

MOTOR MILL FOUNDATION

Minutes

January 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held at the Osborne Conservation Center on Tuesday, January 19, 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, and Jon deNeui. Ken Zichal arrived about 7:30 p.m. Clayton County Conservation Board naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended. Betty Buchholz, Jeanette Muller, and John Nikolai were guests

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Morine moved to approve the minutes of the December 15 meeting as distributed. Lenth seconded. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Morine submitted the following monthly report:

Dec. 15 - beginning balance	\$8,488.24
Dec. 31 – End of year closing balance	\$8,488.24
Jan. 4 – donation, Larry & Margaret Stone, in memory of Ronald Huber	\$100.00
Jan. 8 – donation, Harold & Deanna Krambeer	\$500.00
<i>Total receipts</i>	\$600.00
<i>Expenses</i>	
Jan. 7 – Allam-Clayton Elec	\$43.32
Jan. 19 balance	\$9,044.92

CONSERVATION RESERVE

Dec. 16, 2015 balance brought forward (negative)	(\$46,228.69)
Deposits – LuAnn hunt, MM light donations	\$25.00
Steve & Ann McCorkindale donation	\$250.00
Michael Krieg donation	\$200.00
Dec. 31, 2015 balance brought forward	(\$45,753.69)
Jan. 1, 2016 balance carried forward	(\$45,753.69)
Deposit – Carole Eldeen donation	\$50.00
Jan. 19, 2016 balance carried forward	(\$45,703.69)

2015 YEAR-END SUMMARY – Motor Mill Foundation

<i>BEGINNING BALANCE</i>	\$9,609.18
RECEIPTS	
Donations	\$6,257.46
Merchandise sales	\$1,424.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$7,681.46
EXPENSES	
7b - Cost of goods	\$334.65
10 - Bridge payment to CCCB	\$1,973.84
13 - Professional fees & intern	\$466.89
14 - Building materials, insurance, utilities	\$4,279.78
15 – advertising, postage, printing, publications	\$1,356.32
16 – memberships, web fees, signs	\$390.92
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,802.40
<i>DEC. 31, 2015 ENDING BALANCE</i>	\$8,488.24

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

OLD BUSINESS

RECRUITMENT

Nikolai said Dr. Kenneth Zichal has agreed to serve on the board. Several other potential members have declined because of schedule conflicts or medical issues.

ROOF PROGRESS

Nikolai has decided to apply for a grant from the Dubuque Racing Association, rather than the Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation.

Nikolai has contacted the University of Wisconsin class to encourage them to return to finish the measured drawings they began working on last year.

The board reviewed the 2016 tour schedule, and discussed ways to publicize the dates.

NEW BUSINESS

MULLER RECOGNITION

Nikolai presented Jeanette Muller with a framed plaque in recognition of her service to Motor Mill, both as a Conservation Board employee and as a foundation board member from 2006 to 2015.

GRANTS

deNeui moved that foundation apply for a grant from Silos and Smokestacks to help pay the \$6,274 cost for a summer intern, and that we also apply for a \$897 grant from the Clayton County Foundation for the Future to pay for our match to the Silos and Smokestacks grant. Lenth seconded. Carried.

PROMOTION

Nikolai has given copies of the Motor Mill video shot from a drone to several businesses (The Shanti, J&J Pizza, Drew's) who have offered to show it.

On Sunday, January 17, the Cedar Rapids Gazette published a story about Motor Mill by Kiran Sood, who writes an "Iowa All Over" column.

UPDATES

RESTORATION – deNeui and Lenth are getting estimates from Amish carpenters on the cost of repairing the roofs on the Cooperage and the Ice House.

Nikolai said scaffolding for the project might be available from Meuser Lumber in Guttenberg.

deNeui is checking the prices and logistics for getting a quantity of 16-foot, 1x6 yellow pines boards from Mississippi to use for flooring. The boards would need to be taken to Cresco to be milled into tongue-and-groove flooring.

A priority project in 2016 is to completely excavate and repair the passageway between the Mill foundation and the road.

deNeui suggested that John Thompson probably rebuilt the old Hasting's Bottom sawmill dam about 1853, looking ahead to when he might use the new dam for the gristmill at Motor. deNeui hopes to build a model of the dam.

deNeui has located light fixtures that might fit up between floor joists to give an unobtrusive way to provide better lighting for tours and for restoration work inside the mill.

EDUCATION – Harkader is investigating the history of old reports of a cave with a still near Elkport. Perhaps near Motor?

She also found reports that William Smith, whose brother Joseph founded the Mormon Church, once lived in Elkader.

Lenth has researched the history of Kleinlein Mill, near Strawberry Point, as it might be related to Motor.

TRRC – Jan. 5, 2016 - Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock and Motor Mill Foundation vice-president Jon deNeui were appointed to 3-year terms to the Turkey River Recreational Corridor board.

The Byways of Iowa Foundation and Casey's General Stores are promoting art along Iowa's Scenic Byways. One art installation will be in Elkader.

The Clayton and Fayette County Conservation Boards are included with seven other partners in a \$165,000 grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. An Iowa Living Roadway Trust Fund grant of \$200,000 brings the total project to \$365,000.

NEXT MEETING - The next meeting will be February 16, at 7 p.m., at the Osborne Conservation Center.

ADJOURNMENT – Morine moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Stone seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary