

Tuesday, November 15, 2016  
Motor Mill Foundation  
Minutes

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation was held on Tuesday November 15, 2016 at the Osborne Nature Center. Chairman John Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Members present were David Beck (acting secretary in Larry Stone's absence), Bob Bente, Lee Lenth, Jon deNeui, Ken Zichal, Jane Metcalf and Chuck Morine. Representing the Clayton County Conservation Board was Abbey Harkrader. Dean Refle was recognized as our guest.

**Agenda:**

A report on the TRRC by Jane Metcalf was added to the agenda.

**Minutes:**

Chuck moved to approve the minutes of the October 18 meeting. Jon deNeui 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

**Treasurer's report:**

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Morine presented the following financial report:

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| Sept. 20 – Beginning balance                      | \$8,776.13    |
| Receipts  |               |
| TOTAL RECIEPTS                                    | \$00.00       |
| Expenses  |               |
| Oct. 20 – Alpine Communications                   | \$14.52       |
| Nov. 14 – Allamakee Clayton Elec.                 | \$34.41       |
| TOTAL EXPENSES                                    | \$48.93       |
| CURRENT BALANCE                                   | \$8,727.20    |
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| CONSERVATION RESERVE                              |               |
| Sept. 21, 2016 balance brought forward (negative) | (\$43,807.69) |
| Expenses – Norby's – 3 bags Quikrete              | \$11.07       |
| Oct. 18, 2016 balance carried forward (negative)  | (\$43,818.76) |

Treasurer Chuck Morine read the treasurer's report. Lee Lenth made a motion to approve. Jon deNeui 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

**Old Business:**

John Nikolai read the grant award totals from the Upper Mississippi Gaming Corp. and to what mill projects those funds will be appropriated.

An update on the Smokehouse Roof project was given. The Amish would be coming on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> to do the work.

Chuck Morine declared the floors in the mill were completed as of 12:20 PM on Tuesday November 15, 2016 and the mill roof is repaired.

Jon deNeui presented results and continuing progress to replace the interior posts in the mill basement. Lee Lenth suggested the replacement of the other posts be done before the silt is

removed.

Motion by Jon deNeui to proceed in replacing the other 7 posts. Lee Lenth 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

**New Business:**

John Nikolai presented statistics and a map showing the number of visitors to the mill and where they came from. 1054 visitors in 2016.

Motion by Lee Lenth to prepare a tour schedule in advance for 2017. Jon deNeui 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

Motion by John Nikolai to give the log book to the Conservation Board to transfer e-mail addresses to their database for future correspondence. Chuck Morine 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

Decision was made to table the discussion of an intern until the next meeting.

A discussion of tour weekends for 2017 ensued. Decision was made to be open on the weekends of the Clayton County Fair and Labor Day for a consistent flow of weekends.

Jane Metcalf gave a report of the TRRC.

John Nikolai announced there was no sound recording for the Motor Mill Memories event.

Jon deNeui presented the architectural drawings of the mill complex.

Chuck Morine presented an award given to Motor Mill from National Geo-Tourism.

**Closing Notes:**

John Nikolai announced the next meeting will be Tuesday December 20, 2016.

Motion to adjourn made by Lee Lenth. Jane Metcalf 2<sup>nd</sup>. Carried.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by David Beck, acting secretary in the absence of Secretary Larry Stone.