



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2026 | 6:30 p.m.

Elkader City Hall/Opera House – Elkader, Iowa

Present: Rod Marlatt, Chris Wachal, Kenny Slocum, Chris Schoen, Kelly Shaffer, Heather Gamm (alt.), Brian Balster (alt.), Steve Doeppke, Roger Buchholz, Jennifer Cowsert (alt.)

Not Present: Bruce Lehman, Kayleen Schrader, Troy Schott

Others Present: Mallory Hanson, Ean Popenhagen

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

**Motion to approve the March 2026 agenda, with updated next meeting date, by Schoen, second by Buchholz. Approved.

**Motion to approve the February 2026 minutes by Schoen, second by Shaffer. Approved.

Hanson reviewed financials with attendees.

**Motion to approve the financials, as presented by Wachal, second by Slocum. Approved.

Project Updates:

- Coneflowers in the Corridor (TRRC) – A small committee met with the artists to plan for a spring/summer installation and finalize the solar lighting plan.
- Pedal Paddle Racks (TRRC) – The signs are now complete and racks and signs can be ready for installation and promotion this spring/summer.
- Clermont Trail Expansion (FCCB) - Gamm reported that she continues to meet with the County Engineer and Hanson to prepare grant applications and that a regional Transportation Alternative Program application was submitted.
- Pony Hollow Trail Expansion (CCCB) – The project is on track for an April bid letting.
- Motor Mill Stabilization (CCCB & Motor Mill Foundation) – An engineer will be visiting to provide an opinion on how to move forward with long-term stabilization and/or monitoring.

Consideration of Sponsorship for 2026 Project A.W.A.R.E.: Hanson proposed a sponsorship for 2026 Project A.W.A.R.E., taking place on the Turkey River July, 2026.

**Motion to Sponsor 2026 Project A.W.A.R.E. at the \$250.00 level by Wachal, second by Slocum. Approved.

Turkey River Safari: Attendees discussed what color and type of bags to order for this year's safari. Yellow will be the primary color for 2026.

Reports:

Director: The TRRC Director presented highlights from the February 2026 report.

Clermont: No report.

Elgin: The City is currently hiring for grass cutting and seeking part-time staff to assist the city superintendent.

Elkader: Ladies Day Out will take place next weekend and the St. Patrick's Day parade will be March 17th.

Motor Mill: The Foundation is preparing for the upcoming tourism season.

Supervisors: Clayton County: The County is preparing for the spring thaw and road embargoes.

Fayette County: No report due to Supervisors attendance at a Farm Bureau meeting.

Conservation: CCCB: The Motor Motor 5k/10k will take place March 21st. OWLS will be at Effigy Mounds March 19th. Bids for the Forestry Resiliency project will be due April 11th. CCCB is applying for funds for a bicycle maintenance station at Motor Mill.

FCCB: Spring projects are underway while winter projects are wrapping up. FCCB is doing preparation for their Forestry Resiliency project and continues working on updates to the 5-year plan.

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

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be April 7, 2026 at 6:30pm at Elkader City Hall/Opera House.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05pm by Wachal, second by Buchholz. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson