

Motor Mill Foundation
Minutes
April 16, 2013

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held at the Osborne Conservation Center on Tuesday, April 16, 2013. Chairman John Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Other board members present were Chuck Morine, Lee Lenth, Betty Buchholz, Les Klink, Ellen Collins, and Larry Stone. Clayton County Conservation Board naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended. Dean and Sandy Refle and Mary Jane Keppler-Cole and Terry Cole were guests.

MINUTES

Hearing no additions or corrections, Nikolai accepted the minutes of the March 12 meeting as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chuck Morine submitted the following report:

Motor Mill Foundation

March 19, 2013 - beginning balance \$7,062.43

Receipts - none

Expenses

Iowa Museum Assoc. dues	\$75
Silos & Smokestacks awards luncheon tickets	\$60
Zimmerman Foundries, bridge plaque	\$491.50
Ellen Collins – banner	\$56.42
Allamakee-Clayton Elec	\$32.25
Jansen Products – web hosting	\$144

TOTAL \$859.47

April 16, 2013 balance \$6,203.26

CONSERVATION RESERVE FUND

March 19, 2013 (negative) balance (\$70,719.59)

Deposits

Iowa Room \$15

April 16, 2013 (negative) balance (\$70,704.59)

CAPITAL FUND

March 20, 2013 balance carried forward \$2,340.14

Deposits:

Refles \$1,293.16

Wessel, IMO Donna Wessel \$100

Klosterboers \$250

TOTAL DEPOSITS \$1,643.16

April 16, 2013 balance forward \$3,983.30

MOTOR MILL TRAIL

Engelhardt has begun discussions with landowners.

STORIES IN STONE CAPITAL FUND CAMPAIGN

Donations continue to come in slowly. There have been a few donations in a donation jar at the Irish Shanti in Gunder. Nikolai encouraged board members to ask other businesses to allow donation jars.

The campaign has raised \$34,658.30. We need approximately \$70,000 more.

MOTOR MILL BRIDGE GRAND OPENING AND CELEBRATION

The event is Saturday, May 4, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plans so far include booths from partners in the bridge project, food available for sale from the Elkader Lions Club, a program at 1 p.m., and a program by Marlys Svendsen on the Motor Mill Historic Site. Stone will prepare a slide program on the bridge construction.

There will be speakers from the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, Silos and Smokestacks, the Klink/Johnson family, Turkey River Recreational Corridor, RC&D, the National Park Service, the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, the Clayton County Conservation Board, the Clayton County Board of Supervisors, state legislators, and Congressional representatives. The board discussed the need to keep each person's remarks brief.

Buchholz received word that Linda Lucy will represent U. S. Senator Tom Harkin.

There will be a "turkey dash" after the event. Participants can donate \$5 and receive a rubber turkey to float in the river. Proceeds from the race will go to the Turkey River Recreational Corridor.

The board scheduled a clean-up day for Monday, April 29, at 9 a.m., to prepare for the event.

PROMOTING MOTOR MILL

Nikolai has ordered name tags for tour guides to wear.

Nikolai has scheduled a program for April 29 for the St. Joseph Catholic Church Ladies Guild.

Stone and Marlys Svendsen had a good reception from their April 10 “History for Lunch” program at the State Historical Society in Iowa City. They will be receiving a recording of the program, which will be available for MMF board members to use.

BOARD MEMBERS & TOUR GUIDES

Several possible tour guides include Betty Landis, Madonna Hosch, Jane Metcalf, Sue Johnson, Syd Morine, Gary Goyette, Terry Cole, and Mary Jane Keppler-Cole.

Nikolai hopes to arrange for training by Jeanette Muller.

DEVELOP A BUSINESS PLAN

Nikolai has begun work on the business plan.

ORAL HISTORY NAMES LIST

Nikolai urged board members to continue looking for people who might be willing to participate in a “Motor Mill Memories” session. The board discussed holding the event sometime in June.

GOLDEN SILOS AWARD LUNCHEON

Engelhardt, Harkrader, Nikolai, Stone, deNeui, and Collins attended the Silos and Smokestacks award luncheon on April 3 in Waterloo. The Foundation received the “People’s Choice” award and the “Outstanding Protection in Agriculture” award.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

TURKEY RIVER RECREATIONAL CORRIDOR

Collins gave the following report on the April Turkey River Recreational Corridor meeting:

The Clermont Visioning Committee is working on the trail design;

Elgin is working on a streetscape plan;

Elkader has sold several tables and planted several trees in Founders Park;

There will be a “Dueling Pianos” fundraiser for Elkader playground equipment at Johnson’s Restaurant on April 20.

Collins also asked to resign from her position as TRRC delegate, after serving for about three years.

FACILITIES

Lenth reported that erosion caused by recent high water has exposed more of the stone dam, as well as some wooden beams, on the north bank of the river above the Mill.

Lenth suggested that it would be helpful to burn the dead vegetation on the riverbank upstream from the Mill.

Lenth has assembled a dust collector that deNeui acquired to use with power tools in the Mill.

Lenth will try to rebuild the donated millstone crane, which apparently had been modified from its original size.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nikolai suggested revising the Friends of Motor Mill solicitation envelopes to include the suggestion that donors include Motor in their wills or estate plans.

Nikolai asked board members to seek donations for prizes in the May 4 "Turkey Dash."

Collins reported that the Clayton County Historic Preservation Commission is working with county officials to plan extensive repairs that will be needed on the Courthouse clock tower.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, at Osborne.

ADJOURNMENT

Nikolai adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry A. Stone, secretary