

Motor Mill Foundation
Minutes
May 21, 2013

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held at the Osborne Conservation Center on Tuesday, May 21, 2013. Chairman John Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Other board members present were Jon deNeui, Chuck Morine, Lee Lenth, Betty Buchholz, Les Klink, Ellen Collins, and Larry Stone. Clayton County Conservation Board director Tim Engelhardt and naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended. Fred Stroschein was a guest.

GORDY CALLISON

Gordy Callison's wife, Sandy, called deNeui to tell him of Gordy's death last week. Gordy drew the "bird's-eye-view historical re-creation" images of Motor in the 1870s. Board members signed a sympathy card to send to Sandy Callison.

MINUTES

Hearing no additions or corrections, Nikolai accepted the minutes of the April 16 meeting as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chuck Morine submitted the following report:

Motor Mill Foundation

April 16, 2013 - beginning balance	\$6,203.26
Receipts	
April 17 –	
Donations	5.13
Stone photos	290.00
May 6 –	
Merchandise	102.00
Stone photos	270.00
Donations	153.00
May 13 –	
Boukhalfa – Cooperage windows	200.00
May 20 –	
Donations	51.63
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,071.76

Expenses	
April 25 – Dietz-Donald tax prep	170.00
May 2 – Esser’s, merchandise	214.00
May 2 – Heritage Printing, name badges	55.64
May 3 – cash for change	40.00
May 9 – River Park Cruisers, tent rental	50.00
May 9 - Allamakee-Clayton Elec	32.51
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$562.15
May 21, 2013 balance	\$6,712.87

CONSERVATION RESERVE FUND

April 17, 2013 (negative) balance (\$70,704.59)

Deposits	
Iowa Room	\$32
Moss print	\$225
Urlaub	\$50
Iowa Room	\$40
Moser	\$25
Anderegg	\$25
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$397

Expenses	
Pro-Build	\$14.89
Heritage Printing - brochures	\$334.94
CCCB – postage	\$3.96
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$353.79

May 21, 2013 (negative) balance (\$70,661.38)

CAPITAL FUND

April 17, 2013 balance carried forward \$3,983.30

Deposits:	
Bries	\$20
Nading	\$250
Schloss	\$250
Sass	\$500
Gnagy	\$2,500
Alliant Energy	\$250
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,770

May 21, 2013 balance forward \$7,803.30

MOTOR MILL TRAIL

Nothing new to report.

STORIES IN STONE CAPITAL FUND CAMPAIGN

The campaign has raised \$38,478.30 so far. We need approximately \$70,000 more. deNeui proposed a 3-year repayment plan, which would require approval by the Conservation Board. This would allow the Motor Mill Foundation to budget for restoration work and other expenses before paying off the entire bridge debt. Nikolai and deNeui will present details of the plan in June.

MOTOR MILL BRIDGE GRAND OPENING AND CELEBRATION

The board agreed that the May 4 "Gala" was a big success, with about 250 people attending. The weather cooperated, with the rain holding off until after the event. There was some media coverage, such as on KWWL-TV.

The Elkader Lions apparently had good lunch sales, but they have not reported the total.

The Klink family held an informal reunion in conjunction with the Gala, and more than 30 people participated.

The board briefly discussed the idea on making the gala an annual event.

PROMOTING MOTOR MILL

Harkrader distributed work schedules for the May-September Motor Mill tours and parades.

A video of the program given by Marlys Svendsen and Larry Stone at the State Historical Society on April 10 is now on the Motor Mill website.

Citizens State Bank in Strawberry Point has offered to host a Motor Mill display in July. The board discussed using the P. B. Buckley Moss print as the centerpiece.

Lenth has been in contact with a Red Hat Ladies group about a Mill tour on June 3 or 4.

Engelhardt and deNeui submitted answers to email questions from Jason Smith, with Bridgehunter's Chronicles website. The Bridhehunters also will host a Historic Bridge Weekend Conference in eastern Iowa August 9-12, with a stop planned at Motor. There may be an opportunity to give tours to the group, and perhaps to make a presentation about Motor Mill. Engelhardt will provide more information as the Bridgehunter's plans come together.

BOARD MEMBERS & TOUR GUIDES

Nikolai urged board members to continue to look for more volunteers.

DEVELOP A BUSINESS PLAN

Nikolai is continuing to work on the business plan.

ORAL HISTORY NAMES LIST FOR MOTOR MILL MEMORIES

The board brainstormed a list of names of people to invite to a “Motor Mill Memories” event. The group agreed to hold the session at Motor Mill on Tuesday, June 11, from noon until 4 p.m. Buchholz volunteered to organize the serving of a light lunch. Stone will write and distribute a press release. Nikolai will send personal invitations to people whose names are submitted to him.

ART/HISTORY ON WEBSITE

The board discussed ways to display original Motor Mill artworks on the website. One idea is to feature one piece of art each month (or week?). Promotion of the art and artist could bring widespread publicity to Motor. Stone will follow up on earlier conversations with Joleen Jansen about how best to accomplish the art display.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

TURKEY RIVER RECREATIONAL CORRIDOR

Nikolai and deNeui agreed to represent the board at monthly TRRC meetings.

FACILITIES

deNeui and Nikolai have talked with Dick Hyde about the idea of Hyde using his dragline to help with silt removal at Motor.

deNeui has talked with Allamakee-Clayton Electric about changes needed in the power lines at the Mill to allow easier and safer access for equipment used in the restoration.

The board discussed ways to better secure the bronze plaque commemorating the reconstruction of the bridge.

Morine suggested that the stop sign between the Mill and the Cooperage needs to be moved to give more room for large vehicles, such as school buses. He also cited the need for “No Semis” signs to prevent long, large vehicles from attempting to use the bridge.

Lenth suggested placing gravel to cover the large rip-rap that is exposed near the downstream side of the bridge on the Mill side of the river.

deNeui will talk with Chris Grau about the need for more floor joist.

GROUND

Engelhardt has been contacted by Boy Scouts about giving Mill tours during a June 21-23 Camporee at Motor.

Several board members gave Mill tours during a soil judging event held at Motor on May 16.

NEXT MEETING

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

ADJOURNMENT

Nikolai adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry A. Stone, secretary