



Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2024 – 6:30 p.m. | Public Library – Elgin, Iowa

Present: Rod Marlatt, Steve Doepcke, Janell Bradley, Kayleen Schrader (alt.), Chris Schoen, Dan Slagel (alt.), Jenna Pollock, Kenny Slocum (alt.), Jennifer Cowsert, Troy Schott

Not Present: Deb Schmidt (alt.), Chris Wachal

Others Present: Mallory Hanson, Sheryl Struthers, Brian Balster

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

**Motion to approve the January 2024 agenda by Schott, second by Schoen. Approved.

**Motion to approve the December 2023 minutes with correction by Slagel second by Doepcke. Approved.

Review of Financials: Hanson provided an update of the programming budget.

Visioning Workshop Follow-Up: Hanson provided a vision plan draft for review and discussion at upcoming board meetings.

Annual Report Presentation Summary: Hanson reported progress on annual report presentations and budget requests.

Election of At-Large Representative(s):

**Motion to elect Troy Schott to serve as Fayette County's at-large representative by Bradley, second by Cowsert. Approved.

Update on Other Appointments: Hanson provided an update on current appointments.

2024 Sponsorship Requests: Hanson shared sponsorship letters and the current sponsor list.

2024 Turkey River Safari Site Discussion: Hanson presented the list of past safari sites and attendees shared potential sites. Sites were finalized.

Reports:

Director: The TRRC Director presented highlights from the December 2023 report and will send via email.

Clermont: Still planning for the 175th celebration-received a \$2,500 Fayette Co. Community Foundation grant. New holiday lights were put up.

Elgin: The Tribes of the Turkey River project is moving along, with over \$100k raised.

Elkader: The city is currently working on the budget and will do goal setting on January 15th. Ladies Day Out will be the 2nd Saturday in March.

Motor Mill: The foundation is seeking new volunteers to get involved. Signage for the basement of the Mill will arrive soon.

Clayton County: Brush work continues, and the new shop addition is coming along nicely.

Supervisors: Fayette County: Work to light the gazebo at the courthouse is taking place. The 100th anniversary of the courthouse will be celebrated this year. Community foundation grant awards will be distributed January 10th.

CCCB: A Voyagers Hwy 1971 Program will be January 18th at Osborne. The OWL Prowl will be February 16th. The Winter Tree and Plant ID Workshop will be February 17th. The Motor Motor 5k/10k will be March 16th.

Conservation: FCCB: FCCB is working with DNR fisheries on an Otter Creek easement. The Fayette County Trout Guide is being updated with new easements and edits. The River Bluffs Scenic Byway "Bob the Byway Bus" animation was funded with a Fayette County Community Foundation grant and other contributors. Dead/diseased trees are currently being removed from the courthouse lawn and will be replaced.

Other Business & Public Comments: No other business was discussed and there was no public comment.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on February 6, 2024 at the Elgin City Hall/Library.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm by Schrader, second by Pollock. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson