

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

December 17, 2019

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The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2019, at the Osborne Conservation Center. President John Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Other members present were Ken Zichal, Lee Lenth, Jane Metcalf, Jon deNeui, Chris Schoen, Mark Yackel-Juleen, Larry Stone, and Chuck Morine. Clayton County Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock and naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended. Mallory Hanson, representing the Turkey River Recreational Corridor (TRRC), was a guest.

AGENDA

Harkrader asked to add two agenda items: an invoice from Jansen Products for website services, and discussion of applying for an Iowa Tourism award. Stone moved to approve the agenda with those additions. Zichal seconded. Carried.

MINUTES

Morine moved to approve the minutes of the Nov. 19, 2019, meeting as distributed. Lenth seconded. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Morine noted a 27-cent correction in the October financial report due to transposed figures. He submitted the following report for November:

Date	Credit	Balance
Oct. 19 – beginning balance		\$40,425.61
RECEIPTS		
Nov. 25 - bridge lighting		
Merchandise sales		41.00
Bench and bird house sales		240.00
Donations		95.00
Dec. 13 – responses to fund raising letter		
Harold & Deanna Krambeer		500.00
4 other donations		200.00

Dec. 17 – 5 donations	204.12
Dec. 13 – merchandise sales	20.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,300.12

EXPENSES

Nov. 19 – CCCB, reimburse architecture fees	1,380.00
Nov. 19 – Jane Metcalf, bridge lights	59.90
Nov. 20 – Keppler Custom Hire, driveway for silt removal	867.50
Nov. 20 - SPOOM membership	50.00
Dec. 13 – Allam. Clayton Elec.	40.41
Dec. 13 – CCCB, fund raising letter	170.00
Dec. 13 – CCCB, reimburse architecture fees	\$4,830.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$7,397.81

Dec. 17 - CURRENT BALANCE \$34,327.92

Morine moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Yackel-Juleen seconded. Carried.

Morine also submitted two claims:

Reimburse CCCB for Feb. 20 speaker on Mark Twain and Huckleberry Finn- \$125;
Jansen Products – 6 months web hosting and domain - \$120

Metcalf submitted an additional claim of \$49.48 for cider and batteries purchased for the bridge lighting.

Stone moved to approve payment of the claims. Schoen seconded. Carried

.OLD BUSINESS

1 - TRRC REPORT -

Mallory Hanson, director of the Turkey River Recreational Corridor, commended the Foundation for being part of the TRRC, which also includes the cities of Elgin, Clermont, and Elkader, as well as Clayton and Allamakee Counties.

Some of the accomplishments involving TRRC include: dedication of the Turkey River Water Trail; support for rebuilding the Motor Mill bridge; designation of TRRC as an Iowa Great Place; completion of the trail bridge over the Turkey River at Elgin; restoration of the Clermont Depot; annually sponsoring the Turkey River Safari. Hanson said TRRC has helped leverage about \$8 million for these and other projects.

Hanson agreed to report to the Foundation annually.

2 – BRIDGE LIGHTING – The board agreed that the Nov. 23 bridge lighting was a success, with more than 100 people in attendance. Metcalf noted the need for safety lighting when the event is over. The board will consider using luminaria next year.

Zichal posed the idea of lighting the downstream wall of the Mill with LED lights year-round. He offered to buy lights, and moved to investigate the logistics of year-round lighting. Yackel-Juleen seconded. Carried.

Nikolai said volunteers plan to remove the bridge lights on Jan. 6.

3 - DISPOSAL OF BALLASTS – Nikolai delivered ballasts removed from old fluorescent light fixtures to a recycler in Manchester.

4 – DNR PERMIT FOR ROAD TO MILL BASEMENT – The DNR has approved a Sovereign Lands permit, and has issued a letter saying no flood plain permit is needed. A local flood plain permit from Clayton County is pending.

5 – ROOF REPAIR AND HATCH COVER – Lenth will coordinate with Amish carpenters, but the project will have to wait until spring.

6 – COOPERAGE GUTTERS – Nikolai said the installation straps have been installed, but the gutters will have to wait until spring.

7 – RESULTS OF FUND RAISING LETTER – The Foundation has received 10 donations totaling \$904.12 since the letter was sent out in November.

NEW BUSINESS

1 – RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS – Nikolai urged board members to speak one-on-one with potential volunteers.

2 – UPCOMING EVENTS – Dec. 19 – Trivia Night, Deb’s Brewtopia, 7 p.m.; Jan. 9, “Open for Business,” Osborne, 6 p.m.

3 – ONLINE DONATIONS – It was noted that it would be helpful to have physical addresses for people who donate online.

UPDATES

Nikolai said silt removal may have to wait until spring when a lime conveyor is available, and Schoen is able to monitor the work.

The board discussed applying for a grant from the Clayton County Foundation for the Future. The consensus was to make an application to support an intern.

Grants from other groups – such as the Iowa Barn Foundation - might be used to support repairs on the Stable. Pollock noted that Paula Mohr of the State Historic Preservation Office has requested photos of the Stable to review to determine what type of work might be appropriate in keeping with our National Register status.

Zichal proposed prioritizing the installation of electrical power into the Mill. deNeui described several possible options. Zichal moved to make the electrical power installation a priority. Lenth seconded. Carried. Nikolai noted the need to coordinate with the State Historic Preservation Office.

ADJOURNMENT

Lenth moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Zichal seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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