

MOTOR MILL FOUNDATION

Minutes

November 18, 2014

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held at the Osborne Conservation Center on Tuesday, November 18, 2014. Chairman John Nikolai called the meeting to order about 7:10 p.m. Other board members present were Jon deNeui, Chuck Morine, Lee Lenth, and Larry Stone.

MINUTES

Stone noted that he had corrected the preliminary minutes to say that Gifford and Buchholz had not resigned from the board, but rather had declined to continue when their terms expired. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Morine submitted the following monthly report:

October 21 beginning balance	\$9,751.04
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Receipts - none

Expenses

Nov. 14 – Allam Clayton Elec	\$ 362.86
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Nov. 17 – Larry Stone, reimburse for framing for Engelhardt gift	\$127.74
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<i>TOTAL EXPENSES</i>	<i>\$160.60</i>
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November 18, 2014 balance	\$9,590.44
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CONSERVATION RESERVE

October 21, 2014 - balance brought forward (negative)	(\$48,654.52)
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Deposits

Iowa Room: cap & hoodie	\$37.00
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Expenses

None

November 18, 2014 balance carried forward	(\$48,617.52)
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Nikolai requested reimbursement of \$8.01 for materials used in the outdoor sign at Motor, and for \$12.84 for frames for the certificates of recognition give to departing board members.

MOTOR MILL TRAIL

Stone reported that Engelhardt received a favorable reception when he 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. The Conservation Board will be actively pursuing the option, pending approval by the Iowa DOT.

The board briefly discussed how to complete a trail to Elkader, via rights-of-way on Grandview and highway 13.

PROMOTING MOTOR and STORIES IN STONE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Nikolai has spoken with Katrina Moyna about giving a program at the Driftless Area Wetlands Centre near Marquette. He asked Stone to prepare a summary of MMF activities during 2014.

Steve Mayne of Elgin, who has helped with Boy Scout fund raising, has agreed to help with MMF fund drives.

RECRUITING BOARD MEMBERS

Nikolai has been in touch with Steve Mayne of Elgin, David Scott of McGregor, and Ron Kaiser of Garnavillo, all of whom have expressed interest in MMF. None of them were able to attend the Nov. 18 meeting, however. Nikolai also suggested that Roger Thomas might consider joining the MMF board when he retires from Main Street.

Nikolai also hopes to go through minutes of past board meetings to get names of people who might consider a position on the board.

ROOF REPAIR

deNeui reported that Pro-Build has signed a \$1,800 contract to repair damage to shingles on the Mill by strong winds last winter. The work has not started, however.

The board discussed whether the bill should be paid by the Board of Supervisors, the Conservation Board, or the Motor Mill foundation.

OLD BUSINESS

Nikolai will talk with Roger Buchholz about repairs on the bookcase donated by deNeui.

Lenth agreed to build a plywood "stone" on which to display the names of donors to the bridge project.

Nikolai said he hopes the Foundation could begin to regularly feature different works of art or historical items on the Motor Mill website.

He suggested that the website should change at least monthly to attract repeat visitors. There also should be regular Facebook posts.

NEW BUSINESS

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

TRRC – deNeui reported that TRRC members are quite pleased with the number of users on the Clermont-Elgin trail, and with the benefits to businesses in those two communities.

The group also voiced concern over who would be a spokesperson for Clayton County trails after the recent job change by Tim Engelhardt and the pending retirement of Roger Thomas.

EDUCATION – Lenth said he has been researching the 1882 Clayton County History to find references to milling and to Motor.

Nikolai noted that we need to compile a scrapbook of clippings documenting the restoration of the Motor Mill site and the work of the Foundation.

Nikolai also suggested that we attempt to contact Ivan Hardt to learn the history of the mill on Buck Creek east of Garnavillo.

The Board agreed that we need to work to publish another edition of the Milling Around newsletter. That could require compiling a list of addresses from the 2014 visitor log.

NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16, at the Osborne Conservation Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned about 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary