

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

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August 17, 2021

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2021, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Those present included: Chuck Morine, John Nikolai, Larry Stone, Dan Slagel, Mark Yackel-Juleen, Ken Zichal, Clayton County Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock, and Conservation Board naturalist Abbey Harkrader. Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

AGENDA

Stone moved to add an item of new business about selling the rubber tanks used in 2020 to soak the old turbines. Morine seconded. Carried.

MINUTES

Yackel-Juleen moved to approve the July 20, 2021, minutes as distributed. Zichal seconded. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Morine submitted the following treasurer's report:

July 20	Beginning balance	19,340.49
	Receipts	
July 26	donations: Michael Krieg	250.00
	Stanley Union Church Ladies	100.00
	Blackbaud	20.00
	merchandise sales	47.00
	bird houses	10.00
	donations	96.00
July 27	donation: Deana Krambeer	1,000.00

3 – INN PROJECT – Pollock said the Community Thrives effort so far has raised \$4,025 online via Mighty Cause, plus \$3310 in other donations. We may be eligible for additional money from Mighty Cause because we scored in the upper one-fourth of applicants.

Pollock has submitted a grant application to Upper Mississippi Gaming.

She is seeking letters of support from Clayton County businesses to submit August 24 with the Community Attractions and Tourism (CAT) grant application.

Conservation Board employee Kenny Slocum tentatively plans to play for a “date night” fund raising concert at the Stable on September 30. Turkey River Farm will offer hors d’oeuvres.

Paula Mohr, with the State Historic Preservation Office, has offered to donate a number of Motor Mill art prints by her late father, Wendell Mohr.

4 – VISITS TO MILLS? – Zichal will be away several weeks in September, but he will try to contact Pickwick Mill and Schech’s Mill to consider possible options for us to visit when the mills are operating.

5 – RENOVATIONS PHOTOS – Stone has nothing new to report on locating “before and after” photos. Nikolai suggested arranging photos in 5-year increments.

NEW BUSINESS

1 – RESOLUTION FOR SILOS AND SMOKESTACKS GRANT – Morine moved to pass a resolution of support to apply for a Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area large program award for the Inn project. Yackel-Juleen seconded. Roll call vote: Morine, Nikolai, Zichal, Slagel, Yackel-Juleen, and Stone all voted aye. No one opposed. Carried unanimously.

2 – SALE OF TURBINE TUBS – Zichal moved to approve the sale of the used turbine tubs to Diana Elsinger for \$100 each, or 50% of the new price. Stone seconded. Carried.

REPORTS

1 - TRRC – The TRRC committee did not meet in August.

2 – INFRARED TRAIL COUNTERS – Pollock reported that she’s still trying to fine-tune the counters on the Motor Mill trail to get accurate results that are not affected by environmental conditions.

UPDATES

The Conservation Board has signed an updated Partner Site Memorandum of Understanding with Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area.

The Board thanked Pollock for her grant writing efforts and success.

ADJOURNMENT

Zichal moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Stone seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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