

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

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July 18, 2017

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Chairman John Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Other members present were Lee Lenth, Larry Stone, Chuck Morine, Jon deNeui, Chris Schoen, Jane Metcalf, Bob Bente, and David Beck. Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock, naturalist Abbey Harkrader, and intern Kiley Johansen also attended. Verna Lenth was a guest.

Agenda

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

Minutes

deNeui moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2017, meeting as printed. Lenth seconded. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Morine presented the following financial report:

July 2017 Treasurer's Report

June 20 - beginning balance	\$8,306.40
Receipts	
June 23 – donation – Dennis & Mary Beck	\$200.00
June 26 – donations	\$264.00
Merchandise sales	\$98.00
July 3 – donations	\$240.00
Merchandise sales	\$4.00
July 10 – donations	\$61.00
Merchandise sales	\$16.00
Donation – J. R. Hall	\$100.00

July 17 – donations	\$75.00
Merchandise sales	\$25.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,083.00
EXPENSES	
June 23 – Alpine	\$16.72
June 23 – Esser’s Menswear	\$300.67
July 18 – Allam-Clayton Elec., via CCCB	\$41.89
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$359.28
CURRENT BALANCE (April 18, 2017)	\$9,030.12
CONSERVATION RESERVE	
June 20, 2017 balance brought forward (negative)	(\$41,564.81)
Deposits- Iowa Room caps, koosie	\$17.00
Donations – Virgil Hunt	\$10.00
Jan Heikes	\$50.00
Darrell Schaper	\$100.00
Expenses	
Meuser Lumber	\$26.78
July 18, 2017 balance carried forward	(\$41,414.59)
UMGC grant for Cooperage – balance	\$2,381.72

OLD BUSINESS

PENNY AT THE PUMP SPEEDE SHOP

Nikolai has posted fliers and purchased newspaper ads for the July "Penny at the Pump" promotion at Speede Shop in Garnavillo.

COOPERAGE ROOF

Gary Goyette has finished reshingling the river side of Cooperage. It is hoped that an Amish crew can begin stripping old shingles off the bluff side on July 25.

Nikolai is seeking bids for rebuilding the chimneys.

SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

Nikolai has the cameras and hopes to get the help of Andy Reimer to install them in August.

ART SHOW UPDATE

Rebecca Hennessey of Bent Willow Studio in Guttenberg is hosting a "Paint It Forward" class on August 12. Student fees will be donated to the Motor Mill Foundation.

The Motor Mill art show will be at the Mill from 1-5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30. Artists will be invited to bring their work to display and sell, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Foundation. Owners of Motor Mill art also may bring it for display only. Verna Lenth said some members of the Clayton County Artists also may be painting outdoors, weather permitting.

Thrivent Insurance will provides grants to help with expenses both for the Aug. 12 and Sept. 30 events.

VISIONING UPDATE

The board discussed efforts by Metcalf, Johansen and Harkrader to update our social media presence. We have had much more activity on Facebook since they have been posting more photos.

The board also discussed the costs and benefits of arranging to take credit cards for donations and merchandise sales, and/or having a PayPal option on the website.

Metcalf, Harkrader, Johansen, and Stone agreed to serve on a subcommittee to do further research and present conclusions to the board.

PARTNER SIGNS

The board thanked Nikolai for moving the Silos and Smokestacks and Great River Road signs to the parking area at Motor.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW PADLOCKS

Pollock distributed new keys for the new padlocks she is installing at Motor.

INTERN REPORT

Johansen has helped plan the art events, compiled an updated Motor Mill history timeline, edited a new issue of Milling Around, helped with small interpretive signs for the Mill, worked with Facebook, and collected historical photos that may be used in an introductory video.

Johansen also explained a “Nature STEM” workshop for 6-12 year-olds at Motor on July 21. Students will use science, technology, engineering, and math to learn about the history and natural history of Motor.

UPDATES

Morine noted that people attending a Mississippi River Parkway Commission regional meeting will tour Motor on Sept. 21. Tour guides will be needed.

Morine moved to renew our Society for the Preservation of Old Mills (SPOOM) membership, which costs \$50 per year. Lenth seconded. Carried.

Nikolai asked for volunteers to help with the booth at the Clayton County Fair, Aug. 3-6.

The board agreed on a number of changes in the schedule for tour guides for the remainder of the season. Harkrader will email a copy of the new schedule to volunteers.

NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting will be Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Osborne Conservation Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Lenth moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. deNeui seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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