



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2026 | 6:30 p.m.

Elkader City Hall/Opera House – Elkader, Iowa

Present: Rod Marlatt, Chris Schoen, Kelly Shaffer, Heather Gamm (alt.), Bruce Lehmann, Roger Buchholz, Troy Schott, Kayleen Schrader, Ean Popenhagen

Not Present: Chris Wachal, Steve Doepcke

Others Present: Mallory Hanson, Jenna (and Maeve) Van Meeteren

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

**Motion to approve the May 2026 agenda by Buchholz, second by Schrader. Approved.

**Motion to approve the April 2026 minutes by Schott, second by Schoen. Approved.

Attendees reviewed financials.

**Motion to approve the financials, as presented by Schrader, second by Popenhagen. Approved.

Project Updates:

- Turkey River Safari (TRRC) – The Safari will begin Memorial Day weekend.
- Coneflowers in the Corridor (TRRC) - The artists continue working on fabrication. Still moving along with an August deadline for fabrication and installation.
- Pedal Paddle Racks (TRRC) – No new updates.
- Clermont Trail Expansion (FCCB) – Gamm reported that a pre-application has been submitted for a Destination Iowa grant and that FCCB intends to apply for a State Transportation Alternative Program grant this fall.
- Pony Hollow Trail Expansion (CCCB) – Van Meeteren reported that CCCB awarded the contract to CJ Moyna & Sons.
- Motor Mill Stabilization (CCCB & Motor Mill Foundation) – The Foundation is considering recent recommendations, including monitoring the Mill structure.

Proposed Budget Draft for Review: Hanson provided a proposed budget for FY '27 to review. Approval will be made at the June meeting.

Upcoming Annual Meeting Tasks: Hanson reviewed items to address at the upcoming June meeting, including approval of the FY '27 Contract with the RC&D, approval of the FY '27 Budget, and Election of Officers.

Reports:

Director: Hanson provided highlights from the April 2026 Director's report.

Clermont: There are multiple events taking place at the Dyer Vinton and The Green Door. The campground is open. The pickleball court project is in progress.

Elgin: No report.

Elkader: City-wide garage sales are June 4-6. Downtown Rhythm on the River will take place June 5th.

Motor Mill: The middle school helped clean up the Mill last week. Tours will begin May 23rd. A new Bolster model has been created. Chuck Moraine was recently honored for his long-time time as a board member and volunteer. The Clayton County Museum Crawl is taking place during the month of June.

Clayton County: No report.

Supervisors: Fayette County: The County is finishing up bridge lettings. The Board of Supervisors will host a hearing on Monday regarding the county farm/Prairie View. Multiple road projects are starting.

CCCB: The Driftless 100 was a success with somewhere between 250 and 300 registrants.

Campgrounds are open. Field trips and OWLs are taking place. A hunter education field day and

Conservation: Backbone fishing clinic will take place June 6th. Osborne Days will be held October 10th.

FCCB: Campgrounds are open. The petting zoo will open Memorial Day weekend. School of the Wild is taking place this week. 3rd Thursday Hikes have been going well.

Other Business & Public Comments: Gamm inquired about an infrared trail counter on the Jensen Trail in West Union. Marlatt reported that he will be traveling to Washington D.C. as an advisor for the American Flood Coalition in mid-May. Hanson reported that she will be serving on a Boost Team for the City of Clarion in partnership with Empower Rural Iowa.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be June 2, 2026 at 6:30pm at Elkader City Hall/Opera House.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm by Schrader, second by Schoen. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson