

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

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November 20, 2018

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, Nov 20, 2018, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Chairman John Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Other members present were Jane Metcalf, Larry Stone, Jon deNeui, Lee Lenth, and David Beck. Ken Zichal arrived about 7:30 p.m. Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock also attended.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Lenth moved to approve the minutes of the Oct. 16, 2018, meeting as distributed. deNeui seconded. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Oct. 16 Beginning balance	\$19,535.49
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RECEIPTS

Oct. 15 – donations from Heritage Days	\$62.80
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Oct. 31 – donations from tour	\$57.00
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Nov. 19 – donations from bridge lighting	\$85.00
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Merchandise sales	\$47.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$251.80
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EXPENSES

Oct. 17 – Alpine Communications	\$16.64
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Oct. 31 - Esser's Menswear	\$246.10
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Nov. 16 – Alpine communications	\$16.64	
Nov. 16 – Allamakee Clayton Electric	\$39.83	
Nov. 16 – CCCB for Handke pump work	\$185.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$504.21	
Nov. 20 CURRENT BALANCE		\$19,283.08

OLD BUSINESS

1 – WELL TEST

Nikolai reported that Jim Handke was able to operate the pump in the well between the Inn and the Stable. A test water sample sent to the State Hygienic Lab showed bacterial contamination. A second test following chock chlorination showed the water is safe.

2 – HISTORY OF WELL

Nikolai is attempting to learn more about the Motor well, which apparently was drilled by Lysle E. McBurney of Toddville, Ia.

3 – SEPTIC SYSTEM

Nikolai met with Bob Groth, who believes it will be possible to install a septic system for the Inn. The laterals would be across from the Stable. The cost would be about \$6,000 to \$10,000.

4 – PLASTER AND LATH IN INN

deNeui met with a contractor about replacing damaged plaster and lath on the walls of the Inn. They determined that the project would be feasible. A larger project might include replacing acoustical tile on the kitchen ceiling, and replacing the stairway with open stairs.

5 – DONATIONS OF OAT CLEANER AND CREAMERY SCALE

The board discussed how to use/display an oat cleaner that has been donated by Mary Klink, and a platform scale from the Mederville Creamery that has been donated by Harry Robbins.

Beck noted that a scale at the George Maier Museum might be the original Motor Mill scale. Beck will continue discussions with the George Maier board about whether an exchange would be possible to bring the Motor Mill scale back to the Mill.

NEW BUSINESS

1– BRIDGE LIGHTING

Metcalf said about 100 people attended the bridge lighting on Nov. 17. The Littleport Fire Department reported a large increase in the number of people attending their fundraiser, which was held the same evening.

Nikolai was sent a thank-you to Ken Fishel, who bladed snow from Galaxy Road south of Motor. The board noted that in the future we should coordinate with Clayton County Secondary Roads to make them aware of additional traffic expected for such special events.

2 – VISIONING FOR THE INN

The board agreed to wait until after the holidays to hold a visioning discussion about the Inn.

3 –SCALE FROM GEORGE MAIER MUSEUM

(See above.)

4 – MOTOR MILL 150TH ANNIVERSARY

The board briefly discussed plans to celebrate Motor Mill's 150th anniversary during 2019 – perhaps at the bridge lighting ceremony.

UPDATES

Given the continued problems with shingles being blown from the roof of the Mill, the board agreed to renew discussions with the State Historical Preservation Office on using steel the next time the roof is repaired.

Pollock noted that the Conservation Board staff burned the Grau Savanna and the adjoining prairies on Nov. 15.

ADJOURNMENT

Beck moved to adjourn the meeting about 8:25 p.m. Lenth seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary