



# Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2024 – 6:30 p.m. | Elkader City Hall/Opera House – Elkader, Iowa

**Present:** Rod Marlatt, Troy Schott, Deb Schmidt (alt.), Chris Wachal, Bruce Lehman, Steve Doepcke, Kenny Slocum (alt.), Jennifer Cowsert, Dan Slagel (alt.)

**Not Present:** Kayleen Schrader, Chris Schoen, Jenna Pollock

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

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

\*\*Motion to approve the June 2024 agenda by Schott, second by Slagel. Approved.

\*\*Motion to approve the April 2024 minutes by Slagel, second by Slocum. Approved.

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

\*\*Motion to approve the FY '24 Budget Report as presented by Wachal, second by Schott. Approved.

\*\*Motion to approve the proposed FY '25 Budget as presented by Slocum, second by Slagel. Approved.

**Trail Counting:** Hanson asked for any interest in volunteering for in person trail counting in July.

## Large Infrastructure Grant:

\*\*Motion for TRRC Director to write an Iowa State Recreational Trails Grant for Clayton County Conservation for the Pony Hollow Trail Expansion: Phase I by Cowsert, second by Slocum. Approved.

**FY '25 Contract Review and Approval:** Hanson presented the draft contract for review and discussion.

\*\*Motion to approved the contract and attached scope of work with minor corrections by Cowsert, second by Wachal. Approved.

## Reports:

**Director:** The TRRC Director presented highlights from the April-May 2024 report.

**Clermont:** Still planning for the 175<sup>th</sup> celebration in July. Solar panels near the ball diamond were moved. A new part time city maintenance worker has been hired. A sewer lining project is being considered.

**Elgin:** Ash tree removal has been a priority. The Elgin Homecoming Celebration will take place June 27-30.

**Elkader:** The Fisheree Frenzy event will take place June 8<sup>th</sup>. Additional events include Sip, Sample, and Shop June 14<sup>th</sup>, Friday Under the Lights June 21<sup>st</sup>, and Rhythm on the River Fridays. The Farmer's Market has moved to City Park. Joelle S. is the new Chamber Director. Amy H. is the new Main Street/Economic Development Director. The Keystore Bridge railing has been installed. The Train Depot hosted a grand opening on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Sweet Corn Days will be in July and Art in the Park will be in August.

**Motor Mill:** Regular season tours started May 31<sup>st</sup>. The Inn will be open during the week when Motor Mill interns are available.

**Supervisors:** Clayton County: Seal coating is starting on roads. There are multiple road closures for projects.

Fayette County: Lehman reported on multiple projects and initiatives happening throughout the County, including discussion about Opioid settlement funds, discussion of a universal driveway policy across 6 counties, planning for the October 12<sup>th</sup> 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Fayette County Courthouse, and the unincorporation of Randalia.

**Conservation:** CCCB: The Osborne Campground project continues. The septic system at Osborne has been replaced.

FCCB: Marlatt reported progress on the Osborne blacktop project and use of dirt for the Great River Road trail bed. FCCB will be installing a pocket pollinator planting at the courthouse. Marlatt represented Elgin in Washington, D.C. with the American Flood Coalition in May. Iowa Public Television is filming along the River Bluffs Scenic Byway thanks to partnership with the Byways of Iowa Foundation (Road Trip Iowa episode to air in Spring of 2025).

**Other Business & Public Comments:** Slocum reported that there is a mounting biking project being spearheaded in Marquette.

**Next Meeting:** There will be no July meeting. The next meeting will be August 6, 2024 at the Larrabee School/Clermont City Hall.

**Adjournment:**

\*\*Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm by Doeppke, second by Wachal. Approved.

*Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson*