legislators on various bills/proposals. Slocum reported that he and Marlatt participated in the REAP Congress in January.

**Other Business & Public Comments:** No other business was discussed and there was no public comment.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on March 5, 2024 at Elkader City Hall/Opera House.

**Adjournment:**

\*\*Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm by Schrader, second by Pollock. Approved.

*Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson*