



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2024 | 6:30 p.m.

Clermont City Hall/Larrabee School - Clermont, Iowa

Present: Rod Marlatt, Troy Schott, Kayleen Schrader, Chris Wachal, Bruce Lehman, Steve Doeppke, Chris Schoen, Jenna Pollock, Jennifer Cowsert, Dan Slagel (alt.)

Not Present: Deb Schmidt

Others Present: Mallory Hanson, Brian Balster, Sheryl Struthers

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

**Motion to approve the September 2024 agenda w/ changes by Schrader, second by Doeppke. Approved.

**Motion to approve the August 2024 minutes by Schott, second by Schoen. Approved.

**Motion to approve the financials as presented by Wachal, second by Lehman. Approved.

Upcoming Influencer Visit: Hanson discussed the plan for the upcoming influencer visit: Family Travel Nomads.

Trail Count Data Review: Hanson presented data comparisons between in-person and infrared counts in July.

Safari Post Removal Date: Hanson proposed post removal in late October or when weather allows. Attendees agreed.

Preparation for Annual Report and Financial Requests: Hanson discussed her intent to begin work on the annual report in preparation for a November approval and December presentations to funding partners. Attendees discussed the contribution formula and agreed to the plan for financial requests for FY '26 at the following amounts: \$10,000 from Fayette County Board of Supervisors, \$10,000 (\$6,000) from Clayton County Board of Supervisors, \$4,000 from City of Elkader, \$3,500 from City of Clermont, and \$3,500 from City of Elgin.

Reports:

Director: The TRRC Director presented highlights from the August 2024 report.

Clermont: Solutions for safety at the crosswalk near Casey's General Store and Skip-a-Way are still in discussion.

Elgin: The City continues to work on multiple sewer projects.

Elkader: 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. Multiple events are occurring the second week in October, including opening weekend at the Opera House, Osborne Heritage Days, and Witches & Warlocks Night Out.

Motor Mill: The regular tour season was a success.

Clayton County: Spot graveling on roads is in progress. Bridge work continues.

Supervisors: Fayette County: Lehman reported on multiple projects and initiatives happening throughout the County, including continued improvement to the shoulder and future trail bed along Great River Road, equipment purchases, new secondary road employees, painting of the courtroom, and an alternate design for the Hwy 56/W51 intersection.

CCCB: Osborne Heritage Days will take place October 12th-13th. Progress on the campground project continues with final seeding this week or next. Labor Day weekend was successful at conservation properties.

Conservation:

FCCB: Fayette and Winneshiek County Conservation are hosting the Statewide Iowa County Conservation System Annual Conference in September. A new director has been hired – Rod's retirement will begin October 4, 2024.

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

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be October 1, 2024 at the Larrabee School/Clermont City Hall.

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson