



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.

Elgin City Hall/Elgin Public Library – Elgin, Iowa

Present: Rod Marlatt, Chris Wachal, Kenny Slocum, Bruce Lehmann, Troy Schott, Chris Schoen, Kelly Shaffer, Heather Gamm (alt.), Brian Balster (alt.)

Not Present: Kayleen Schrader, Steve Doeppke, Deb Schmidt

Others Present: Mallory Hanson

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Chair, Rod Marlatt.

****Motion to approve the November 2025 agenda by Schott, second by Schoen. Approved.**

****Motion to approve the October 2025 minutes with minor updates by Slocum, second by Wachal. Approved.**

****Motion to approve financials as presented by Schoen, second by Lehman**

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Large Infrastructure Grant Project: Hanson reported that Gamm, Marlatt, Hanson, and County Engineer Joel Fantz will meet next week to determine a grant plan for the Clermont Trail Expansion project.

Project Updates: Hanson provided an update on funding applications for the Flowers in the Corridor Project: The Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation (UMGC) full application was awarded and the Fayette County Community Foundation grant application is still pending. There was not an update for the Kayak/Canoe Rack project.

Annual Report Review and Approval: Hanson provided the draft 2025 annual report for review and approval. Hanson will reach out to schedule annual presentations and financial requests in November, December, and January.

****Motion to approve the annual report as presented by Schott, second by Schoen. Approved.**

Visioning Workshop: The board participated in a visioning workshop led by Hanson and board chair, Rod Marlatt. The vision plan will be updated and shared at the December meeting for approval.

Reports: The Director provided a brief overview of the October, 2025 report. Additional reports were shared by representatives. Highlights include that the City of Elgin will have a new mayor starting in 2026, Clermont trail signage has been improved, Motor Mill's bridge lighting event will take place November 22nd, multiple road projects are moving forward in Fayette County, the Pony Hollow Trail Expansion bid-letting has been pushed back to April, 2026, The Pony Hollow Trail expansion project was awarded a City Parks and Open Spaces REAP grant and a County Conservation REAP grant, Fayette County Conservation has started their 5-year plan process, and Fayette County Conservation will host a Winter Festival event January 10th in partnership with TRRC.

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

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be December 2, 2025 at 6:30pm Elgin Public Library/City Hall.

Adjournment:

****Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54pm by Slocum, second by Wachal. Approved.**

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson