



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2026 | 6:30 p.m.

Clermont City Hall/Larrabee School - Clermont, Iowa

Present: Rod Marlatt, Roger Buchholz, Chris Schoen, Steve Doeppke, Troy Schott, Heather Gamm (alt.), Brian Balster (alt.), Bruce Lehmann, Chris Wachal, Jenna Van Meeteren (alt.)

Not Present: Ean Popenhagen, Kelly Shaffer, Kayleen Schrader

Others Present: Mallory Hanson

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

****Motion to approve the October 2026 agenda by Wachal, second by Doeppke. Approved.**

****Motion to approve the September 2026 minutes by Buchholz, second by Schoen. Approved.**

Attendees reviewed financials.

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

Project Updates:

- Clermont/Elgin Trail Wayfinding Signage (TRRC) – Hanson reported that she plans to submit the grant by the October 15th deadline.
- Coneflowers in the Corridor (TRRC) – The artists have completed fabrication. Hanson will coordinate with CCCB and FCCB for coordination on installation.
- Clermont Trail Expansion (FCCB) – Gamm reported that FCCB is waiting on a decision for the Resource Enhancement and Protection grant and that a State Transportation Alternatives Program grant was submitted.
- Pony Hollow Trail Expansion (CCCB) – Van Meeteren reported that work continues on the project.
- Motor Mill Stabilization (CCCB & Motor Mill Foundation) – Hanson reported that she participated in a meeting with E. Popenhagen regarding the active HRDP grant.

Large Infrastructure Grant Discussion: Hanson reminded the group to bring any large projects/grants forward for consideration. It's likely FCCB will be seeking support for a State Recreational Trails Grant application for the Clermont Trail project.

2026 Annual Report Draft Review: Hanson presented the draft annual report and asked participants to review and provide feedback by the end of the month. Hanson will schedule report presentations and financial requests for December and January.

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

Fayette County Community Foundation Grant: Hanson presented the draft budget for the grant to update and replace Clermont and Elgin trail wayfinding signage and add flashing cross-walk signs in Clermont. Hanson also presented a proposed design/update for the wayfinding signs.

Reports:

Director:	Hanson provided highlights from the September 2026 Director's report.
Clermont:	The pickleball court is complete.
Elgin:	Multiple streets have been seal coated along with a public parking lot. The 401 Mill St. kiosk is not yet complete. The Fire Department is hosting an open house October 11 th .
Elkader:	Art in the Park was a success. The Keystone Park project is in progress.
Motor Mill:	The Bridge Lighting will take place the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Tours will continue through the October 10 th -11 th weekend.
	Clayton County: Ditch cleaning and removal of debris from bridges and culverts has been a priority following flooding.
Supervisors:	Fayette County: Multiple post-flood repair projects have taken place. Larry Popenhagen has been appointed to replace Alex Popenhagen. The Hwy 56 and Canoe Rd. projects are in progress.

Conservation:

CCCB: The Driftless Adventure Race took place October 3rd. There is a new Bobcat resident at Osborne. Osborne Days will take place October 10th-11th. CCCB is hiring for a Maintenance and Operations position.

FCCB: Seasonals are finished. Flooding took place September 19th. A new educator has started with FCCB and is doing programming. A washout will be repaired on the Clermont North Trail (gravel portion). FCCB is working on Timber Stand Improvement.

Other Business & Public Comments: Hanson asked attendees to consider volunteering for the Dec. 4th Holiday Walk with FCCB at Gilbertsons. Hanson reported that she will be an exhibitor at Osborne Days October 10th-11th. Hanson also reported that she and Marlatt will remove Safari Posts October 8th.

Van Meeteren reported that there is an EMS public information forum planned for October 7th at 7:00pm at the NFVCC building in Elgin.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, November 4, 2026 at 6:00pm at the Elgin Public Library/City Hall.

Adjournment:

****Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm by Schott, second by Doeppke. Approved.**

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson