



Turkey River Recreational Corridor
February 7th, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
Gilbertson Nature Center – Elgin, Iowa

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Sharon Harris, Alex Popenhagen, Jennifer Cowser, Kenny Slocum, Rod Marlatt, Janell Bradley, Carrie Davis, and Dina Taylor

Not Present: *, Jon deNeui, Roger Buchholz

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

Others Present: Mallory Marlatt, Emily Yaddof, and Jenna Pollock

The meeting was called to order by Rod Marlatt.

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

The minutes from the January 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed.

**Motion to approve the January 2017 meeting minutes by Slocum, second by Harris. Approved.

Rural Business Development Grant: Leadership trainings are set for the following dates:

March 1st, 2017 7:00pm – Elgin Public Library

March 8th, 2017 7:00pm – Elkader City Hall

March 15th, 2017 7:00pm – Larrabee Building (Clermont)

TRRC History and Background Review:

**Motion to approve the TRRC History and Background Document and the Funds Raised/Grants Received Document as accurate to the best of the current board's knowledge by Harris, second by Popenhagen. Approved.

TRRC Annual Report and Funding Request: 2017 annual reports and funding requests for FY '18 were completed.

2018 HRDP Grant for Clermont Historic Project:

**Motion to approve coordinator's time to work on a 2018 HRDP grant for the Clermont Historical Society to restore windows in the Larrabee Building.

Turkey River Safari 2017 – Site Selection Brainstorming: The group chose 20 sites (10 per county) to pursue for the 2017 Turkey River Safari.

American Canoe Association Membership - \$125/year: After discussion, the group agreed to hold off on renewal of an ACA membership until it is determined that insurance for water recreation events is needed.

TAP Applications: Rod Marlatt reviewed the TAP application process with the group and discussed upcoming projects.

**Motion to support the City of Guttenberg's submission of a TAP application for the Guttenberg-Esmond Island MRT trail connection project by Harris, second by Slocum. Approved.

Clermont Report: The City Council discussed the dam mitigation project at their meeting on February 6th.

Elgin Report: The City Council is in discussion with the Iowa DNR about repairs to the dike.

Elkader Report: Canoecopia will take place March 10th-12th. Mallory will assist with the Northeast Iowa Whitewater booth.

Motor Mill Report: Roof repairs continue. Security cameras are to be installed. Clayton County Conservation is in communication with the Iowa DOT about the Motor Mill trail project.

Supervisors Report: A UTV ordinance is in discussion.

Conservation Report: The Motor Mill and Osterdock accesses are set to be improved in 2017. Pond renovations will take place at Osborne and there is potential for a disc golf course to be developed there. Clayton County Conservation is working to plan for wayfinding signage at all of their properties.

The MRPC (Mississippi River Parkway Commission) Annual Conference will take place in Marquette September 19th-21st, 2017.

Donated items are needed for “goody bags” for the Motor Motor 5k Trail Run (March 18th, 2017).

Trail letting is set for October 2017 for the Elgin to Gilbertson trail expansion project.

Rod Marlatt attended a statewide WMA (Watershed Management Authority) meeting on February 7th with all 18 Iowa WMAs.

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

Adjournment:

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm by Popenhagen. Second by Harris. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted – Mallory Marlatt