

Motor Mill Foundation  
Minutes  
June 18, 2013

FINAL

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held at the Osborne Conservation Center on Tuesday, June 18, 2013. Chairman John Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Other board members present were Lee Lenth, Betty Buchholz, Tom Gifford, Les Klink, 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 May 21 meeting as printed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Chuck Morine submitted the following report:

*Motor Mill Foundation*

May 21, 2013 - beginning balance \$6,712.87

Receipts

May 29

Merchandise	\$24
Bird house	\$25
Donations	\$96

June 10

Merchandise	\$54
Donations	\$101

June 12

Donations	\$30
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TOTAL RECEIPTS \$330

Expenses

June 14 – Menno Borntreger, Cooperage windows \$700

June 17 – Allam-Clayton Elec \$35.97

TOTAL EXPENSES \$735.97

June 18, 2013 balance \$6,306.90

*CONSERVATION RESERVE FUND*

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

Deposits

Iowa Room – Stone photo	\$40
Schaper - certificate	\$100
Iowa Room – Moss print	\$225
Griffith – certificate	\$100
Larson – certificate	\$25
Iowa Room – note cards	\$10

Expenses

Postage - CCCB	\$5.28
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May 21, 2013 (negative) balance (\$70,166.66)

*CAPITAL FUND*

May 21, 2013 balance carried forward \$7,803.30

Deposits:

Milewsky	\$100
Thurn	\$25
Banwarth	\$20
Citizens State Bank	\$100
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$245

June 18, 2013 balance forward \$8,048.30

**MOTOR MILL TRAIL**

Nothing new to report.

**STORIES IN STONE CAPITAL FUND CAMPAIGN**

We still need approximately \$70,000. Engelhardt, deNeui, and Nikolai are working on 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.

**PROMOTING MOTOR MILL**

Citizens State Bank in Strawberry Point has offered to give the Motor Mill Foundation display space for the month of July. The board discussed including these items in the display: poster of the Iowa Travel Guide image, Iowa Travel Guides and MMF brochures, the P. B. Moss print, a schedule of open house dates, the two Silos and Smokestacks awards, a sign with the Facebook and website address.

Gifford announced that kayak expert Stephen Wright will be in Elkader to promote the whitewater park and the Turkey River on Thursday, June 27, at 6:30 p.m. Gifford also noted that work should begin on the whitewater park about Sept. 1.

### **BOARD MEMBERS & TOUR GUIDES**

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

### **BUSINESS PLAN**

Nikolai hopes to have the business plan completed this week.

### **MOTOR MILL MEMORIES**

About 28 people attended the Motor Mill Memories session on June 11. (Thanks to Betty Buchholz for preparing lunch!)

Nikolai noted that Betty Johnson confirmed his suggestion that lumber from the mill had been removed prior to 1900 for use in other buildings around the farmstead.

There was also considerable discussion about the location of the artesian well that once flowed through the Inn.

The people who attended seemed to enjoy sharing their stories.

The board discussed ways to encourage participants to avoid interrupting each other or carrying on side conversations.

Joleen Jansen has made a DVD of the video Stone made using her camera. Stone will get several copies made.

There will be a “thank you” to participants in the next issue of “Milling Around.”

### **ART/HISTORY ON WEBSITE**

Stone agreed to continue discussions with Joleen Jansen about how to display original Motor Mill artworks on the website.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Motor Mill Foundation will have the usual spot for a booth at the Clayton County Fair, at no charge.

### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **TURKEY RIVER RECREATIONAL CORRIDOR**

Engelhardt reported that the Turkey River Recreational Corridor will sponsor a “Paddle-Pedal-Putt” biking, canoeing, golfing triathlon on June 29. There also is a golf tournament scheduled for August or September.

Roger Buchholz received a Governor's Volunteer Award for his work at Elkader's Founders Park.

TRRC is developing a standardized sign. It is a triangle with the local entity logo on top and the TRRC logo on the bottom to be placed at the TRRC sites.

#### **FACILITIES**

Jeanette Muller has donated a wooden auger that she acquired at the Villa Louis Rendezvous in Prairie du Chien recently. Lenth has hung the auger for display in the Mill.

#### **GROUND**

There will be a Boy Scout Camporee at Motor Mill June 21-23.

The county has removed the downstream stop sign at the north end of the bridge.

Engelhardt is working with Mark Collins to install his Motor Mill sign at Communia.

County Engineer Rafe Koopman has assured Engelhardt that the Secondary Roads Department will remove the logs and trees that pile against the bridge pier this spring.

The board discussed where to put the "Mill Open for Tours" sign, now that the new bridge is open. The consensus seemed to be that, at minimum, we continue to put out the sign at Highway 13 and Grape Road on the east side of Elkader, and that we have a new sign for Hazel and Grandview at Communia.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Buchholz, Nikolai, Lenth, and Collins visited Montauk to look at correspondence between Governor Larrabee and John Thompson, but there were disappointed to find very little pertaining to Motor.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, at Osborne.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry A. Stone, secretary