

Motor Mill Foundation
Minutes
September 18, 2012

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held at the Osborne Conservation Center on Tuesday, September 18, 2012. Chairman John Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m., after returning from a tour for Clayton County insurance agents at Motor. Other board members present were Jon deNeui, Chuck Morine, Lee Lenth, Ellen Collins, Les Klink, and Larry Stone. Clayton County Conservation Board naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended. Conservation Board director Tim Engelhardt arrived about 8 p.m.

MINUTES

Hearing no additions or corrections, Nikolai accepted the minutes of the August 21 meeting as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Chuck Morine submitted the following report:

Motor Mill Foundation

August 21 - beginning balance	\$4,846.99
Receipts	
Merchandise sales	\$45.00
Freedom Bank	\$100.00
Wulfekhle (sp?)	\$100.00
Other donations	\$164.00
Silent auction	\$50.00
Total receipts	\$459.00
Expenses	
Allamakee-Clayton Elec.	\$32.53
Gambling license	\$40.00
Postage, parade expenses to Nikolai	\$111.90
Esser's Menswear, clothing	\$107.00
Total expenses	\$291.43
September 18, 2012 balance	\$5,014.56

<i>Conservation Reserve Fund</i>		
August 22, 2012	balance forward	\$322,911.23
Deposits		
	Grau – Friend	\$100.00
Expenses		
	CCCB postage	\$1.10
September 18, 2012	balance	\$323,010.13

<i>CAPITAL FUND</i>		
August 22, 2012	balance carried forward	\$22,745.04
Deposits:		
	Bruce & Ellen Collins	\$100.00
	Ruth Tuecke	\$50.00
	Doyce Huebsch	\$100.00
	Total deposits	\$250.00
September 18, 2012	balance	\$22,995.04

(Morine noted that the Clayton County Insurance Agents donated \$900 at their meeting and tour at Motor just prior to the meeting, so that is not included in the report.)

MOTOR BASEMENT

The county has withdrawn the request to receive FEMA funding for the basement clean-out.

County Engineer Rafe Koopman is working with deNeui to provide a conveyor to move silt out of the basement. Koopman also has agreed that the silt can be used to improve the road shoulder north of the stable.

deNeui has proposed digging out about 5 feet of silt inside the upstream basement wall and about 7 feet on the outside. Discussions continue with the State Historical Society about whether an archeologist will be required.

MOTOR MILL BRIDGE

Engelhardt reported that Minnowa Construction's new schedule is to begin mobilization at the site the week of October 8. The steel is supposed to be delivered on Oct. 22. The estimated completion date remains December 5. Some seeding may need to be done in the spring.

MOTOR MILL TRAIL

Nothing new to report.

STORIES IN STONE CAPITAL FUND CAMPAIGN

Engelhardt reported that about \$23,000 has been raised, with an additional \$87,000 needed to complete the project.

MEDIA CAMPAIGN for BRIDGE

Engelhardt has been updating donation information on the Motor Mill and Clayton County Conservation Board websites every two weeks.

BRIDGE RAFFLE

We have the raffle permit and can begin selling tickets. The cost is \$50 for a chance to be the first person to cross the bridge when it opens. Harkrader will design and print tickets. We will plan to highlight the raffle as part of the Heritage Days booth Oct. 13-14.

NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed what traffic control measures will be needed for public safety when the bridge is opened. deNeui suggested that one option during public events would be to stop traffic from the north at the Inn, and to require traffic from the south to turn right to park at the campground. Nikolai and Engelhardt will prepare several other options, which the board will discuss at the October meeting. The board then will go to the Board of Supervisors to present their ideas.

Nikolai and Engelhardt also will develop options for work that may need to be done to improve Galaxy Road from Communia to Motor.

Nikolai asked board members to look for opportunities to give programs about Motor Mill for civic groups and other organizations. He also urged the board to try to recruit more volunteers, Friends of Motor Mill, and board members.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

TURKEY RIVER RECREATIONAL CORRIDOR

Collins submitted the following report:

Clermont – The Visioning Committee has received a \$5,000 pledge from the City Council for a Great Places application.

Elgin – Work on the trailhead near the Center Street bridge is continuing as an Eagle Scout project.

Elkader – The city received a \$62,000 RECAT grant for the whitewater course. Work is continuing at Founder's Park.

Grants – The Great Places application, which was submitted Aug. 31, asked for \$150,000 to be divided among Clermont, Elgin, and Elkader. Applications will be reviewed in October.

SAFARI Project – 290 people from 3 states registered for the Safari project. There are plans to repeat the idea next year with different sites.

FACILITIES

deNeui reported that volunteers have more window frame to do in the Mill before they begin installing the rest of the sashes.

Roof repairs on the Cooperage and Ice House probably will have to wait until next year.

deNeui has been talking to an electrician to work out how to get power into the Mill, both to run the conveyor for silt removal and for a permanent power source for regular use.

GROUND

Engelhardt has received a number of old Mill photos from Ruth Tuecke.

The Conservation has received \$33,000 from Iowa Great Places for the work done under last year's grant.

Fred Phelps, who lived at the Mill as a boy, has donated a collection of Native American projectile points and artifacts.

Another donor has offered a 70-year-old copper-clad range. (Lenth will inquire to see if it might more appropriately go to Plagman Barn.)

Clayton County is researching an on-line business which will help with grant research and administration of grants. This could help with projects at Motor.

COMMUNICATIONS

Nikolai is up-to-date with sending thank-yous to donors.

EDUCATION

Buchholz has received a research report on Motor history and milling.

HERITAGE DAYS – October 13-14

Morine will bring displays and other materials from the Mill to Osborne, and will begin set-up at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13. Help will be appreciated.

The Board will consider leading a special tour from Osborne to Motor during Heritage Days.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16, at Osborne.

ADJOURNMENT

Nikolai adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry A. Stone, secretary