

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

(DRAFT)

April 20, 2021

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, April 20, 2021, by way of a virtual ZOOM connection, which was deemed necessary because of concerns over spread of COVID-19. Those present online were: Ken Zichal, Larry Stone, Chuck Morine, Jane Metcalf, Mark Yackel-Juleen and Clayton County Conservation Board naturalist Abbey Harkrader. CCCB director Jenna Pollock and MMF board member Lee Lenth were at the Osborne Conservation Center. Vice-chair Jane Metcalf called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Morine moved to approve the March 16, 2021, minutes as distributed. Stone seconded. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Morine submitted the following treasurer's report:

Mar. 16	Beginning balance	9,599.71	
	Receipts		
Apr. 2	- Grant: Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque		1,000
Apr. 16	- donation; Blackbaud Giving Fund		160.00
	Total receipts		1,160.00

Expenses

Mar. 17 - Alpine Communications	17.40
Mar. 20 - IA. DNR water permit	75.00
Apr. 9 Allam. Clayton Elec	42.50
Apr. 15 C.C.C.B. Grant money	1,000.00
Apr. 17 - Allen Hershburger, install cooperage gutters	300.00
Apr. 17 Alpine Communications	17.50
Total expenses	1,452.40

April 20 - Current balance 19,307.31

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

Yackel-Juleen moved to approve payment of about \$50 to Metcalf for paint and supplies to be used to paint conduit in the mill. Zichal seconded. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1 - TURBINE TRANSPORT – Chris Schoen and John Nikolai were unable to attend the meeting because they were traveling home from having delivered the wooden turbines to St. Leonard, Md., for preservation.

2 – COOPERAGE GUTTERS – Allen Hershburger and an assistant installed gutters on the Cooperage on April 13. The \$300 bill has been paid, and all scaffolding removed from the roof.

3 – GRANT UPDATES – Pollock said the MMF has received a \$35,000 grant from Upper Mississippi Gaming for work on the Stable. We've also received \$1,000 for the Stable from the Clayton County Foundation for the Future. Last summer's barn concert also brought in \$2,000 for the Stable. And the concert promoters have asked to sponsor another musical event this season.

Pollock has submitted a pre-application to Upper Mississippi Gaming for a grant for remodeling of the Inn. She also has applied for a \$125,000 Iowa's Rural Heritage Revitalization grant, and a \$20,000 Iowa's Rural Innovation grant for the Inn.

4 – PHOTO DISPLAY – Stone apologized for not convening a meeting of the committee to discuss how to display before and after photos of work at Motor. The board briefly discussed whether it might be best to have a video or slide show, rather than physical prints.

5 – SPRING CLEANING – Stone contacted Central Schools about student volunteers to help clean. The board suggested it might be best to wait a few weeks until closer to the May 29 opening date.

6 – INTERN AND TOUR DATES – There still have been no applicants for a summer intern, even though we have a \$3,500 Silos and Smokestacks grant for an internship. The board agreed that we should not try to open more than one day a week without an intern. Harkrader is preparing a work schedule for Saturdays only.

NEW BUSINESS

1 – DNR PERMIT – Nikolai has received approval from the Iowa DNR to pump out future floodwaters from the Mill basement.

2 – QUILT FUNDRAISER – The board viewed a Motor Mill winter scene that has been printed on fabric to be sold at The Backstitch, in Elkader. Metcalf will be in touch with The Backstitch to discuss a possible fundraiser featuring a quilt made from the fabric.

REPORTS

1 – LIGHTING COMMITTEE – Metcalf, Morine, Harkrader, and Stone met at the Mill April 16 to examine sample light fixtures and conduit paint. The committee will contact board members when it's possible to see the light fixtures and an example of painted conduit.

2 – TRRC – Stone attended the Turkey River Recreational Corridor meeting in Elkader on April 6. He reported: a) that TRRC is again sponsoring the Turkey River Safari program to encourage families to explore the corridor; b) the Elkader Founders Day 175th anniversary celebration is June 19; c) the Conservation Board is sponsoring a Turkey River float on June 20; d) the city of Elkader rejected the only bid submitted to renovate the Stone Arch Bid, but will rebid in the future; e) TRRC members are discussing the possibility of asking for trail funding from the proposed infrastructure legislation now in Congress.

3 – Stone said his son, Andy, who is a civil engineer, made several suggestions on how to replace the posts next to the road in the Mill basement.

ADJOURNMENT

Stone moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Zichal seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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