



# Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2025 | 6:30 p.m.

Elkader City Hall/Opera House - Elkader, Iowa

**Present:** Rod Marlatt, Steve Doeppke, Chris Schoen, Kelly Shaffer, Bruce Lehman, Brian Balster (alt.), Kenny Slocum, Jenna Van Meeteren (alt.)

**Not Present:** Chris Wachal, Troy Schott, Kayleen Schrader, Deb Schmidt

**Others Present:** Mallory Hanson, Jennifer Cowsert, Dan Slagel

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

**\*\*Motion to approve the April 2025 agenda by Schoen, second by Doeppke. Approved.**

**\*\*Motion to approve the March 2025 minutes by Doeppke, second by Schoen. Approved.**

Hanson reviewed financials with attendees.

**Upcoming Project/Grant Discussion:** Hanson reviewed current and potential commitments for FY '26.

## Reports:

<b>Director:</b>	The TRRC Director presented highlights from the March 2025 report and will email the written report. The Director also reported that all are invited to attend a free, public pre-screening of the River Bluffs Scenic Byway "Road Trip Iowa" episode at the Earthmoving Legacy Center in Elkader on Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30.
<b>Clermont:</b>	No Report.
<b>Elgin:</b>	No Report.
<b>Elkader:</b>	The Opera House Play will take place April 5 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> . The Elkader Chamber is hosting an Easter Basket Search on April 12 <sup>th</sup> . Main Street Elkader is hosting a May Day Basket Workshop April 30 <sup>th</sup> .
<b>Motor Mill:</b>	The fundraising campaign for stabilization of the Mill continues. Motor Mill plans to participate in Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Areas Iowa Eats Food & Drink Festival on April 5 <sup>th</sup> . Clayton County: Spring road work is in progress.
<b>Supervisors:</b>	Fayette County: The budget process is complete. An Apple Road Bridge closure is upcoming. The supervisors continue to work on solutions for the now empty Inspiring Lives building. Lehman also reported that the Fayette County Conservation Board received a \$316,734.00 Transportation Alternative Program grant (written by TRRC) for the expansion of the Clermont-Calmar Great River Road trail expansion.
<b>Conservation:</b>	CCCB: The Motor Motor 5k/10k on March 15 <sup>th</sup> was successful, with 73 registered runners. The Osborne Campground Grand Opening is planned for May 1 <sup>st</sup> . Multiple programs are scheduled for April including a Jamaican Garden Tour Program April 10 <sup>th</sup> and Pasque Flower Hike April 18 <sup>th</sup> . FCCB: FCCB staff have placed a bicycle rack at the shelter at the Valley Bridge. Gamm started the process of getting 911 address markers at the river accesses on the Turkey River.

**Other Business & Public Comments:** No other business was discussed.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at Elkader City Hall/Opera House.

## Adjournment:

**\*\*Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm by Shaffer, second by Schoen. Approved.**

*Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson*