

MOTOR MILL FOUNDATION

Minutes

February 16, 2016

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held at the Osborne Conservation Center on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Chairman John Nikolai called the meeting to order about 7:05 p.m. Other board members present were Chuck Morine, Larry Stone, Lee Lenth, Ivan Hardt, and Jon deNeui. Clayton County Conservation Board naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Morine moved to approve the minutes of the January 19 meeting as distributed. Stone seconded. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Morine submitted the following monthly report:

Jan. 19 - beginning balance	\$9,044.92
<i>Receipts</i>	
Jan. 19 – Jeanette Muller	\$75.00
<i>Expenses</i>	
Jan. 19 – Nikolai, postage	\$36.41
Feb. 1 – ETAB – tax preparation	\$125.00
Feb. 15 - Allam-Clayton Elec	\$33.00
Feb. 15 – West Bend Insurance (liability)	\$250.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$444.41
Feb. 16 balance	\$8,675.51

CONSERVATION RESERVE

Jan. 20, 2016 balance brought forward (negative)	(\$45,753.69)
Deposits – Carole Eldeen donation	\$50.00
Iowa Room t-shirts	\$30.00
Feb. 16, 2016 balance carried forward	(\$45,673.69)

Morine moved to accept the financial reports. Lenth seconded. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

GRANT SUBMISSIONS

Nikolai has submitted a pre-application for the Upper Mississippi Gaming Commission grant.

Nikolai has applied for a grant from the Clayton County Foundation for the Future to pay for 25% of the cost of a summer intern as our match for a hoped-for Silos and Smokestacks grant.

TRAFFIC COUNTER

Hardt has purchased a new Tally 4 traffic counter. He moved that the Motor Mill Foundation donate the counter to the Clayton County Conservation Board for use primarily at Motor Mill. Lenth seconded. Carried.

Lenth moved to thank Hardt for his donation (about \$350 for the counter, along with 20 hours of volunteer time.) deNeui seconded. Carried unanimously, with appreciation.

GIFT CARD

Stone has been in touch with Mark Wiley at Central Schools about how to use the Culver's gift card donated by Hardt in appreciation of Central students' volunteer work at the Mill. Hardt offered to exchange the card for a Subway card, which would be more convenient for the students to use. (Note: Stone will arrange the exchange, following a February 17 communication with Wiley.)

NEW BUSINESS

BRICKS

Nikolai has been in touch with the contractor who will be demolishing an old co-op building in Strawberry Point. There may be an opportunity for us to salvage bricks to use in rebuilding the chimneys on the Cooperage.

WORTH COUNTY TOUR

Nikolai has arranged with Dan Block, of the Worth County Conservation Board, to give a group tour of Motor Mill about 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2. Board members are encouraged to arrive early to do some cleaning in preparation for the visitors.

UPDATES

COMMUNICATIONS

Nikolai wrote a letter of support for the Conservation Board's application to Silos and Smokestacks for a grant to hire a summer intern.

RESTORATION

deNeui has found a Louisiana supplier for 16-foot, 1x6 southern yellow pines boards to use for flooring. The cost is \$1,573 for a unit of 203 boards shipped to ProBuild in Elkader. The boards then would need to be taken to Cresco to be milled into tongue-and-groove flooring.

Rafe Koopman has verbally offered the use of county equipment to haul away silt after it is removed from the Mill basement.

As soon as the weather permits this spring, the board needs to address the problem of possible loose shingles on the Mill roof, following last fall's windstorm.

Nikolai has been meeting with Gary Goyette to determine cost estimates for repairing the roofs of the Cooperage and the Ice House by installing new, premium quality cedar shingles.

EDUCATION

Lenth said KWWL-TV has tentatively scheduled a story about the Pattison Sand rezoning request for 10 pm. on Thursday, Feb. 18.

Stone said the Clayton County Conservation Awareness Network (CCCAN) has scheduled a land protection workshop from 9 a.m. until noon Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Keystone AEA.

Nikolai said the Clayton Energy District is hosting a solar workshop at 12:15 p.m. Thursday, February 25, at the Keystone AEA.

TRRC – The February meeting of the Turkey River Recreational Corridor board was cancelled..

NEXT MEETING - The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 15, at 7 p.m., at the Osborne Conservation Center.

ADJOURNMENT – Hardt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. deNeui seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary