

MOTOR MILL FOUNDATION

Minutes

December 15, 2015

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held at the Osborne Conservation Center on Tuesday, December 15, 2015. Chairman John Nikolai called the meeting to order about 7:04 p.m. Other board members present were Chuck Morine, Larry Stone, and Ivan Hardt. Clayton County Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock and naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended.

AGENDA

Stone moved to approve the agenda as printed. Morine seconded. Carried.

MINUTES

Morine moved to approve the minutes of the November 17 meeting as distributed. Stone seconded. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Morine submitted the following monthly report:

Nov. 17 - beginning balance	\$8,522.07
<i>Receipts - none</i>	
<i>Expenses</i>	
Dec. 10 – Allam-Clayton Elec	\$33.83
Dec. 15 balance	\$8,488.24

CONSERVATION RESERVE

Nov. 17, 2015 balance brought forward (negative)	(\$46,746.72)
Deposits – INHF (from Larry & Margaret Stone)	\$464.62
Sandy Refle, for bridge lights	\$50.00
Iowa Room, Stone photo	\$25.00
Expenses – Pro-Build, nails	\$21.69
Dec. 15, 2015 balance carried forward	(\$46,228.69)

Morine moved to accept the treasurer's report. Hardt seconded. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ZICHAL RECRUITMENT

Nikolai said Dr. Kenneth Zichal has expressed an interest in being on the board, but has not yet made a firm decision.

FLOOR PROGRESS

Nikolai reported that replacement of needed boards and joists on the first floor has been completed, except for the trim. Work continues on the top floor.

ROOF PROGRESS

Pollock will contact Seibert Construction to discuss why we have continuing problems with losing shingles. Stone reported that there appears to be only a slight leak where shingles were damaged on the lower upstream corner of the roof. He also noted small damp spots on the upper floor, indicating apparent small leaks near the peak.

FFA COLLABORATION

Nikolai will continue his attempts to reach Central and Clayton Ridge FFA advisor Jerry O'Brien about recruiting students as volunteers and guides. Pollock suggested contacting the MFL Mar-Mac FFA as well.

TRAFFIC COUNTER

Hardt has been attempting to repair the Conservation Board's traffic counter. He has returned it to the company for further work.

SPOOM AD

Hardt has ordered a ¼ page ad in the Old Mill News to attempt to sell Motor Mill prints by Gordy Callison. He has donated frames for prints we might sell.

NEW BUSINESS

GRANTS

Nikolai intends to apply for a grant from the Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation to pay for replacing the roofs on the Ice House and Cooperage.

Nikolai also suggested that the Foundation apply for a \$1,000 grant from the Clayton County Foundation for the Future.

Nikolai will be searching the eCivis database for other grant opportunities before the county's subscription to that service expires.

INTERPRETIVE TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Pollock may attempt to schedule interpretive training for volunteer guides, as requested by the Mississippi River Parkway Commission in conjunction with our Great River Road Interpretive Center designation. Morine questioned the need for further training.

UPDATES

GROUNDS & RESTORATION – see old business.

TRRC - The 2016 Triathlon will be held in Clayton County during Elkader's Sweet Corn Days on the weekend of July 22-24. A 5K Turkey Trot is set for May 14, 2016.

Mallory Marlatt will meet with the Clayton County Board of Supervisors at 10:15 a.m. on December 28 to present the TRRC annual report and discuss funding for 2016. Board members are urged to attend.

RECOGNITION FOR STUDENTS – Hardt has purchased a \$100 Culver's gift card to give to the students who worked at the Mill as a service project on November 3.

NEXT MEETING - The next meeting will be January 19, at 7 p.m., at the Osborne Conservation Center.

ADJOURNMENT – Stone moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Morine seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary