

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

(DRAFT)

July 20, 2021

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Those present included: Chuck Morine, John Nikolai, Larry Stone, Lee Lenth, Chris Schoen, and Clayton County Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock. Dan Slagel was a guest. Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. David Beck arrived at 7:35.

**NEW BOARD MEMBER**

Morine moved to accept Dan Slagel as a new member of the board for a 3-year term. Lenth seconded. Carried.

**AGENDA**

Stone moved to add an item of new business regarding a donation to the Motor Mill Foundation by the Clayton County Genealogical Society. Lenth seconded. Carried.

**MINUTES**

Morine moved to approve the June 15, 2021, minutes as distributed. Schoen seconded. Carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Morine submitted the following treasurer's report:

June 15	Beginning Balance	19,069.54
	Receipts	
June 21	merchandise sales	35.00
	bird house sales	20.00
	donations	126.00
June 29	merchandise sales	17.00
	bird house sales	15.00
	donations	30.00

July 3 & 10	merchandise sales	94.00	
	bench sale	100.00	
	donations	83.00	
Jul. 19	merchandise sales	30.00	
	bird house sales	25.00	
	donations	65.00	
	<i>Total Receipts</i>		<i>640.00</i>

#### Expenses

June 16	Alpine Communications	17.50	
July 12	Alla. Clayton Electric	49.53	
July 13	Esser's Clothing: merchandise	284.62	
July 16	Alpine Communications	17.40	
	<i>Total Expenses</i>		<i>369.05</i>

July 20 Current Balance 19,340.49

Stone moved to accept the treasurer's report. Schoen seconded. Carried.

#### **CLAIMS**

Morine moved to renew our annual Society for the Preservation of Old Mills (SPOOM) membership for \$50. Lenth seconded. Carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1 – TURBINES - Schoen had no new information. He said the Maryland laboratory tentatively had planned to begin dismantling the turbines this month.

2 – STABLE PROJECT – Stone reported that Josh Everitt, the concrete contactor, hopes to begin to remove the old concrete soon. But Dale Kittleson may not begin work on the posts and beams until late August.

3 – INN PROJECT – Pollock outlined fund raising efforts for restoration of the Inn. These included: a \$125,000 Iowa Rural Heritage Revitalization grant and a \$4,500 commitment from the Elkader City Council. Pollock also has applied for grants from: the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque; Alpine Communications (Aureon); Upper Mississippi Gaming; the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills (SPOOM); and Community Thrives (Mighty Cause.) It's also possible there may be Covid relief money available through the Clayton County Board of Supervisors.

Pollock shared a fund raising letter that has been sent to coincide with a challenge grant through Might Cause. If we raise \$3,000 online between July 19 and Aug. 13, we may be eligible for another \$100,000 grant.

4 – LIGHTING UPDATE – Slagel and other volunteers have finished installing light fixtures on the first four floors. Volunteers are continuing to paint conduit.

5 – INTERPRETIVE PLANNING MEETING – Pollock presented this proposed budget from NE Iowa RC&D for interpretive planning and displays: planning, \$27,500; content and script, \$7,500; design, \$25,000; conceptual renderings; \$10,000; fabrication, \$30,000. Total, \$100,000.

Pollock will apply to Silos and Smokestacks for a \$20,000 grant.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1 – GATE FOR ARCHES – Lenth has contacted Fannon Welding about submitting a plan for steel gates to close the Mill arches.

2 – UPPER MISSISSIPPI GAMING GRANT APPLICATION – Morine moved to authorize the board president to sign the application to UMGC for a grant for the Inn restoration. Schoen seconded. Carried.

3 – VISITS TO SCHECH'S AND PICKWICK MILLS – Tabled until Ken Zichal can be present.

4 – MILL TOUR FOR JULY 23 PADDLERS – Stone and Beck will be at the Mill the afternoon of Friday, July 23, to host paddlers from Dubuque and Jackson Counties after their float from Elkader.

5 – DONATION FROM CLAYTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – Beck showed the board two photos that were given to the Motor Mill Foundation by the Genealogical Society. One photo shows the children of Louis L. and Elizabeth Klink, who bought Motor Mill in 1903. The other was a photo of the Inn when it was being used as a farmhouse. The photos were saved by a neighbor of the late Beverly Klink, who was a daughter-in-law of Louis Klink.

## **REPORTS**

1 - TRRC – Stone attended the July 6 TRRC meeting in Clermont. Some items of discussion included: plans for July 9 and 10 trail counts; the large number of recreationists in the area over the July 4 holiday; the popularity of the Turkey River Safari; an Iowa Outdoors feature on TRRC by Brian Gibbs.

2 – ENDOWMENT – Nikolai reported that the balance in the Motor Mill Endowment, held by the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, is \$15,259.47. We would be able to spend \$400 this year if we choose.

## **DISCUSSION**

The board discussed setting priorities for Tuesday volunteer work days. Projects included: deciding the fate of old posts and beams piled near the Ice/Smoke House; painting conduit in the Mill; sorting wood in the Mill in preparation to selling unneeded lumber.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Morine moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Beck seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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