

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

November 19, 2019

DRAFT

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2019, at the Osborne Conservation Center. President John Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Other members present were Ken Zichal, Lee Lenth, Larry Stone, and Chuck Morine. Clayton County Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock and naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Morine moved to approve the minutes of the Oct. 15, 2019, meeting as distributed. Zichal seconded. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Morine submitted the following financial report for October:

Date	Credit	Balance
Oct. 15 – beginning balance		\$41,659.60
RECEIPTS - none		
EXPENSES		
Oct. 16 – CCCB, architecture fees		345.0
Oct. 17 – Rivals, 12 mugs		173.72
Oct. 17 – Alpine Communications		16.96
Oct. 17 – Clayton County Register, art show ad		395.25
Oct. 28 – ABC Supply, Cooperage gutters		246.37
Nov. 15 – Allamakee Clayton Elec.		39.73
Nov. 15 – Alpine Communications		16.69
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$1,233.72

Nov. 19 - CURRENT BALANCE \$40,425.88

Zichal moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Lenth seconded. Carried.

Morine submitted four claims:

Keppler Custom Hire, roadway to Mill basement	\$867.50
Martin Gardner Architecture, Inn remodeling plans	\$1,380.00
SPOOM membership	\$50.00
Jane Metcalf, reimbursement for bridge lights	\$59.90

Zichal moved to approve payment. Lenth seconded. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1 –COOPERAGE GUTTERS – Nikolai said we are waiting on favorable weather in install gutters on the Cooperage.

2 – DISPOSAL OF BALLASTS – Nikolai has been in touch with an individual recommended by Gregorson Electric who has agreed to dispose of ballasts removed from old fluorescent light fixtures. This may not happen until spring.

3 – INDUSTRIAL ARTS EQUIPMENT – Roger Thomas is refurbishing equipment removed from the Mill, in preparation for selling the items on e-Bay.

4 – BRIDGE LIGHTING – Harkrader reported on these plans for the Nov. 23 activating of lights on the Motor Mill bridge: Nikolai, David Beck, and Pollock will speak before the lights are turned on at 5 p.m.; volunteers are asked to be at the Mill by 4 p.m.; Lenth and Morine will bring propane heaters; Jane Metcalf and Margaret Stone are making cookies; coffee pots are needed to hold hot cider; merchandise will be for sale; visitors are encouraged to attend the Littleport Firemen's dinner from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Littleport Church.

NEW BUSINESS

1 – SESQUICENTENNIAL – Pollock distributed a draft of the schedule that will be printed on rack cards. Highlights include: Dec. 19 – trivia, Deb’s Brewtopia; Jan. TBA; Feb., literary heroes, TBA; March 21 – Motor Motor 5K; Apr. 4 – Egg hunt; May 23 – Grau Savanna and fossils; June 13 – Paddle-pedal-pour; July 11 – paddle-pedal-pour; July 18 – Ghosts of Motor; Aug. 8 – Paddle-pedal-pour; Sept. 12 – art festival; Oct. 10-11 – Heritage Days; Nov. 21 – bridge lighting.

2 – FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE – Pollock will consult with Clayton County officials to determine how and by whom insurance premiums will be paid.

UPDATES

GRINDING STONE - Nikolai proposed that the Foundation consider acquiring a grinding stone like the one in use at Heartland Acres at Independence. He said it might be a good attraction for children.

After some discussion about the high cost and the relatively few children that come to the Mill, the board took no action.

FUND RAISING LETTER – Stone and Nikolai presented the draft of a letter to potential donors, with the idea that it could be sent soon to people considering year-end charitable contributions.

Pollock said Conservation Board staff might be able to send some emails in the next few days. Printed letters may take a little longer.

PLANS FOR THE INN – Pollock has received rough descriptions, with rough cost estimates, of possible work to remodel the Inn. She will use that information in an application for a Saving America’s Treasures grant, which is due December 10.

ADJOURNMENT

Zichal moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Lenth seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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