

Motor Mill Foundation Minutes August 21, 2012

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held at the Osborne Conservation Center on Tuesday, August 21, 2012. Chairman John Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Other board members present were Jon deNeui, Chuck Morine, Betty Buchholz, Les Klink, and Larry Stone. Tom Gifford arrived about 7:50. Clayton County Conservation Board naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended.

MINUTES

Hearing no additions or corrections, Nikolai accepted the minutes of the July 17 meeting as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chuck Morine submitted the following report:

Motor Mill Foundation

July 18 - beginning balance \$4,275.04

Receipts

Merchandise sales \$67.50

Donations \$292.00

Silent auction \$245.00

Total receipts \$604.50

Expenses

Allamakee-Clayton Elec. \$32.55

Total expenses \$32.55

August 21, 2012 balance \$4,846.99

Conservation Reserve Fund

July 18, 2012 balance forward \$326,426.23

Deposits - none

Expenses

VJ Engineering \$3,515.00

August 21, 2012 balance \$322,911.23

CAPITAL FUND

July 18, 2012 balance carried forward \$19,758.87

Deposits:

Dale & Susan Goodman \$100.00

Rev. David Andreae \$50.00

L & M Stone \$439.30

Mark & Denise Nelson \$2,346.87

Judy Ellison \$25.00

John Miller \$25.00

Total deposits \$2,986.17

August 22, 2012 balance \$22,745.04

MOTOR BASEMENT

Tim Engelhardt has informed Nikolai that the county has withdrawn the request to receive FEMA funding for the basement clean-out. The bureaucracy, paperwork requirements, and restrictions were too cumbersome to make it worthwhile.

MOTOR MILL BRIDGE

Nikolai reiterated the construction timeline. Mobilization will begin at the site shortly after Labor Day. The bridge will be fabricated at the factory, then delivered to the site and assembled. Cranes will be used to place the spans. The estimated completion date is December 5.

deNeui reported that V. J. Engineering did not submit shop drawings to the fabricator until late July. It is hoped that this delay will not slow the project.

The board discussed the idea of a ceremony for the bridge opening. deNeui moved to hold a raffle, with tickets priced at \$50, entitling the winner to be the first to cross the bridge when it is officially opened. Buchholz seconded. Carried.

Morine will investigate the requirements for renewing our raffle permit.

MOTOR MILL TRAIL

Nothing new to report.

STORIES IN STONE CAPITAL FUND CAMPAIGN

Nikolai reported that we have raised \$22,745 for bridge construction, with the current funding need of \$87,050.

MEDIA CAMPAIGN for BRIDGE

Engelhardt has been updating donation information on the Motor Mill and Clayton County Conservation Board websites every two weeks.

TURKEY RIVER ROCKS (Legislative Float)

Nikolai praised the August 11 event as well organized and successful. It provided good publicity for the Turkey River Recreational Corridor and Motor Mill. More than 40 people floated the river, with an equal number of volunteers and hosts.

Mill tours were well received.

SILENT AUCTION

The silent auction at the Clayton County Fair raised \$325. Harold Krambeer's table brought \$130. Other items were: Mary Fran Nikolai's Afghan, \$50; Margaret Stone's basket, \$75; old map from Lee Lenth, \$40; Larry Stone's photo, \$35.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

TURKEY RIVER RECREATIONAL CORRIDOR

Collins submitted the following report:

Clermont – City council has pledged \$5,000 for trails.

Elgin – Landscaping has been completed around the clock tower.

Elkader – Main Street Elkader has received a \$330,000 I-Jobs grant for Founders Park. The city has received a \$500 grant from Iowa Network Services for a Maypole. Ten benches being built by Caterpillar have been sold. Results of the RECAT grant application will be known soon.

Clayton County Supervisors – The supervisors voiced disappointment at the response to their offer of a 2.5% match for the trail project. The RECAT board asked for more.

(The RECAT board apparently told every applicant to go back to the city or county and to ask for more money.)

Fayette County Supervisor – The Turkey River bridge dedication will be at 10 a.m. on August 25.

FACILITIES

deNeui and county engineer Rafe Koopman have negotiated an agreement to use silt from the basement to help regrade the west side of the road north of the stable.

deNeui will propose to State Historical Society officials that we meet an archeological test pit requirement by digging the pits next to the upstream basement wall. This will begin and simplify the silt removal process.

Rafe Koopman has agreed to let us use a 50-foot conveyor, and to have mechanics help repair the conveyor. Dean Franzen has offered the use of a 3-foot ProBuild conveyor.

We still may need to involve an “industrial archeologist.” deNeui is investigating the Society for Industrial Archeology.

Alan Mitchell has talked with deNeui about using his equipment to excavate the passageway along the road side of the Mill. The county’s secondary roads department may provide planks to temporarily cover the passageway. deNeui is researching sources of new flat stones to cover the passageway.

deNeui has contacted Menno Bortrager to order 15 Cooperage windows at a cost of about \$800.

The final Mill windows and frames are being installed. deNeui devised a system avoid the need for volunteers to be outside the building.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nikolai continues to send thank-yous to donors.

EDUCATION

Buchholz did research for a person who thought he might be a descendent of

J. P. Dickinson. deNeui suggested that the foundation post a notice on the website that there is a charge for such research.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18, at Osborne.

ADJOURNMENT

Nikolai adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry A. Stone, secretary