

CLAYTON COUNTY REAP MEETING MINUTES

August 6, 2019

3:00 PM

Osborne Welcome Center

Darla Kelchen called the meeting to order at 3:05pm. Those present included Steve Doeppke- Clayton County Board of Supervisors, Jenna Pollock- Clayton County Conservation Board, Barb Collins- Deputy Clerk, City of Monona, and Darla Kelchen- Clayton County Economic Development & Tourism.

Steve Doeppke made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 3, 2017. Pollock seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Business

1. Review City REAP Grant Proposals
 - a. City of Monona. Barb Collins presented the project drawn from the Monona Visioning Plan to develop a 1,168 LF segment of the Monona Butterfly trail connecting Gateway Park to the Monona City Park. The project includes two segments of road, Spruce Street and (STREET?) which the city will designate as shared-roadways. Kelchen suggested cleaning up the language within the application to show the benefits of the trail designation. Kelchen suggested highlighting educational opportunities along the trail route and incorporating exercise trail features within the trail corridor. Pollock suggested adding the Clayton County Trail Plan as a regional plan that supports expansion of the Monona Butterfly Trail. There are three core areas valued in the Clayton County Trails plan that should be reflected upon during active transportation planning. These core considerations include: Economic Impact; Quality of Life– Health, Wellness, Safety, and Citizen Demographics; and Environment benefits. This proposal fits all three core consideration of the Clayton County Trail Plan. Pollock also suggested that under the Social Impacts section existing trail counts for the Monona Butterfly Trail, walking school bus, and health benefits to the community should be noted. Motion by Pollock to support the proposal, second by Doeppke, all ayes. Motion carried.

2. Additional Grant Proposals-
 - a. Clayton County Conservation Board. Jenna Pollock present the project to construct a new 7.4 mile segment of the Motor Mill Trail connecting the City of Elkader to the Motor Mill Historic Site. Kelchen suggested clarification on the language for the multi-use trail because that was not clear whether it would allow UTVs. Motion by Doeppke to support the proposal, second by Kelchen. All ayes- with Pollock abstaining.

3. Updates on Current Grants-
Monona- applying for Wellmark as additional Match source funding
Clayton County Conservation will be applying to the Dubuque Racing
Association Large Infrastructure Grants Project, Motor Mill Capital Campaign
Facilitation, and the Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation for the Pony Hollow
Trail Extension. Pollock shared that the City of Elkader will launch their pre-
engineering for the Elkader to Elgin trail segment that connects with the Motor
Mill Trail beginning this fall.

Issues/Questions:

The Clayton County REAP Committee voiced concerns regarding the sunset date of REAP approaching in 2021. The REAP program has benefitted Clayton County directly to the tune of \$3,743,510. Kelchen suggested holding a REAP support meeting and encouraging community leaders that have utilized REAP funds to reach out to their legislators. The committee will reconvene to brainstorm educational opportunities to bring awareness to the REAP legislation, its impact, and its future.

Adjournment: Motion by Pollock, Second by Doeppke, all ayes. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.