



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2024 – 6:30 p.m. | Clermont City Hall/Larrabee School - Clermont, Iowa

Present: Rod Marlatt, Troy Schott, Kayleen Schrader, Chris Wachal, Bruce Lehman, Steve Doepke, Chris Schoen, Jenna Pollock, Kenny Slocum (alt.), Jennifer Cowsert

Not Present: Deb Schmidt

Others Present: Mallory Hanson, Brian Balster, Gary Siegwarth

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by Chair, Rod Marlatt.

**Motion to approve the August 2024 agenda with spelling correction by Pollock, second by Wachal. Approved.

**Motion to approve the June 2024 minutes by Schott, second by Lehman. Approved.

**Motion to approve the financials as presented by Schrader, second by Doepke. Approved.

Project Presentation from Gary Siegwarth: Siegwarth discussed a potential project idea related to the Elkader to Elgin trail route with attendees.

Consideration of Contract Amendment: Hanson proposed an amendment to the contract to account for an additional \$1,000 committee by the Clayton County Board of Supervisors.

**Motion to approve the contract amendment by Cowsert, second by Pollock. Approved.

Reports:

Director: The TRRC Director presented highlights from the June-July 2024 report.

Clermont: The 175th celebration in July was a success. Solutions for safety at the crosswalk near Casey's General Store and Skip-a-Way are still in discussion. The railing along the bike trail was damaged by a vehicle and the City is looking into potential solutions to prevent future damage.

Elgin: Elgin Homecoming in June was a success. The City is working on multiple sewer projects.

Elkader: Elkader Sweet Corn Days in July was a success. Art in the Park will take place August 17th and 18th. The City is considering a feasibility study for a pedestrian bridge across the Turkey River and is also looking into solutions to approve the river access above the dam.

Motor Mill: Milling machinery will be placed into the 3rd floor of the Mill for display. A new 3D model was completed and is located in the Inn. Night at the Inn will take place August 10th. Updated visioning is in progress.

Clayton County: Ditch cleaning and multiple bridge projects are underway.

Supervisors: Fayette County: Lehman reported on multiple projects and initiatives happening throughout the County, including the 100 year celebration of the Fayette County Courthouse on October 12th, the micro pollinator planting at the courthouse, and the continued improvement to the shoulder and future trail bed along Great River Road-.

Conservation: CCCB: Hunter Education has begun. A Backyard Biochar workshop will take place August 9th. Heritage Days will take place October 12th-13th. Progress on the campground project continues with a tentative grand opening May 1, 2025.

FCCB: FCCB is working on a 'House of Rock' project at Gilbertsons. A pergola will be built along the Elgin-Clermont trail near the valley launch.

Other Business & Public Comments: There was no other business discussed. There was no public comment.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be September 3, 2024 at the Larrabee School/Clermont City Hall.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm by Schott, second by Schoen. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson