

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

**DRAFT**

February 19, 2019

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Chairman John Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Other members present were Jon deNeui, Larry Stone, Lee Lenth, Ken Zichal, and Chuck Morine. Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock also attended.

**AGENDA**

Stone moved to approve the agenda as distributed. Zichal seconded. Carried.

**MINUTES**

Zichal moved to approve the minutes of the Jan. 15, 2019 meeting. deNeui seconded. Carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Jan. 15 - Beginning balance \$25,446.28

RECEIPTS

Feb. 10 – donation: Roger & Alane Swales \$7,500.00

Donation: Larry & Margaret Stone \$553.79

Donation: Laure Elsinger & Chris Schoen \$100.00

Feb. 14 – donation: 3M to match Mike Krieg donations \$381.70

Donation: Jon deNeui via Amazon \$8.23

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$8,543.72

## EXPENSES

Jan. 16 – Alpine communications	\$16.63
Feb. 04 – ETAB, tax preparation	\$180.00
Feb. 11 – West Bend Mutual Ins.	\$250.00
Feb. 11 – Allam. Clayton Elec	\$40.72
Feb. 16 – Alpine Communications	\$16.63
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$503.98
Feb. 19 - CURRENT BALANCE	\$33,486.02

Morine also presented a summary of the MMF 2018 tax forms, showing receipts of \$16,307.11, expenses of \$14,615.95, and a Dec. 31 balance of \$25,277.16.

Morine also submitted a report of merchandise sales and inventories for 2018.

Zichal moved to accept the financial reports. deNeui seconded. Carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### 1 – Inn Visioning

The board discussed proposals by Martin Gardner Architecture and by MSA for concepts on restoring the Inn. Board members noted that Martin Gardner demonstrated more familiarity with the site and with historic restoration.

Zichal moved to authorize Pollock and Nikolai to negotiate with Martin Gardner for the project, seeking to reduce both the \$7,900 phase one fee and the \$2,000 fee for interior drawings. Lenth seconded. Carried

## 2 – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plans

The board discussed plans for a 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, noting that legal documents show the Mill began Jan. 1, 1870, although construction was essentially complete in 1869.

Suggestions for the celebration included: fireworks at a November bridge lighting; monthly activities such as wildflower hikes, tree identification, river ecology, hunting and fishing seminars, and nature photography; historical speakers.

Nikolai agreed to head a planning committee, which tentatively includes Dave Beck, Abbey Harkrader, Lee Lenth, and Jane Metcalf.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1 – Review Year-end Report

The board thanked Nikolai for compiling a report of 2018 activities of the foundation.

### 2 – Advertising for volunteers

Zichal moved to use the MMF website and Facebook to ask for volunteer workers and solicit donors. Lenth seconded. Carried.

## **UPDATES**

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

Pollock noted that Clayton County offers insurance to cover volunteers working on county property.

deNeui noted the need to install gutters and downspouts on the Cooperage to keep water away from the hill side of the building. The board also discussed the idea of gutters on the road side of the Mill. It also was pointed out that the Mill's roof hatch needs to be repaired/replaced.

Zichal moved that deNeui be authorized to obtain quotes for those projects. Lenth seconded. Carried.

Pollock distributed information sheets on Iowa's Resources Enhancement and Protection (REAP) program benefits. Clayton County projects have received \$5,412,344 since 1990.

Pollock also distributed a "Nature's Advocate" publication from the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation with suggestions on how to lobby effectively for conservation and natural resources.

Lenth donated a January 1961 copy of "The Palimpsest," from the State Historical Society of Iowa, which featured Motor Mill and other Iowa mills.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

deNeui moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Stone seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary