

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

(Approved 6-20-17)

May 16, 2017

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Chairman John Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Other members present were Lee Lenth, Larry Stone, Chuck Morine, Ivan Hardt, Jon deNeui, Chris Schoen, and Ken Zichal. Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock and intern Kiley Johansen also attended. Ron Kaiser was a guest. Naturalist Abbey Harkrader arrived about 8 p.m.

Agenda

Zichal moved to approve the agenda as printed. deNeui seconded. Carried.

Minutes

Morine moved to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2017, meeting as printed. Lenth seconded. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Morine presented the following financial report:

May 2017 Treasurer's Report

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| April 18 - beginning balance | \$7,857.78 |
| Receipts | |
| April 27 – Irish Shanti, donation box | \$48.98 |
| May 15 – donations | \$180.00 |
| Total receipts | \$228.98 |
| Expenses | |
| April – Alpine Communications | \$14.52 |
| May 11 – cash for change | \$40.00 |
| May 15 – Allam Clayton Elec | \$40.67 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$95.19 |

CURRENT BALANCE (May 16, 2017)

\$7,991.57

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

OLD BUSINESS

PROGRESS ON SMOKE/ICE HOUSE AND COOPERAGE ROOFS

Nikolai reported that cedar shingling is finished on the Smoke/Ice house except for the ridge cap. The river side of the Cooperage has been stripped and the sheeting replaced, and the old shingles and nails have been disposed of.

Gary Goyette will rent a lift to begin the shingling on the Cooperage.

SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

The payment has been approved for the auditor to send the check so the cameras can be shipped.

STATUS OF CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH VANDALISM

The County Attorney is considering what charges to file against the person who was arrested following vandalism to the Mill, Cooperage, and Smokehouse, and the driving of a vehicle that left ruts in the grass across from the Stable.

VISIONING & FUND-RAISING MEETING REPORTS

The board discussed ideas from the visioning and fund raising committee meetings. One conclusion is that we need a targeted fund raising campaign. That requires compiling a list of projects, with estimates of the costs. Examples include completion of the cooperage and smokehouse shingling, replacing basement support posts, removal of silt in the basement, and closing of the basement arches. The committee will continue to gather information to share with potential donors.

Lenth suggested that we ask local banks to display our Motor Mill interpretive banners when we begin the fund-raiser.

2017 TOUR SEASON, INTERN, GRINDING QUERN, TIMELINE

Harkrader and intern Kiley Johansen have proposed a tour schedule to keep the Mill open from noon- 5 p.m. every weekend from Memorial Day through Labor Day, as well as on May 13-14, Sept. 16-17, Sept. 30-Oct. 1, and on Heritage Days (Oct. 14-15.)

We have received a \$500 grant from the Clayton County Foundation for the Future, which will pay half the cost of a handing grinding quern.

Harkrader and Johansen are revising the Motor timeline handout.

PENNY AT THE PUMP

Nikolai has met with the manager of the Garnavillo Speede Shoppe, who will submit a request to the owners for Motor Mill to be the recipient of their “penny at the pump” promotion, possibly in June or July.

NEW BUSINESS

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

Pollock and Jane Metcalf attended a historical preservation workshop on May 9 at Upper Iowa University. Pollock shared several helpful suggestions, including: document items in our artifacts collection, and have a policy on the type of donations to accept or decline; be sure we stick with our mission; establish a code of ethics; set up an emergency preparedness plan.

ROAD SIGNS

The Iowa DOT has removed the brackets we had been using for the “open for tours” signs on the Motor Mill signs on highway 13. Pollock will talk with DOT staff to determine how and if we can continue to display our signs on tour days.

TRAVEL SUPPLEMENTS

Nikolai shared a travel supplement from the Dubuque Telegraph Herald, and a “Small-town Celebrations” article from Iowa Farmer Today. He suggested that the Motor Mill Foundation investigate ways for Motor to be featured in such publications.

CLAYTON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The Clayton County Historic Preservation Commission is seeking volunteers to staff an Iowa Historical Society interpretive trailer at the Clayton County Fair. Nikolai asked Foundation members to help.

UPDATES

AS-BUILT DRAWINGS

Stone moved to approve payment of a Signs 'N Frames bill for \$83.44 for printing as-built drawings of the Mill. Zichal seconded. Carried.

DONATION

Meuser Lumber donated \$305 to the Foundation after we rented their lift for use in shingling the Cooperage.

ADJOURNMENT

Stone moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Morine seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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