



# Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2024 – 6:30 p.m. | Elkader City Hall/Opera House – Elkader, Iowa

**Present:** Rod Marlatt, Troy Schott, Deb Schmidt (alt.), Chris Wachal, Bruce Lehman, Steve Doepcke, Chris Schoen, Jenna Pollock, Kenny Slocum (alt.), Jennifer Cowsert

**Not Present:** Kayleen Schrader

**Others Present:** Mallory Hanson, Brian Balster, Sherly Struthers

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm by Chair, Rod Marlatt.

\*\*Motion to approve the March 2024 agenda with the addition of an Enhance Iowa CAT Presentation by Jenna Pollock under “Upcoming Project/Grant Discussion” by Schott, second by Wachal. Approved.

\*\*Motion to approve the February 2024 minutes by Schoen, second by Lehman. Approved.

**Review of Financials:** Hanson provided an update of the current programming budget, including secured sponsorships/donations.

**Upcoming Project/Grant Discussion:** Hanson asked members to discuss potential requests for partnership and grant writing in 2024. Pollock presented her Enhance Iowa CAT pitch for the Pony Hollow Trail, to be presented 3/7 in Des Moines to the Enhance Iowa CAT Board for funding consideration.

## Reports:

**Director:** The TRRC Director presented highlights from the February 2024 report and provided highlights of the TRRC in the Fayette County Visitors Guide and 2024 Iowa Travel Guide.

**Clermont:** Still planning for the 175<sup>th</sup> celebration in July. Solutions for safety at the crosswalk near Casey’s General Store and Skip-a-Way are in discussion.

**Elgin:** The City continues to work on demolition at 401 Mill Street. The City is seeking a full-time city superintendence.

**Elkader:** Ladies Day Out is planned for March 9<sup>th</sup>, an Easter Egg Shop Hop is being planned, and the Rededication of the Keystone Bridge will take place May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Motor Mill:** Milling machinery will be placed into the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Mill for display.

Clayton County: Work on the mechanics bay is in progress. Blading of gravel roads continues.

**Supervisors:** Fayette County: Lehman reported on multiple projects and initiatives happening throughout the County, including 911 and broadband updates, bridge recertifications and inspections, and the 100 year celebration of the Fayette County Courthouse on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

CCCB: The Motor Motor 5k/10k is planned for March 16<sup>th</sup> and a Hazardous Waste Day for Clayton County residents will take place April 13<sup>th</sup>. CCCB is currently hiring seasonal positions. The utility line will go in soon for the Osborne Campground.

**Conservation:** FCCB: FCCB is working to connect the Elgin Lagoon systems into Gilbertson Campground. A micro-prairie will be installed in the Fayette County Courthouse lawn where trees were removed. FCCB finalized a land acquisition near Maynard. The Fayette Co. Pheasants Forever Chapter was named National Habitat Chapter of the Year. A trail/highway project will take place on the Ossian blacktop to begin the Great River Road trail expansion.

**Other Business & Public Comments:** Hanson shared that Marlatt was inducted into the Conservation Hall of Fame by the Iowa Chapter of the Wildlife Society. There was no public comment.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on April 2, 2024 at Elkader City Hall/Opera House.

## Adjournment:

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

*Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson*