

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

April 21, 2020

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The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, April 21, 2020, by way of a virtual ZOOM connection. The electronic meeting was deemed necessary because of concerns over spread of COVID-19 via an in-person meeting. Vice-president Jane Metcalf called the meeting to order at 7:44p.m. Other members present online or by phone were Ken Zichal, Chris Schoen, John Nikolai, Mark Yackel-Juleen, and Larry Stone. Clayton County Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock and naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended via ZOOM.

MINUTES

Schoen moved to approve the minutes of the February 18 meeting as distributed. Zichal seconded. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Morine sent the following treasurer's report to board members prior to the meeting:

Date	Item	
Feb. 18	Beginning Balance	36,355.66
Receipts		
Mar. 10	Harold Krambeer memorial	300
	3 M to match donation by Mike Krieg	242.47
	donation: Pete Wood	5
Mar. 18	donation for old sander - Roger Thomas	225
Apr. 15	donation - Mike & Sandy Krieg	250
	Total Receipts	1022.57
Expenses		
Feb. 18	John Nikolai, postage	20.15
Mar. 9	Alla. Clayton Elec	40.14
Mar. 14	Alpine Communications	16.71
Mar. 17	Aylsworth House Movers LLC	6,615.60

Apr. 15	Alla. Clayton Electric	39.19
Apr. 16	Alpine Communications	16.60
	Total Expenses	6,748.39

April 21, current balance 30,629.84

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

OLD BUSINESS

1 – FOURTH FLOOR BEAM – Stone reported that the replacement beam has been installed by Alyswoth House Movers. Several volunteers helped, but it was a major project, requiring professional equipment and expertise.

2 – ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION – Nikolai receive a list of materials from electrician Tim Welker. Nikolai will meet with Jon deNeui to discuss the project further.

3 – MOTOR MILL INTERN – Pollock said that Kirkwood student Nick Friedman has been offered a 14-week position starting May 18. Because of the COVID-19 situation, it has been hard to determine what sick leave rules will apply, and to arrange a pre-employment physical. Zichal offered to do the physical.

4 – INDUSTRIAL ARTS EQUIPMENT – Roger Thomas has been able to sell the band saw for \$325 and the sander for \$225. The board extended their thanks to Thomas for his help.

NEW BUSINESS

1 – SECURITY SYSTEM AT MOTOR MILL – Pollock one security camera quit working, and the warranty period was past. She was able to buy three new cameras for about \$100. She has installed them.

Pollock asked the county attorney to file charges against individuals who vandalized the original cameras.

2 – MARKETING DISCUSSION – Facebook: Metcalf said we've had a good response from Facebook posts.

Instagram – Metcalf also has posted photos on Instagram, which is becoming more popular.

E-Newsletter – Our Milling Around newsletter now will be distributed electronically

Podcast Partnership – Pollock has been in touch with an individual who offered to do monthly podcasts for \$250 each. Pollock will discuss the idea with other groups, such as the Clayton County Historic Preservation Commission, to learn if there might be interest in a partnership for the podcasts.

Schoen wondered if Iowa PBS would be interested in doing another Motor Mill feature.

Metcalf suggested an aerial tour of the Robert Grau Memorial Savanna Trail, via Dave Beck's drone, would be a popular feature on our website.

3 – COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FINANCIAL STATEMENT – The COVID-19 pandemic's affect on the stock market has caused the Motor Mill Endowment to lose more than \$2,000 since Jan. 1. Our March 31 balance is \$8,208.58.

4 – TRRC REPORT – Stone and Pollock attended the March 4 Turkey River Recreational Corridor meeting. Some highlights included: a pre-engineering study is under way for the Elkader to Elgin trail; a little tree clearing has been done on the Motor Mill trail, but most work will wait until July or August; new interpretive signs are being designed for the Pony Hollow Trail; the Iowa DNR has agreed to pay for repairs on the Turkey River Park canoe ramp, which was not installed correctly. Following that meeting, TRRC director Mallory Hansen contacted members to say that Turkey River Safari packet will not be distributed this year, due to the COVID-19 situation.

UPDATES

The board briefly discussed the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on our sesquicentennial plans. Might the celebrations be delayed until 2021?

Nikolai wondered when volunteers would be able to work at Motor Mill again? Pollock said that will depend on orders from the Iowa governor.

ADJOURNMENT

Stone moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Zichal seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry A. Stone, secretary
Motor Mill Foundation