

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

October 15, 2019

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The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2019, at the Osborne Conservation Center. President John Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Other members present were David Beck, Ken Zichal, Chris Schoen, Lee Lenth, Larry Stone, Chuck Morine, and Jane Metcalf. Clayton County Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock and naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended. Mark Yackel-Juleen was a guest.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Morine moved to approve the minutes of the Sept. 17, 2019, meeting as distributed. Lenth seconded. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Morine submitted the following financial report for September:

Date	Credit	Balance
Sept. 17 – beginning balance		\$30,786.96
RECEIPTS		
Sept. 17 – Donation, Jack Freeman	50.00	
Sept. 18 – merchandise sales, mugs	60.00	
Donation, Douglas Klink Trust	10,000.00	
Art sale	30.00	
Sept 30 – merchandise sales	60.00	
Bench, bird house sales	120.00	
Donations	109.00	
Oct. 5 – donations, antique auto club	23.00	
Oct. 8 – donation, anonymous	100.00	

Oct. 10 – CCCB, Iowa Room sales	270.00
Oct. 12 – donation, Randy Kreutner	50.00
Oct. 14 – Heritage Days donations	25.43
Donations at Motor	73.00
Merchandise sales at Osborne	160.00
Merchandise sales at Motor	37.00
Return of change	50.00
 TOTAL RECEIPTS	 \$11,217.43

EXPENSES

Sept. 17 – CCCB, Art Show expenses	92.61
Sept. 19 – CC Register, art show ads	210.80
Oct. 10 – Allam. Clayton Elec	41.38
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 \$344.79

Sept. 17 - CURRENT BALANCE \$41,659.60

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

Morine submitted two claims:

Rivals, 12 mugs	173.72
Martin Gardner Architecture	345.00

Stone moved to approve payment. Lenth seconded. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1 – INN – The board held a lengthy discussion of plans and possible layout of the floors for renovation of the Inn. The consensus of the ideas to present to Martin-Gardner Architecture included:

First floor – NE corner, restroom(s); NW corner, office, welcome center, with sink; SW corner, lounge/meeting room; SE corner, gift shop, sales.

Second floor – NE corner, full kitchen; NW corner, bedroom/meeting room; SW corner, bedroom/meeting room; SE corner, restrooms with shower;

Third floor – sleeping rooms; restroom.

Zichal moved to approve the guidelines to be proposed to Martin-Gardner. Lenth seconded. Carried.

2 – ROOF REPAIR - Lenth had no report on when Amish crews might be able to repair the Mill roof and paint the roof hatch.

Lenth also suggested that we need to caulk around many of the Mill windows.

3 –COOPERAGE GUTTER – Nikolai has a bid of \$246.37 from ABC Supply for a galvanized, half-round gutter for the hill side of the Cooperage. Zichal moved to approve the project, with the addition of a leaf guard. Stone seconded. Carried.

Nikolai, Lenth, and Gary Goyette plan to install the gutter.

4 – STATIONERY – The board reviewed a number of options for new Motor Mill Foundation stationery that would include logos of the Turkey River Recreational Corridor, Silos and Smokestacks, Mississippi River Parkway Commission, Clayton County Foundation for the Future, and/or other partners. Morine strongly favored keeping the current Motor Mill letterhead

Another suggestion was to continue to use the traditional stationery, but adding partner logos as appropriate when submitting grant applications. The board took no further action.

5 – BASEMENT SILT REMOVAL – Stone apologized for not further questioning the access road work that was done on Sept. 17.

Next steps in the silt removal project include: removing old posts that were replaced; using a lime conveyor supplied by Moyna to carry silt from the basement to where the silt can be piled for eventual transport by the county; possible winter rental of tracked skid loader.

Schoen will propose to the State Office of Historical Preservation that we remove silt in 3-foot “slices,” while documenting the interior and any artifacts that are found. It will be a long process, with lots of hand work, he said.

Schoen views the silt removal as a one-time project to document the structure and any equipment in the basement. It will not be practical to keep the silt out for the long term.

Pollock has received a few responses from people who may volunteer to help.

The board noted the need to secure the building while the silt removal is under way.

6 – INDUSTRIAL ARTS MACHINES – Nikolai said Roger Thomas has agreed to store the industrial arts equipment and to attempt to sell it on Facebook Marketplace. Volunteers will remove the machines from the Mill.

NEW BUSINESS

1 – HERITAGE DAYS – Volunteers at Osborne and Motor made several positive contacts, despite the cold and relatively small number of visitors. Ed Krugmire of Schech's Mill gave a program at Osborne. He also visited the Mill and offered several ideas.

2 – ELECTIONS – Morine said the following board members' terms have expired: Beck, Bob Bente, Jon deNeui, Schoen, Zichal, Metcalf, and Nikolai. He moved to re-elect each person. Zichal seconded. Carried unanimously.

Morine moved to elect Mark Yackel-Juleen to the board. Zichal seconded. Carried.

Morine nominated Nikolai for president. Zichal seconded. Carried.

Schoen nominated Metcalf for vice-president. Zichal seconded. Carried.

Morine nominated Morine for treasurer. Zichal seconded. Carried.

Morine nominated Stone for secretary. Nikolai seconded. Carried.

3 – STABLE – Pollock had a suggestion from Matt Shafer and Kelly Murphy that the Stable could be used as a shelter for events such as wedding receptions. She and the Board discussed the need to remove Conservation Board and Foundation materials that are stored there. Lenth agreed to assess the condition of the building and need for roof and rafter repairs.

Metcalf moved to further assess the Stable and to clean and perhaps modify it for public use. Lenth seconded. Carried.

Morine noted the potential of an Iowa Barn Foundation grant to help with restoration.

UPDATES

The board briefly discussed plans for the November 23 bridge lighting celebration. The event will be from 5-6:30 p.m.

Zichal proposed including fireworks as part of the festivities. He will consult with Caleb Shea of the Elkader Fire Department about costs and need for permits.

Pollock noted that fireworks are prohibited on Conservation Board property.

ADJOURNMENT

Lenth moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Stone seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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