

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

July 30, 2019

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A special meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, July 30, 2019, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Chairman John Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Other members present were Ken Zichal, Lee Lenth, Larry Stone, Bob Bente, and Mark Yackel-Juleen. Clayton County Conservation Board naturalist Abbey Harkrader and intern Grace Rodman also attended.

AGENDA

Zichal asked to add agenda items about his queries to Chris Grau and Scheck's Mill about giving programs at Motor.

Stone asked for a discussion of repairing the Mill roof and painting the roof hatch.

Harkrader requested time for Rodman to report on her work as an intern.

Stone moved to approve the agenda as amended. Zichal seconded. Carried.

MINUTES

Stone apologized for misspelling Lenth's name in previous minutes. Lenth moved to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2019, meeting as corrected. Zichal seconded. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Chuck Morine was unable to attend the meeting, but he submitted the following financial report:

Date		Debit	Credit
Jun. 17	Beginning Balance		
	Receipts		
Jun. 20	donation; Kay Connelly		500
Jun. 24	merchandise sales		18

	donations		37
Jun. 28	donation: Ruth Grau		5,000
Jul. 01	donations		31
Jul. 08	bench sales		100
	donations		115
Jul. 09	donation: Hardt Pioneer Farms		100
Jul. 15	merchandise sales, 6/26		28
	donations, 6/26		70
	Clayton County Auditor; 1/2 state		
	fair booth for CCHPC		125
	merchandise sales		48
	passport sales		10
	donations		15
Jul. 22	merchandise sales		12
	donations		44
Jul. 26	donation, special tour group, Stone		110
Jul. 29	merchandise sales		32
	bench sales		60
	passport sales		10
	donations		96

Total Receipts 6,561

Expenses

Jul. 12	Wilson Construction, roof hatch	300.00
	Jansen Products LLC, training	50.00
	Alla. Clayton Electric	43.81

Jul. 15	C.C.C. Board, art bottles	17.33
	Pulse Design Inc. Savanna Signs [2nd pmt.]	3,375.00
Jul. 15	Alpine Communications	16.92
	Total Expenses	3,803.06

Current Balance

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

OLD BUSINESS

1 - State Fair booth – Nikolai has been in touch with the Decorah Chamber of Commerce and the Clayton County Historic Preservation Commission to arrange details of the Varied Industries Building booth we will share with CCHPC on Aug. 12. Larry and Margaret Stone, John and Mary Fran Nikolai, and Lee and Verna Lenth have agreed to staff the booth, along with volunteers from CCHPC.

Nikolai and Lenth will take Motor Mill floor banners and brochures. Zichal will furnish a small TV and player to allow the Motor Mill video to be shown.

2 - Art Show – Rodman and Stone presented a proposed advertising budget compiled by Jane Metcalf. The proposal included a one-column by 8-inch color ad to run in the Clayton County Register, the Guttenberg Press, the Courier Press, and The Trader between Aug. 21 and Aug. 27, at a cost of \$210.80. A one-column by 15-inch ad would run in the same publications Sept. 2, 3, and 4, at a cost of \$395.25.

Lenth said he expects to receive a \$250 Thrivent grant to help pay for the ads.

Stone moved to approve the proposed advertising budget, with the hope of getting the Thrivent grant. Zichal seconded. Carried.

Zichal has communicated with Schech's Mill owners to see if they can give a program at the Art Show.

3 Nikolai has communicated with the Daughters of the American Revolution about a possible grant, and has submitted a statement to the DAR that the MMF does not receive public money.

4 – There has been no report about Martin-Gardner proposals for restoration of the Inn.

5– Nikolai has been consulting with deNeui about how to install a floor, plumbing, and electricity in the Inn.

6 – Disposal of machinery in the Mill – Nikolai has contacted several schools to see whether there is an interest in the wood-working machinery in the Mill, but he so far has not had a positive response. He proposed selling unwanted items at auction.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dubuque Racing Association grant – Jenna Pollock has suggested applying for a large infrastructure grant from the Dubuque Racing Association. Nikolai said it has been his experience that DRA only gives money to Dubuque County groups.
2. Nikolai said Jon deNeui has been searching for a contractor to repair/replace the roof on the Mill and to paint the new roof hatch.
3. Zichal will ask if Chris or Patrick Grau can lead a woodland hike at Motor on the weekend of Heritage Days, Oct. 12-13.
4. Grace Rodman report – Intern Grace Rodman said her latest projects include: repainting the Grau Memorial Savanna trail sign; preparing a brochure for the Grau trail; preparing a “Milling Around” newsletter; planning for the Aug. 7 STEAM camp; making genealogy displays for the three Mill developers and for the Klink family.
Rodman will work through Aug. 11. The board thanked her for her dedication and hard work on behalf of Motor.

UPDATES

Nikolai and Lenth attended the memorial service for Ivan Hardt, and donated a set of Gordy Callison prints to Doris Hardt. The prints will be displayed at the family’s Buck Creek B&B.

Harkrader said the interpretive signs for the Robert Grau Memorial Savanna are now being fabricated. The completion could take up to eight weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

Zichal moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Lenth seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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