

Motor Mill Foundation
Minutes
January 15, 2013

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held at the Osborne Conservation Center on Tuesday, January 15, 2013. Chairman John Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other board members present were Jon deNeui, Ellen Collins, Tom Gifford, Chuck Morine, Betty Buchholz, Lee Lenth, and Larry Stone. Clayton County Conservation Board director Tim Engelhardt and naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended. Dean Refle and Fred Stroschein were guests.

MINUTES

Nikolai accepted the December 18 minutes as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chuck Morine submitted the following report:

Motor Mill Foundation

Dec. 18, 2012 - beginning balance \$7,215.18

Receipts - none

Expenses

Raffle sales tax \$84.00

Allamakee-Clayton Elec \$42.75

West Bend Insurance \$251.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$377.75

January 15, 2013 balance \$6,837.43

CONSERVATION RESERVE FUND

Dec. 19, 2012 balance forward \$80,558.98

Deposits

Bries \$20

REAP for bridge \$40,000

Auditor bridge advance \$315,000

Expenses

Minnowa Construction \$457,149.24

V.J. Engineering \$2,781.08

January 15, 2013 (negative) balance (\$24,351.34)

CAPITAL FUND

December 19, 2012 balance carried forward \$25,975.04

Deposits:

Banyas \$300

Freedom Bank \$2,000

Refle \$50

Voss \$200

Dec. 31, 2012 balance forward \$28,525.04

Deposits:

Don Menken \$150

Loven \$100

Sanford \$50

Dennis Menken \$100

Taylor \$50

Grau Logs \$100

Hardt Pioneer Farms \$500

Maas \$100

Krambeer \$1,000

TOTAL DEPOSITS \$2,150

Expenses:

Minnowa Construction \$30,675

Jan. 14, 2013 balance forward \$0.04

Morine also submitted the following financial summary for 2012:

BEGINNING BALANCE	(\$14,911.88)
RECEIPTS	
Donations	\$22,815.85
Grants	\$605,954.03
Merchandise	\$763.00
Raffles	\$1,200.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$630,732.88
EXPENSES	
Accounting	\$160.00
Ads, printing	\$455.00
Workshops, memberships	\$110.00
Bridge construction	\$397,447.41
Bridge engineering	\$99,535.92
Insurance	\$251.00
Iowa gambling license	\$40.00
Merchandise	\$453.68
Postage	\$159.80
Utilities	\$357.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$499,521.80
ENDING BALANCE	\$116,299.20

MOTOR MILL BRIDGE

Engelhardt submitted the following summary of the Motor Mill bridge construction budget:

Contract	\$906,322
Change order (pier collar)	\$18,000
Change order (tuck-point)	\$6,100
Overage (rock)	\$1,443
TOTAL	\$931,864

Engineering	
Contract	\$142,000
Hydrology study	\$4,900
TOTAL	\$146,900

TOTAL BRIDGE COST	\$1,078,764
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INCOME	
Grants	
Upper Mississippi Gaming	\$20,000
la Great Places	\$33,000
REAP	\$462,869
FEMA	\$432,427
TOTAL	\$948,296
Capital Fund Campaign	\$29,575
TOTAL INCOME	\$977,871
DIFFERENCE	\$100,893

Difference is temporarily covered by Conservation Board's Conservation Reserve and REAP accounts, although the Conservation Reserve fund balance is less than \$10,000. A \$315,000 temporary transfer from the county's general fund will be repaid with reimbursements from REAP and FEMA. Funds from the Capital Fund Campaign will go to replenish the Conservation Reserve account.

MOTOR MILL TRAIL

No new report.

STORIES IN STONE CAPITAL FUND CAMPAIGN

Nikolai remarked about the number of donors from out of the county. The board brainstormed ideas for getting more participation from Clayton County residents. Some suggestions included:

- Displaying bricks engraved with donors' names;
- Charging admission for tours.

Stone told the board of an offer by Barb Duwe-Peterson to donate a Motor Mill painting to the foundation for use in a raffle. After much discussion, the group agreed that past raffles have been time-consuming, with less money raised than expected. Board members agreed to decline Duwe-Peterson's offer.

Morine noted that merchandise sales have netted at most a few hundred dollars annually. The group agreed that we should continue to offer merchandise, but not consider the sales to be a significant source of income.

PROMOTE MMF AT MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Nikolai urged board members to continue to look for opportunities to promote Motor Mill to other organizations and groups.

BOARD MEMBERS

Nikolai asked board members to contact people who might serve on the foundation board and/or as volunteer workers.

PLANNING FOR BRIDGE GRAND OPENING

The grand opening is May 4. Engelhardt hopes to hold a planning meeting in early February. The committee includes Nikolai, Lenth, Collins, and Stone, along with Marlatt and Bostrom from TRRC.

NEW BUSINESS

deNeui proposed that the foundation needs to develop a business plan that would help us approach larger foundations or corporations for major donations. Darla Kelchen at the Clayton County Development Group has offered to help. Nikolai suggested a review of the visioning plan and discussion of a business plan for the February meeting.

The group also discussed ideas to improve the operation of the Foundation. Suggestions included:

- A more formal guest book for Mill visitors;
- Better organized and updated photo albums;
- A lesson plan or curriculum upon which to base displays;
- Display of artifacts from the State Historical Society.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

TURKEY RIVER RECREATIONAL CORRIDOR

Collins gave the following report:

Clermont – The city's finance committee is reviewing the proposal to help pay for the TRRC coordinator.

Elgin – Elgin Cafe is open. Dotz's restaurant will open in February.

Elkader – The city council approved \$4,000 for the TRRC coordinator's position. Money has been approved for the whitewater course, but there is a controversy over a proposal to remove the lower dam to build the course. Permit applications have been submitted to the DNR, with the hope that work can begin in the spring.

Clayton County Supervisors – The county has made a temporary advance to help the Conservation Board's cash flow in paying for the Motor Mill bridge.

Fayette County Supervisors – The supervisors will be petitioned to pay a portion of the TRRC coordinator's salary.

Clayton County Conservation – Two payments are left on the Motor bridge. Money borrowed from the county's general fund will be repaid. The bridge grand opening will be May 4. A planning committee will organize the event.

FACILITIES

deNeui proposed moving the remaining two beams into the basement to allow replacement of the first floor in preparation for the tour season. He hopes to set up a wood shop on the second floor.

GROUND

Engelhardt distributed copies of the Motor Mill Foundation 2012 Annual report.

Engelhardt has talked with the Iowa DOT and the county about placing Motor Mill signs at Highway 13 and Grandview Road and at Grandview and Hazel Roads.

Engelhardt and Lora Friest will feature Motor Mill in a program on public-private partnerships at the Iowa Association of County Conservation Board's Winterfest workshop Jan. 22-24.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nikolai has been in touch with Gertrude Brase about getting an intern through the Iowa Museum Association to help with research at the Garnavillo Museum.

EDUCATION

Buchholz reported that Jeanette Muller and Chris (last name?) have donated a wooden pulley to the foundation.

Buchholz is exploring ways to put Motor Mill records into a searchable database.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, at Osborne.

ADJOURNMENT

Nikolai adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry A. Stone, secretary