

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

January 21, 2020

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The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2020, at the Osborne Conservation Center. President John Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Other members present were David Beck, Ken Zichal, Chris Schoen, and Larry Stone. Clayton County Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock and naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended.

AGENDA

Stone moved to approve the agenda as distributed. Schoen seconded. Carried.

MINUTES

Stone moved to approve the minutes of the Dec. 17, 2019, meeting with the correction of a typo to make the reimbursement to CCCB of \$125. Zichal seconded. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Date	Credit	Balance
Dec. 17 – beginning balance		\$34,327.92
Dec. 31 – fund raising letter donations		\$155.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$155.00
EXPENSES		
Dec. 17 – Jane Metcalf, bridge lighting supplies		\$49.48
Dec. 18 – Jansen Products, web hosting		\$102.00
Dec. 27 – Alpine Communications		\$16.96
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$168.44
Dec. 31 - CURRENT BALANCE		\$34,314.48

Dec. 31 - beginning balance	\$34,314.48
Jan. 13 – donations	\$250.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$250.00
EXPENSES	
JAN. 13 – Allam.-Clayton Elec	\$41.12
Jan. 13 – Hackett's Porta-Potty	\$70.00
Jan. 18 – Alpine Communications	\$16.71
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$127.83
Jan. 21 – Current balance	\$34,436.65

Stone moved to approve the treasurer's report. Schoen seconded. Carried

INSURANCE

Chuck Morine sent a note that the premium for our general liability insurance policy from West Bend Mutual has increased from \$250 to \$400. Zichal moved that the Foundation review the policy with Gifford Insurance before paying the premium. Stone seconded. Carried

.OLD BUSINESS

- 1 – FOURTH FLOOR BEAM – Nikolai will contact Alysworth House Movers.
- 2 – ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION – Nikolai and Jon deNeui have been working on drawings to present to electricians to seek bids for installing electrical power to the Mill.
- 3 – ELECTRICITY IN NATIONAL REGISTER SITE? – Nikolai has been assured by Paula Mohr at the State Historic Preservation Office that it is permissible to install electrical power in the Mill.
- 4 – COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – Donations in 2019 have brought the Motor Mill Endowment to \$10,000, making us eligible to withdraw up to five percent in 2020.

5 – ACCENT LIGHTING – The board discussed whether to use LED accent lighting donated by Zichal to illuminate the outside of the Mill. After considerable discussion over appropriateness, safety, vandalism, and how to mount such lights, Zichal moved that the Motor Mill Foundation and County Conservation Board could use the lights for special events. Schoen seconded. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1 – WORK DAY TO REMOVE ITEMS STORED IN STABLE – The board agreed that items need to be moved from the stable, but no date was set.

Pollock noted that work may begin this winter to remodel the third floor of the Osborne Conservation Center, so much of the Motor Mill material stored there may have to be moved

2 – EARLY DAYS OF MOTOR EVENT – Thirty-three people attended the Jan. 9 event at Osborne. Most of the participants voiced strong interest in Motor history and memories. The board agreed that it would be useful to host another such session – perhaps during the daytime.

UPDATES

Pollock said the karaoke night at Deb's Brewtopia in Elkader on Jan. 18 was a big success, despite bad weather. The event raised \$336 for the Motor Mill Trail.

The Elkader Library has been getting lots of calls about the Feb. 20 Motor Mill Sesquicentennial event with a speaker on Mark Twain and Huckleberry Finn. The librarian has reserved the Central State Bank meeting room in case the crowd is too large for the library.

The Conservation Board has ordered commemorative Motor Mill mugs for the Motor-Motor 5K race, which is March 21. Any remaining mugs can be sold to raise money for Motor.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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