

Motor Mill Foundation Minutes October 16, 2012

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held at the Osborne Conservation Center on Tuesday, October 16, 2012. Chairman John Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Other board members present were Jon deNeui, Chuck Morine, Lee Lenth, Ellen Collins, and Larry Stone. Clayton County Conservation Board director Tim Engelhardt and naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended.

MINUTES

Hearing no additions or corrections, Nikolai accepted the minutes of the September 18 meeting as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chuck Morine submitted the following report:

Motor Mill Foundation

August 18 - beginning balance \$5,014.56

Receipts

Merchandise sales \$116.00

Clayton Co. Ins. Agents \$900.00

Sayre \$100.00

Other donations \$249.00

Silent auction \$35.00

Bridge raffle \$50.00

Return of change \$40.00

Total receipts \$1,490.00

Expenses

Allamakee-Clayton Elec. \$32.57

Total expenses \$32.57

October 16, 2012 balance \$6,471.99

Conservation Reserve Fund

September 18, 2012 balance forward \$323,010.13

Deposits

TRRC (Great Places) \$33,000.00

Iowa Room \$60.00

Expenses

V.J. Engineering \$5,700.00

October 16, 2012 balance \$350,370.13

CAPITAL FUND

September 18, 2012 balance carried forward \$22,995.04

Deposits:

Smith Insurance \$100.00

Darrell Schaper \$60.00

Phyllis Peterson \$100.00

Total deposits \$260.00

September 18, 2012 balance \$23,255.04

MOTOR MILL BRIDGE

Work started with construction of a cofferdam on Oct. 11. Crews also have been building forms and tying rebar for abutment caps. Engelhardt and masons from Vector will discuss whether the entire center pier may need to be tuck-pointed. That would require a change and additional cost beyond the plans. The scheduled completion date is still December 5.

MOTOR MILL TRAIL

Nothing new to report.

STORIES IN STONE CAPITAL FUND CAMPAIGN

\$23,255 has been raised for the bridge campaign, with \$86,640 more needed to complete the project.

MEDIA CAMPAIGN for BRIDGE

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

BRIDGE RAFFLE

Bridge raffle tickets are printed, and a few have been sold. The cost is \$50 for a chance to be the first person to cross the new Motor Mill Bridge during its official opening.

GALAXY ROAD

Nikolai has sent a letter to the Clayton County Board of Supervisors and the County Engineer outlining concerns and possible solutions to the pedestrian safety issue when the new bridge opens. The board will meet with the supervisors and engineer at 10:05 a.m. on Wednesday, October 17. Ideas include closing Galaxy Road at the Mill during tours and other events. Visitors could access the site from the south or the north, but not drive past the Mill.

PROMOTING THE MOTOR MILL FOUNDATION

Nikolai has spoken to the American Legion and the Farm Bureau. Stone may have an opportunity to speak in Iowa City. Other board members are encouraged to seek speaking engagements.

Harkrader has worked with Ed-Co fifth grade students, who produced several good PowerPoint presentations about Motor Mill. The board discussed possible ways to make those programs more widely available.

BOARD MEMBERS

Nikolai cited the need for more board members and volunteers. He will ask Harry Luster to email each board member a list of Friends of Motor Mill. Board members are asked to go over the list and to have names ready to propose at the November meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Morine reminded the board that we normally elect members and officers in October. He moved to re-elect Stone, Collins, Lenth, Morine, and Muller to the board for three-year terms. Lenth seconded the motion, and moved to cast a unanimous ballot. Carried.

Morine moved and Lenth seconded to re-elect the current officers: Nikolai, chair; deNeui, vice-chair; Stone, secretary; Morine, treasurer. Carried.

The board discussed how to deal with the old turbine on display beside the mill. Lenth also noted that there is a similar turbine along the Turkey River at the site of a former mill at Eldorado.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

TURKEY RIVER RECREATIONAL CORRIDOR

Collins said there was no meeting. The next meeting is October 30.

FACILITIES

deNeui reported that volunteers have finished installing six new window frames on the upper floors of the Mill.

deNeui has been contacted by an individual who would like to donate spruce trees to be cut for use at the Mill. deNeui said the wood could be used for handrails and guardrails. He will pursue the idea with the potential donor and Harold Krambeer.

Another potential donors may be able to provide some logs for floor joists.

The temporary roof covers on the Cooperage and the Ice House are still serviceable, but they need to be monitored, and replaced if they deteriorate.

Old bricks are needed to repair the chimneys on the Cooperage.

deNeui has talked with Alan Mitchell about cleaning out and repairing the underground passageway between the Mill and the road.

GROUNDS

Engelhardt had nothing new to report.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nikolai is continuing to send thank-yous to donors.

Collins and Nikolai spent parts of two days researching files at the Garnavillo Historical Museum. They found a number of files with information about James Crosby. They hope to search more files at the museum.

Collins suggested that we prepare a better map to help visitors access the Motor Mill site.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, at Osborne.

ADJOURNMENT

Nikolai adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry A. Stone, secretary