



# Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

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

Elgin City Hall/Public Library - Elgin, Iowa

**Present:** Rod Marlatt, Steve Doepke, Brian Balster (Alt.), Jenna Pollock, Heather Gamm (Alt.), Chris Schoen, Jennifer Cowsert, Chris Wachal

**Not Present:** Troy Schott, Bruce Lehman, Deb Schmidt, Kayleen Schrader

**Others Present:** Mallory Hanson, Sheryl Struthers, Dan Slagel

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

\*\*Motion to approve the December 2024 agenda by Pollock, second by Schoen. Approved.

\*\*Motion to approve the November 2024 minutes by Doepke, second by Wachal. Approved.

Hanson reviewed financials with attendees.

**Annual Report Updates:** Hanson provided an update on annual report presentation and FY '26 financial request progress.

**Website Updates:** Hanson reported updates to the TRRC website, including influencer content integration and historical TRRC document shared drive.

**Upcoming Grant Deadlines:** Hanson reviewed current grant report and proposal commitments for 2025.

**Upcoming Events:** Hanson reviewed current event partnerships committed to in 2024 and 2025. Canoecopia was added to the list: March 7-9, 2025.

## Reports:

**Director:** The TRRC Director presented highlights from the November 2024 report.

**Clermont:** The City is exploring potential improvements to the community section/route of the trail.

**Elgin:** Construction for the 401 Mill Street project will begin in December 2024. Budget work continues.

**Elkader:** The new Light Up the Night effort in the campground has been popular. The Turkey Trot had 48 participants, the largest yet!

**Motor Mill:** The bridge lighting and holiday event took place November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Efforts are moving forward for short-term Mill stabilization.

**Supervisors:** Clayton County: The Supervisors are negotiating garbage rates and are seeking applications for the Recorder's office. Budget work is underway.

Fayette County: Lehmann was absent due to an Emergency Management meeting with the new coordinator, Nathan Post.

**Supervisors:** CCCB: Classroom naturalist programs are underway. The holiday walk at Osborne will take place December 5<sup>th</sup>. A potential New Years walk will take place in January. Multiple reservations have been made at the Motor Mill Inn in December. Annual report work is underway.

**Conservation:** FCCB: The West Union to Echo Valley State Park trail is complete. A historical marker was installed at Gouldsburg Park and Dutton's Cave kiosks were completed. FCCB naturalists are working on expanding their programming into nursing homes and are hosting crafting events at Gilbertsons throughout the holiday season.

**Other Business & Public Comments:** Hanson reminded attendees that appointments will need to be made in January for some members. Sheryl Struthers suggested that some partners might consider doing trail counting on the new West Union to Echo Valley State Park trail.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at the Elgin Public Library/City Hall.

## Adjournment:

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

*Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson*