



MEETING MINUTES

Present: Sharon Harris, Alex Popenhagen, Jennifer Cowsert, Jenna Pollock, Rod Marlatt, Janell Bradley, Jon deNeui, Roger Buchholz, and Dina Taylor

Not Present: *, Carrie Davis

*Note: No current representative has been appointed by the Clayton County Supervisors to serve on the TRRC board.

Others Present: Mallory Marlatt, Sheryl Struthers, Neil Struthers, and Kenny Slocum

The meeting was called to order by Roger Buchholz

**Motion to approve the agenda by Harris, second by Marlatt. Approved.

The minutes from the December 2016 meeting were reviewed.

**Motion to approve the December 2016 meeting minutes with suggested corrections by Harris, second by Popenhagen. Approved.

Rural Business Development Grant: Mallory shared cover art drafts of the community brochures with the group and also shared the new TRRC website design. Business development sessions to share leadership guides and tips will be scheduled for late February.

TRRC History and Background Review: Mallory asked for the board's input on a draft. The board was asked to review the document and send Mallory any changes that should be made.

Officer Discussion & Appointments: Mallory reviewed appointment expirations as follows:

Name	Representing Entity	Term Limits	Term Began	Term Reappointment
Roger Buchholz	Elkader City Council	One Year	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2017
Alex Popenhagen	Elgin City Council	One Year	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2017
Sharon Harris	Clermont City Council	One Year	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2017
Dina Taylor	Clermont City Council (Alternate)		January 1, 2016	January 1, 2017
Ron McCartney	Clayton County Supervisor	Two Year	No Appointment	No Appointment
Janell Bradley	Fayette County Supervisor	Two Year	January 1, 2017	January 1, 2019
Jon deNeui	MMF Board Member	Three Year	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2019
Kenny Slocum	Clayton County Conservation		January 1, 2016	January 1, 2019
Jennifer Cowsert	Elkader City Clerk	Three Year	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2019
Rod Marlatt	Fayette County Conservation	Three Year	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2019
Carrie Davis	Fayette County Tourism	Three Year	January 1, 2016	January 1, 2019

**Motion to accept Kenny Slocum as the At Large Clayton County Conservation representative on the TRRC Board by Marlatt. Second by Harris. Approved.

**Motion to elect Rod Marlatt as TRRC chair by Slocum. Second by Harris. Approved.

**Motion to elect Roger Buchholz as TRRC vice-chair by Harris. Second by Popenhagen. Approved.

TRRC Annual Report and Funding Request: Below is the schedule of remaining TRRC presentations Mallory will be making to partner entities:

- Monday, January 9th - 11:00am: Fayette County Supervisors
- Monday, January 9th - 7:00pm: Clermont City Council

Turkey River Safari 2017 – Site Selection Brainstorming: The group discussed potential sites for the 2017 Turkey River Safari. Ideas should be sent to Mallory prior to the February meeting.

Clermont Report: The City Council will discuss the dam project at their meeting on January 16th.

Elgin Report: Nothing to report.

Elkader Report: Riverwalk repairs continue to be on hold until the water level lowers. The new Main Street director will be invited to attend the February meeting. The resolution to approve the location for the byway public art project was passed.

Motor Mill Report: Roof repairs continue. Another break-in/vandalism took place and those responsible were caught. Charges are pending. A local artisan is making benches to sell as a fundraiser for Motor Mill. The Motor Mill Foundation now has an endowment.

Supervisors Report: Janell Bradley has been appointed as the Fayette County Board of Supervisors representative for the TRRC Board.

Conservation Report: Clayton County Conservation received Water Recreation Access Cost-Share Grants for accesses at Volga and Motor Mill. The following events will take place in the Spring:

- January 21st, 2017: Ice Fishing Clinic at the Sny Magill Boat Access
- February 11th, 2017: Snow Fest
- March 18th, 2017: Motor Motor 5k Trail Run (TRRC Partner Event)

Fayette County Conservation is continuing flood clean-up. A June 2017 bridge letting is anticipated for the Elgin to Gilbertson Trail Expansion project. Fayette County Conservation recently purchased 44-acres of land in the Volga River area due to a large private donation.

Other Business: The group discussed potential options for a StoryWalk program in Elkader.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting will take place Tuesday, February 7th, 2017 at 6:30pm at the Library in Elgin.

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm by Harris. Second by Buchholz. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Marlatt