



# Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

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

Clermont City Hall/Larrabee School – Clermont, Iowa

**Present:** Rod Marlatt, Chris Wachal, Steve Doeppke, Bruce Lehman, Kenny Slocum, Chris Schoen, Kelly Shaffer, Brian Balster (alt.), Heather Gamm (alt.)

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

**Others Present:** Mallory Hanson

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Chair, Rod Marlatt.

**\*\*Motion to approve the July 2025 agenda by Slocum, second by Wachal. Approved.**

**\*\*Motion to approve the June 2025 minutes by Wachal, second by Shaffer. 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.

**Trail Count/Infrared Data Presentation:** Hanson provided a TRAFx trail count equipment demonstration to attendees.

**Schedule Vision Planning Session:** Hanson proposed scheduling the annual vision planning session for the November 5<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday due to November 4<sup>th</sup> Election Date) meeting.

## Reports:

**Director:** The TRRC Director presented highlights from the June 2025 report.

**Clermont:** No report.

**Elgin:** The City is working on the well on the hill. Agate Road is currently being resurfaced from the City of Elgin line to the Clayton County line.

**Elkader:** A new Main Street/Economic Development Director has been hired: Maggie Sommers.

**Motor Mill:** The fundraising campaign for long-term stabilization of the Mill continues. A memorial for Lee Lenth will be held on July 28<sup>th</sup>. A donor appreciate meal will take place July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Clayton County: The County is finishing up an overlay on Golden Avenue.

**Supervisors:** Fayette County: Shouldering work is taking place on Apple and Agate Road. Bridge projects are in progress in Maynard and Waucoma. Discussions are taking place regionally and county-wide regarding mental health services and fire districts.

CCCB: The summer is busy ("Trying to keep our shoes on")! CCCB is preparing for the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend.

**Conservation:** FCCB: FCCB is working on adding natives at the Trail Parkway between Clermont and Elgin. Spraying and mowing is in progress. Three benches were donated and are being added to the Clermont North Trail. ATVs are now allowed in County Parks on roads only. There is a Bike Iowa volunteer opportunity in Oelwein during RAGBRAI (contact Heather if interested). A citizen is donating a dog waste station to be placed at the Trail Parkway between Clermont and Elgin in memory of their beloved dog, who participated in TRRC/Fayette County Tourism photoshoots in 2022.

**Other Business & Public Comments:** Marlatt reported that he and Ross Eversizer of Northeast Iowa RC&D will be attending the Midwestern Legislative Conference in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in late July (invited by the American Flood Coalition) to speak on a panel about their work in the Turkey River Watershed.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at Clermont City Hall/Larrabee School. The August 6, 2025 meeting will be cancelled.

## Adjournment:

**\*\*Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm by Slocum, second by Schoen. Approved.**

*Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson*