



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2025 | 6:30 p.m.

Elgin City Hall/Public Library - Elgin, Iowa

Present: Rod Marlatt, Steve Doepcke, Troy Schott, Heather Gamm (alt.), Chris Schoen, Jenna Pollock (alt.), Kayleen Schrader, Brian Balster (alt.), Alex Popenhagen (alt.)

Not Present: Deb Schmidt, Chris Wachal, Kenny Slocum, Bruce Lehman, Jennifer Cowsert

Others Present: Mallory Hanson, Kelly Shaffer

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

**Motion to approve the January 2025 agenda by Schott, second by Schrader. Approved.

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

**Motion to approve the financials as presented by Schott, second by Doepcke. Approved.

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

Annual Appointments: Attendees provided an update on current board appointments.

**Motion to elect Kelly Shaffer to serve as Clayton County's at-large representative by Schrader, second by Pollock. Approved.

Board Member Polos: Hanson provided an opportunity for members to express interest in purchasing a branded polo.

2025 Turkey River Safari Site Discussion: Hanson presented the list of past safari sites for board members to review and for consideration at the February meeting.

Reports:

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

Clermont: Flashing speed zone signage will be procured through the Iowa DOT for three locations.

Elgin: No report.

Elkader: No report.

Motor Mill: Lights will be removed this coming weekend from the bridge.. Options for mitigating pier erosion continue to be explored.

Supervisors: Clayton County: Brush cutting is in progress. A new County Recorder was hired. The supervisors are working on board appointments.

Fayette County: The County Engineer is working with Elgin on speed zone signage.

CCCB: Motor Motor 5k/10k registration will soon open (March 15, 2025). Seasonable hiring has begun. Pollock is working on closing out the Osborne Campground project. Work to start pre-engineering for Phase 2 of the Pony Hollow Trail expansion has begun.

Conservation: FCCB: 819 paying campers were recorded in 2024. The Conservation Board will celebrate 65 years in 2025. FCCB is hosting the District 2 County Conservation meeting this week. Gamm is working on hiring a STEM Extern for the summer months. A forestry plan for the Gilbertson properties is being updated.

Other Business & Public Comments: No other business was discussed and no public comments were made.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at the Elgin Public Library/City Hall.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:01pm by Schott, second by Schrader. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson