

## MOTOR MILL FOUNDATION

### Minutes

December 16, 2014

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held at the Osborne Conservation Center on Tuesday, December 18, 2014. Chairman John Nikolai called the meeting to order about 7:07 p.m. Other board members present were Les Klink, Chuck Morine, Lee Lenth, and Larry Stone. Abbey Harkrader, naturalist for the Clayton County Conservation Board, also attended. Katrina Moyna and Mark Collins were guests

### MINUTES

Nikolai accepted the November 18 minutes as distributed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Morine submitted the following monthly report:

Nov, 18 beginning balance	\$9,590.44
Receipts	
Dec. 16 - Carole A. Eldeen, donation	\$50.00
Expenses	
Nov. 19 – John Nikolai, parade candy	\$20.85
Dec. 16 Allam Clayton Elec	\$32.38
<i>TOTAL EXPENSES</i>	\$52.23
<b>December 16, 2014 balance</b>	<b>\$9,587.21</b>

### CONSERVATION RESERVE

November 18, 2014 - balance brought forward (negative)	(\$48,617.52)
<i>Deposits</i>	
Questers donation	\$75.00
Kent & Cindy Werges donation IMO Andrae Werges	\$230.00
Dean & Sandy Refle donation for bridge lights	\$100.00
John & Anne Franta donation IMO Bob Carnes	\$300.00
<b>November 18, 2014 balance carried forward</b>	<b>(\$47,912.52)</b>

## **MOTOR MILL TRAIL**

Stone reported that Tim Engelhardt had proposed to the Iowa DOT that the trail route follow Grandview Road from highway 13, then cross the Bill and Annette Reimer property to county land on the side of Motor. We are awaiting a response from the DOT.

Kristina Moyna noted that the goal was for the Driftless Area Wetlands Centre to be a hub for trails in the Marquette-McGregor area. It is hoped there can be a trail to Bloody Run Park and between Marquette and McGregor.

Nikolai suggested that trail user fees might be shared with landowners to make trails more acceptable across private property.

## **PROMOTING MOTOR and STORIES IN STONE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Nikolai plans to give a program at the Driftless Area Wetlands Centre near Marquette.

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

Mark Collins proposed the idea of selling canvas prints of Stone's Motor Mill photos. He suggested the prints could be on display at local businesses.

Katrina Moyna wondered if Motor Mill could be promoted as a site for "destination" weddings.

Mark Collins asked if the board's vision could include renovating the Inn for use as a bed and breakfast.

Nikolai has been in touch with Paula Moore of the State Historical Society of Iowa, who told of a University of Wisconsin historic architecture class that may visit Motor in 2015. This could be a springboard to stone building workshops or seminars at Motor.

## **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 meeting, however.

## **ROOF REPAIR**

Work apparently has not yet started on the Mill roof repairs. Replacing the shingles may have to wait until spring.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Nikolai has talked with Roger Buchholz about repairs on the bookcase donated by deNeui.

Lenth said he will build a plywood "stone" and/or "wall" on which to display the names of donors to the bridge project.

Harkrader said the Motor Mill Facebook page asked for art work that could be featured on Facebook or the website. One person posted a painting in response.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2015 Tour Dates**

Nikolai submitted the following tour dates to the Clayton County Development Group:

May – 2,3 and 23,24;

June - 6,7 and 20,21;

July - 11,12 and 25,26;

August – 8,9 and 22,23;

September – 12,13 and 26,26;

October – 10,11 (Heritage Days)

### **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Grounds – The board brainstormed ideas on the Motor Mill “vision” and what work is needed to move ahead on restoration.

Electricity and phone service is a high priority, Nikolai said. We have a rough estimate of \$3,300 from Gregorson Electric to drill through the basement wall, then run electric and phone lines up through conduit to the second floor.

Collins asked whether it is feasible to make the Mill operational. The board’s consensus was that’s probably not possible, since we have not been able to locate blueprints for the machinery that was there.

Moyna suggested we need to begin thinking about a 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2019.

Nikolai asked board members to be prepared to update our vision plan at the next meeting

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next board meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, at the Osborne Conservation Center.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned about 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary