

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

(DRAFT)

November 16, 2021

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Those present included: John Nikolai, Larry Stone, Dan Slagel, Lee Lenth, Chuck Morine, Chris Schoen, David Beck, and Ken Zichal. Clayton County Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock and naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended. Don Venteicher of Edgewood was a guest. Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

Stone moved to add these items: how to use the Wendell Mohr prints donated by Paula Mohr; confusion about the owner of photos donated to the foundation; discussion of an intern for 2022. Zichal seconded. Carried.

**MINUTES**

Slagel moved to approve the minutes of the October 19 meeting. Schoen seconded. Carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Morine submitted the following treasurer's report

Oct. 19	Beginning balance	24,713.42
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Receipts

Oct. 20	donation: Marge Costigan	5,000.00
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Nov. 3	donation: Jack Freeman	100.00
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	donation: Blackbaud	20.00
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	CCCB merchandise sales	601.00
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Nov. 15	donation: Kenneth McDonough,	48.06
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(CCCB via PayPal)

Total receipts		5,769.06
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## Expenses

Oct. 20	John Nikolai, postage,	12.68
	THINK, modify banner	35.00
Nov. 11	Allam. Clayton Electric	44.66
Nov. 13	Alpine Communications	17.22
	Total Expenses	109.56

Nov. 16 – current balance \$30,372.92

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

Stone agreed to contact Marge Costigan to give her a Wendell Mohr print and a set of Gordy Callison prints as an expression of thanks for her donation.

## OLD BUSINESS

1 – STABLE PROGRESS – Lenth reported that Dale Kittleson and his assistant worked more on the Stable posts and beams on November 16, and they hoped to finish the work soon. (Indeed, Kittleson finished his work at the Stable on November 17.)

Pollock said the Amish crew will not work on the roof until next spring.

2 – BRIDGE LIGHTING – The annual bridge lighting will be Saturday, November 20, from 4-6 p.m., with the lights turned on at 5 p.m. Pollock said the Conservation Board staff would provide cookies and hot chocolate. Jane Metcalf and Margaret Stone also are making cookies.

Lenth said the Littleport Fire Department will have their annual soup and sandwich benefit supper from 4-8 p.m. on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

3 – ARCHITECT PLANS FOR INN – Pollock has met again with Mike Tucker of Martin-Gardner to work out details of the Inn renovation plans. The hope is to have final drawings next month to allow for review by state and federal historic agencies before the contract letting in the spring of 2022.

4 – TURBINE PRESERVATION – Schoen received some photos from the Maryland Archaeological Conservation Laboratory of the ongoing work to preserve the wooden turbines. The stabilization and documentation have been completed, and work is underway to clean the hardware prior to the disassembly. There was no prediction of when the process will be completed.

5 - VOLUNTEER PROJECTS – Volunteers have been sorting and moving excess or unneeded lumber. Lenth is considering how to build grain and flour bins on the second floor.

Jon deNeui and Doug Wolfe have picked up more of Jon's tools and other possessions from Motor. A few threaded steel rods remain.

On November 23, the volunteers will plan to move the TV and merchandise to Osborne for the winter.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1 – YEAR-END DONATIONS – Pollock said she would prepare fliers to give to people who attend the bridge lighting on November 20. Harkrader will try to find a mailing list so we can send letters to potential donors.

2 – BASEMENT POST REPLACEMENT – Nikolai still has been unable to speak directly with Alyswoth House movers about helping replace the four posts near the road in the Mill basement.

3 – WENDELL MOHR PRINTS – The board discussed how to distribute the Wendell Mohr prints that were donated by Paula Mohr. Stone moved to give a print to anyone who donates \$2,500 or more to the Foundation. Beck seconded. Carried.

4 – DONATED PRINTS – Pollock said she has been contacted by family members who wanted to keep photos that had been donated to the Foundation by the Clayton County Genealogical Society. The board agreed that a compromise might be for the Foundation to make high-quality copies and return the originals to the family.

5 – INTERNSHIP – Pollock and Harkrader hope to advertise for a college student or retiree to work as an intern and/or tour guide in 2022. The position would be through the Conservation Board, rather than with a Silos and Smokestacks grant.

## **REPORTS**

1 - TRRC – Stone attended a Turkey River Recreational Corridor meeting on October 5. Items of discussion included:

- Indecision on the Elkader to Elgin trail study done by MSA;
- Fayette County repairs after the late-August flood event cost \$100-\$150,000;
- Northeast Iowa RC&D is doing a study of the potential benefits of electric vehicle charging stations.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Morine moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Zichal seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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