

MOTOR MILL FOUNDATION

Minutes

October 21, 2014

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held at the Osborne Conservation Center on Tuesday, October 21. Chairman John Nikolai called the meeting to order about 7:10 p.m. Other board members present were Jon deNeui, Betty Buchholz, Chuck Morine, Lee Lenth, Ellen Collins, and Tom Gifford. Clayton County Conservation Board director Tim Engelhardt also attended. David Scott of McGregor, Steven Mayne of Elgin were guests along with Sandy Refle.

MINUTES

Lenth moved to approve the minutes of the September 16 meeting as printed. Morine seconded. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Morine submitted the following monthly report:

September 16 beginning balance	\$8,917.06
Receipts	
Sept 18 – donations	\$100.00
Refunds, unused Fun Day items	\$ 38.55
Sept. 29 - Donations	\$121.00
Merchandise sales	\$ 60.00
Oct. 14 – mill donations, during Heritage Days	\$112.00
Donations, Heritage Days	\$154.00
Merchandise sales, Heritage Days	\$271.00
Silent auction items	\$200.00
Return of change	\$ 40.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,096.55
Expenses	
Sept. 16 – Jon deNeui, banner & hardware	\$182.22
John Nikolai, library books	\$ 44.00
Oct. 14 – Allam Clayton Elec	\$ 36.35
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$262.57
October 21, 2014 balance	\$9,751.04

CONSERVATION RESERVE

Sept. 17, 14 - balance brought forward (negative) (\$49,369.52)

Deposits

Kay Connelly: Motor Mill Donation \$500.00

Stephen & Monica Maurer Motor Mill Donation \$25.00

Swales Precast: donation \$100.00

Iowa Room: sweatshirt, hoodie & picture \$90.00

Expenses

None

Sept. 16, 2014 balance carried forward (\$48,654.52)

PAST DIRECTORS CERTIFICATES

President Nikolai presented certificates of appreciations to Betty Buchholz, Tom Gifford and Ellen Collins. Ellen has resigned from the Motor Mill Foundation Board, while Tom and Betty chose not to stand for reelection when their terms ended. Apple pie was served in celebration. The board gave appreciation for Betty, Tom and Ellen for their work and dedication to the Foundation.

ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Morine made a motion to accept Ellen Collins' resignation from the Motor Mill Foundation Board, Lenth second. Motion passed.

It was moved by John Nikolai that Les Klink be elected to another 3 year term, Chuck Morine seconded. Motion passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Chuck Morine that a unanimous ballot be cast to accept John Nikolai as Chairman, Jon deNeui as vice Chair, Larry Stone as Secretary and Chuck Morine as Treasurer. Seconded by Lenth. Motion carried.

HERITAGE DAYS

The Medicine Show was very popular. Dr. Dusty has been doing his shows for 25 years and really enjoyed his time here. Saturday was very good attendance and Sunday was normal attendance.

Good results selling items for MMF with 75-100 people attending tours at the Mill on Sunday.

MOTOR MILL TRAIL

Engelhardt met with Bill and Annette Reimer and discussed a trail proposal connecting the south side of Motor Mill through the county ground and then through Reimer's property to Grandview Road. They agreed to discussing the proposal and walking the route with Fehr Graham Engineering. It's possible the Turkey River Watershed Management Authority might be able to install erosion control dams or other structures that could make the route more feasible.

STORIES IN STONE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

There are a lot of people who have donated money (over \$200) and plaques should be displayed on a donor recognition board.

It is the board's general feeling that the recent visitors have a good feel for the history of the mill.

PROMOTING MOTOR

No speaking engagements have been arranged for the coming time period.

PARADES AND EVENTS

It was moved by Lee Lenth and seconded by Jon deNeui that the board will not participate in parades in the future. Motioned passed.

CONSTRUCTION DISCUSSION

deNeui has talked with Chris Grau about providing 50 oak floor joists, 2x12 by 12 feet, to replace the deteriorating joists on the first floor of the Mill.

The board then discussed other repair and construction priorities at Motor. deNeui noted that the old joists removed from the first floor can be cut down to use as joists on the sixth floor. He said we have enough tongue and grooved flooring to replace the first floor, but more will be needed for the sixth floor. He is searching for a source.

Silt removal ideas are being discussed. Some of the silt has been moved around in the basement and several smaller metal items have been found. They seem to have been a discard pile.

OPEN ITEMS

Roger Buchholz has volunteered to repair the bookcase donated by deNeui. The project may need to wait until Buchholz completes work for the Carter House.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

TRRC – Fayette County is hoping to get a replacement for the Gilbertson Bridge which would include a bike lane. Valley School recently had an Eagle Nest replica installed near the trail and school.

Grounds- Engelhardt will look into permission to have the lights installed on the bridge this year.

Communications – Nikolai will be working on sending thank-yous.

Education – Betty Buchholz reported that she did visit the Garnavillo Museum and took pictures of the Motor Mill Replica. There were only four stories in the replica so is not historically accurate.

NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, at the Osborne Conservation Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Collins/Tim Engelhardt