Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.
Elgin City Hall/Elgin Public Library – Elgin, Iowa

Present: Chris Schoen, Brian Balster (alt.), Ean Popenhagen, Jenna Van Meeteren (alt.), Rod Marlatt, Troy Schott, Heather Gamm (atl.), Jennifer Cowsert (alt.), Chris Wachal, Bruce Lehmann

Not Present: Kelly Shaffer, Kayleen Schrader, Roger Buchholz, Steve Doeppke

Others Present: Mallory Hanson

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

**Motion to approve the November 2026 agenda by Schott, second by Schoen. Approved.
**Motion to approve the October 2026 minutes by Schoen, second by Popenhagen. Approved.
**Motion to approve the financials, as presented by Wachal, second by Lehmann. Approved.

Project Updates: Hanson and partners provided an update on the grant application for the Clermont/Elgin Trail Wayfinding Signage project, installation progress on the Coneflowers in the Corridor project, current grant status for the Clermont Trail Expansion, status of the Pony Hollow Trail Extension, and plans for the Motor Mill Stabilization project.

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. Formal consideration will be requested at the December, 2026 meeting.

Annual Report Presentations: Hanson shared the upcoming presentation schedule with participants:

- Nov. 10th 8:30am – Clayton County Conservation Board
- Nov. 16th 7:00pm – Elgin City Council
- Nov. 23rd 6:30pm – Elkader City Council
- Nov. 30th 9:00am – Fayette County Board of Supervisors
- Dec. 1st 9:15am – Clayton County Board of Supervisors
- Dec. 7th 6:00pm – Clermont City Council

Visioning Exercise: 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, 2026 report.

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

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be December 1, 2026 at 6:30pm at the Elgin Public Library/City Hall.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm by Schoen, second by Wachal. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson