

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

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January 16, 2018

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2018, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Chairman John Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other members present were Ken Zichal, Jane Metcalf, David Beck, Lee Lenth, Larry Stone, Chuck Morine, Jon deNeui, and Bob Bente. Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock and naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended. Chris Schoen was a guest.

Agenda

Stone asked to add an item that drafts of interpretive panels being prepared by RC&D are ready for review. Lenth moved to approve the agenda as amended. deNeui seconded. Carried.

Minutes

Morine moved to approve the minutes of the Dec. 19, 2017, meeting as printed. Zichal seconded. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Morine presented the following financial report:

January 2018 Treasurer's Report

Dec.19 - beginning balance	\$10,605.73
Receipts	
Dec. 20 – donation, Dean & Sandy Refle	\$100
Donation – Carol A. Elden	\$50
Allam. Clay. Elec dividend	\$10.22
Dec. 28 – donation – Scot & Jane Christiansen	\$10,000
Jan. 5 – donation, Swales Precast	\$200
Donation – Mike & Sandy Krieg, via CCCB PayPal	\$250
Jan. 12 – donation – Larry & Margaret Stone	\$531.90
Merchandise sales, Mellinger note cards,	\$30
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$11,172.12

EXPENSES

Jan. 12 – Allam-Clayton Elec	\$52.05
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$52.05

CURRENT BALANCE (Jan. 16, 2018) \$21,725.80

CONSERVATION RESERVE

Nov. 21, 2017 balance brought forward (negative)	(\$46,719.86)
Receipts	
Gordy prints	\$25
Wood cutouts	\$20
Jan. 16, 2018 Balance Carried Forward (negative)	(\$46,674.86)

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

OLD BUSINESS

VIDEO INTRODUCTION FOR 2018 TOURS

Nikolai asked for volunteers to prepare scripts for a video we hope to show before tours in 2018. Topics could include: mill construction, dam & water power, turbine vs. water wheel, Cooperage, smoke/ice house/stable, mill stones, making barrels, wheat production, grinding wheat to make flour, mill production, etc. Zichal, Stone, Beck, Harkrader, and Nikolai agreed to serve on a committee to review and edit scripts.

MARKETING OF MOTOR MILL

The board discussed a number of items that might be sold to bring attention to Motor Mill and to raise money. The items included mugs, belt buckles, refrigerator magnets, photos, note cards, and walking stick emblems. Metcalf and Harkrader agreed to continue investigating what types of things other groups have available.

SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS

Pollock said the surveillance cameras at Motor have been repositioned to do the best job possible of capturing images of people and vehicles using the site.

ARCHEOLOGICAL REPORT

Pollock, Harkrader, and several board members have reviewed the archeological report prepared by Chris Schoen for his soil probes in the basement. Schoen will finalize and submit the report to the State Historical Society. Pollock noted that the Conservation Board has access to \$20,000 in flood insurance money that is to be used for silt removal.

HOUSE MOVERS UPDATE

deNeui has been in touch with Alyswoth House Movers of Wadena, who've promised to begin work soon on replacing the basement support posts in the Mill.

FINALIZE INTERPRETIVE PANELS

Stone, Beck, Harkrader, Pollock and others have been working with the RC&D to complete work on interpretive panels for Motor. The final step will be to determine placement and the type of pedestals to use for mounting.

NEW BUSINESS

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER DUBUQUE ENDOWMENT

Nikolai reported recent donations of more than \$1,000 for the Motor Mill Foundation endowment. The current total is about \$8,000.

UPPER MISSISSIPPI GAMING

Nikolai has placed signs at the Cooperage and Smokehouse to acknowledge the Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation grant for repairing the roofs.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Fran Zichal has agreed to attend the February meeting to advise the board on the best approaches to fund raising. Ken Zichal expressed a fear that the recent federal tax changes may have the effect of reducing charitable giving.

The board discussed fund raising goals, and the need to explain specific needs and goals to potential donors. Examples included refurbishing the Inn and building a levee to protect the Inn from flooding. Nikolai noted that we should use our vision statement to describe more specific needs when we ask for donations.

Pollock said a "Save America's Treasures" grant might be available through RC&D.

NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting will be Feb. 20, 2018, at 7 p.m. at the Osborne Conservation Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Zichal moved to adjourn the meeting about 9 p.m. deNeui seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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