

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

May 19, 2020

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The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, May 19, 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. President John Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Other members present online or by phone were Ken Zichal, Chris Schoen, Lee Lenth, Chuck Morine, Jon deNeui, and Larry Stone. Clayton County Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock and naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended via ZOOM.

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

Zichal moved to approve the minutes of the April 21 meeting as distributed. Schoen seconded. Carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

April 21 – Beginning Balance	\$30,629.84
Receipts	
Apr. 25 – donation, machine sold, Roger Thomas	\$325.
April 27 – donation – Kay Connelly	\$500.00
Total receipts	\$825.00
Expenses	
April 27 – Elec. Motor Shop, to repair machine for resale	\$321
May 15 – CCCB, security cameras	\$107.96
May 15 – Allam. Clayton Elec	\$39.06
May 16 – Alpine Communic.	\$16.60
TOTAL EXPENSES	484.62
May 19 CURRENT BALANCE	\$30,970.22

Schoen moved to accept the treasurer's report. Zichal seconded. Carried

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1 – ELECTRICITY IN THE MILL – Nikolai and deNeui have met with Gregerson Electric, Wessel Electric, and Terry Winch of Electri-Tek. All three contractors were given blueprints of the Mill, as well as drawings and specifications of the work to be done. Nikolai will ask to have bids submitted in advance of the Foundation's June 16 meeting, and will advise the contractors that Foundation volunteers hope to help with the work.

The board discussed the need to be certain that both the work done by professionals and that by volunteers meets state, federal, and National Register criteria.

2 – INDUSTRIAL ARTS EQUIPMENT – Nikolai reported that Roger Thomas refurbished and sold another \$1,100 worth of machinery, for a total of \$1,600

3 – BASEMENT POSTS AND SILT REMOVAL – Pollock said it should be permissible for volunteers to begin work in the Mill basement, even if we can not yet open for tours. Nikolai, Schoen, and Lenth agreed to meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26, to discuss how to proceed with removing old posts and beams, and to start on silt removal.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1 – NICK FRIEDMANN, INTERN – Nick Friedmann's duties will include silt removal, working on newsletters and displays, helping with tours, and savanna restoration.

2 – SUMMER TOURS? – The board discussed whether and how soon it might be possible to open the Mill for seasonal tours. As of now, the Governor's orders do not allow museums to open. Pollock suggested a July 4 opening might be a goal. Lenth noted that it would be good to have electrical work completed before we begin tours.

Nikolai posed the idea of virtual tours. Zichal moved to post our introductory video and Harkrader's savanna hike video on the website. Stone seconded. Carried.

## **UPDATES**

Pollock said the Motor Mill Endowment received four donations totaling more than \$100 during the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque's Great Give Day on May 14.

The Motor Mill Foundation also received a \$1,000 grant through the Clayton County Foundation for the Future from Leroy and Colleen Darby Family Endowed Donor-Advised Fund to help pay for a 2020 summer intern.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Stone moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Lenth seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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