



# Turkey River Recreational Corridor Board Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2023 – 6:30 p.m. | Public Library, Elgin

**Present:** Rod Marlatt, Jenna Pollock, Ray Peterson (alt.), Janell Bradley, Chris Wachal, Chris Schoen (alt.), Dina Taylor, Eric Grau, Deb Schmidt, Troy Schott, Kayleen Schroeder, Jennifer Cowser

**Not Present:**

**Others Present:** Mallory Hanson

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

\*\*Motion to approve the agenda by Schott, second by Bradley. Approved.

\*\*Motion to approve the January 2023 minutes by Taylor, second by Wachal. Approved.

**Grant/Project Updates:** No updates were provided.

**2023 Turkey River Safari Site Selection:** Hanson presented a draft list of safari sites. Attendees finalized the list.

\*\*Motion to approve the safari site list with one update by Bradley, second by Peterson. Approved.

**Advertisement Decision:** Hanson presented an opportunity to partner with Fayette County Economic Development & Tourism on a Destination Driftless advertisement for 2023.

\*\*Motion to partner on a full page ad in Destination Driftless for \$342.50 (\$685.00 total) by Taylor, second by Pollock. Approved.

Hanson will reach out to the Clayton County Development group in late 2023 regarding the potential for advertisement partnership in 2024.

**Canoeopia:** Hanson reported that bags were not needed this year due to use of river clean up bags. However, Hanson did request to purchase 3 photos to be displayed in the Travel Iowa booth (that will remain with the booth moving forward) for a total of \$118.20.

\*\*Motion to approve the purchase of 3 photos for \$118.20 by Taylor, second by Wachal. Approved.

**Safari Kick-Off:** Hanson proposed a June 10<sup>th</sup> date (10am) in partnership with Clayton County Conservation to kick-off the Safari at the Motor Mill Historic site.

**Safari Bags:** Hanson proposed continuing the purchase of drawstring safety bags for the Safari moving forward as funds are available. Attendees agreed to purchase 300 orange colored bags this year.

## Reports:

**Director:** The TRRC Director presented highlights from the January 2023 report and highlighted the success of the Iowa Bike Expo and TFI legislative showcase.

**Clermont:** The council received an update on the downtown housing grant this month. Solar panels have been installed. Park cleanup will begin when the weather cooperates this spring.

**Elgin:** Discussion regarding a historic building has taken place.

**Elkader:** Bridge work will resume in the Spring. Ladies Day out is planned for Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>. A new main street director has been hired and will start this month. Discussion regarding an addition to the train depot has taken place.

**Motor Mill:** Progress on the Inn continues. The turbines have arrived and will be displayed this summer.

**Supervisors:** Clayton Co: New radio systems are being purchased and installed. Planning for a new county shop is taking place.

Fayette Co: A \$10.4M Safe Streets for All grant was received.

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CCCB: A Valentines Day snowshoe event will take place Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. 5k/10k sponsorships are coming in and planning is in progress. Inn progress continues with anticipated completed in summer of 2024.

**Conservation:**

FCCB: The Mike the Milk Jug and Friends animated series was recently named to receive the Conservation and Environmental Education Excellence Award for outstanding interpretive non-print media by the Iowa Association of Naturalists and Iowa Conservation Education Council. The TRWMA is working with the University of Iowa and Northeast Iowa RC&D to produce a watershed themed animation for educational purposes. The Scenic Byway Enhancement Bill is moving through the Senate and House and, if passed, would provide funding for byway projects through a voluntary check off system on vehicle re-registrations.

**Other Business:** No other business was discussed.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 6:30pm at Elkader City Hall.

**Adjournment:**

\*\*Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm by Taylor, second by Wachal. Approved.

*Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Hanson*