

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

(DRAFT)

September 21, 2021

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Those present included: Chuck Morine, John Nikolai, Larry Stone, Dan Slagel, Lee Lenth, Chris Schoen and Clayton County Conservation naturalist Abbey Harkrader. Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**AGENDA**

Stone moved to add items on closing the Mill arches, plans for Heritage Days, and possible revision of the Stories in Stone video. Morine seconded. Carried.

**MINUTES**

Lenth moved to approve the August 17, 2021, minutes as distributed. Schoen seconded. Carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Morine submitted the following treasurer's report:

Aug. 17	Beginning balance	20,983.48
Receipts		
Aug. 23	donation; Norman West	100.00
	donation; Black baud	20.00
	merchandise sales	44.00
	donations	56.00
Aug. 25	Dianna Elsinger; used tubs	200.00
Aug. 31	donation: Keith & Kathy Garms	1,000.00
Aug. 31	merchandise sales	37.00

bench sales	100.00
donations	81.00
Sep. 04 merchandise sales	20.00
donations	22.00
Sep. 11 merchandise sales	17.00
photo sales	40.00
donations	55.00
Sep. 18 donation: Kay Connelly	500.00
donation: 3 M to match Mike Krieg	242.57
donation; Blackbaud	20.00
Sep. 19 merchandise sales	20.00
donations	133.00
Total Receipts	2,707.57

Expenses

Sep. 13 Allamakee Clayton Electric	49.45
Sep. 17 Alpine Communications	17.40
Total Expenses	66.85

Current Balance 23,624.20

Claims: Morine moved to reimburse Stone \$459.21 for shop lights he purchased for the Mill. Schoen seconded. Carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1 – STABLE PROJECT – Stone reported that Dale Kittleson began work Sept. 21 to pour new concrete bases for the posts. He plans to return the week of Sept. 27 to bring new posts and beams. Josh Everitt will pour the concrete floor after the post and beam work is completed. It is hoped that Amish carpenters can replace the roof and do other repairs later this fall.

Nikolai reported that the Motor Mill Foundation has received a \$1,000 grant for the Stable from the Clayton County Foundation for the Future.

2 – DONATIONS - Jenna Pollock has made some contacts with potential donors for the Inn project.

3 - VOLUNTEER PROJECTS – Volunteers have been working on these and other projects: painting conduit, installing lights, installing stoves from Jackson County. Other work to be done includes: sorting and disposing of unwanted lumber, donating wooden pulleys to another mill, putting dam beam back in the Stable when remodeling is complete.

4 - TURBINES - Chris Schoen had nothing new to report on the turbine restoration.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1 – TURKEY RIVER FLOODING AND SILT – Volunteers removed the basement windows prior to the August 30 flood, so there was no significant damage to the Mill – other than a layer of silt on the basement viewing platform. Up to 2 or 3 feet of silt was deposited on the basement floor, however.

The board discussed possible long-term strategies, including ways to close the basement arches, but did not reach a solution.

2 – HERITAGE DAYS – Board members agreed that we should keep the Mill open for afternoon tours on both Oct. 9 and 10. Depending on weather, we will have a display and merchandise at Osborne, as well.

Morine recently ordered T-shirts and other apparel, so the board agreed not to order more. But Morine said he would order another 12 mugs, which have sold well.

3 – VIDEO UPDATE – The board agreed that the Stories in Stone video should be corrected to state four turbines, rather than three. (Any other ideas for revisions?)

## **REPORTS**

1 - TRRC – After the meeting Stone submitted this report of Turkey River Recreational Corridor discussions: \*a grant from Upper Mississippi Gaming for a water trail guide and video; \* the need for a bike trail map for NE Iowa; \*Elkader stone arch bridge renovation contract awarded to C. J. Moyna and Sons; \* flooding closed Gilbertson Park in Elgin.

There are still openings on the River Bluffs Scenic Byway bus tour on September 29.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Morine moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Lenth seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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