



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2025 | 6:30 p.m.

Elkader City Hall/Opera House - Elkader, Iowa

Present: Rod Marlatt, Chris Wachal, Troy Schott, Deb Schmidt, Chris Schoen, Kelly Shaffer, Brian Balster (alt.), Jenna Van Meeteren (alt.), Heather Gamm (alt.), Steve Doeppke, Bruce Lehman, Kenny Slocum

Not Present: Kayleen Schrader

Others Present: Mallory Hanson, Jennifer Cowsert, Larry Stone

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

**Motion to approve the June 2025 agenda by Slocum, second by Schott. Approved.

**Motion to approve the May 2025 minutes by Schoen, second by Wachal. Approved.

Hanson reviewed financials with attendees.

Project Updates: Hanson provided an update on funding applications for the Flowers in the Corridor Project: The Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation (UMGC) full application is due at the end of August.

Election of Officers:

**Motion to elect Rod Marlatt as Chair, Chris Schoen as Vice-Chair, and Mallory Hanson as Secretary-Treasurer by Schott, second by Slocum. Approved.

Review and Approve FY '26 Contract with RC&D:

**Motion to approve the FY '26 Contract for Services between the Turkey River Recreational Corridor and Northeast Iowa Resource Conservation and Development with update to Turkey River Safari dates in Attachment A by Wachal, second by Schoen. Approved.

Review and Approve FY '26 Programming Budget:

**Motion to approve the FY '26 Programming Budget with update to total personnel budget amount by Schott, second by Schoen. Approved.

Reports:

Director:	The TRRC Director presented highlights from the May 2025 report.
Clermont:	BBQ in the Park will take place on June 16 th . The city will be offering the Superintendent position this week to an individual. The city is working with the DOT on challenges with new light pole banners.
Elgin:	The city is working on acquiring a firetruck. Three council seats and the mayoral seat will be up for election/re-election this fall. 401 Mill Street demolition is complete-Elgin is working with Hanson to facilitate development of an interpretive kiosk for the site.
Elkader:	The city is working on crack sealing throughout town. The Farmers Market will be held at the City Park for the second year. The Clayton County Development Group is hosting a county-wide museum crawl during the month of June. The city will be seeking applications for a new Main Street Director. A new Sunday Streetz event is being hosted by Main Street Elkader.
Motor Mill:	The fundraising campaign for stabilization of the Mill continues and work on short-term stabilization of the support piers is complete.
	Clayton County: The County is interviewing for their IT position. Kluesner has been selected as the new rural garbage hauler for the County.
Supervisors:	Fayette County: Work on Juniper Road and A Avenue continues – County is considering an overlook area on Juniper Road. The Juniper Road project is also providing some overburden material to help build up the future Great River Road trail bed. Ditch mowing is in progress. A new septic system will be installed at the county recycling center.

CCCB: CCCB is transitioning into the camping season. The opening at Osborne Campground was successful. The Iowa Mississippi River Parkway Commission is meeting at Motor Mill Inn in June. June 7th is the County Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day for Clayton County residents. Free fishing weekends are June 7th and June 14th. New Osborne Park merchandise is available for purchase.

Conservation: FCCB: Seasonal staff and a STEM extern have been onboarded. The Nature Center and Petting Zoo are open for the season. The bicycle recycling event was successful, with over 40 bikes recycled – Thank you to CCCB for hauling bikes! – FCCB hosted a tour with the Iowa Native Plant Society. FCCB is currently hiring a full-time Environmental Education Coordinator. FCCB staff recently assisted the City of West Union with their trail pavilion project.

Other Business & Public Comments: Larry Stone provided an update on the Pattison Sand request for a pumping increase permit in Clayton County.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at Clermont City Hall/Larrabee School. The August 6, 2025 meeting will be cancelled due to Hanson's attendance at the Iowa Downtown Conference.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm by Wachal, second by Slocum. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson