

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

(DRAFT)

June 21, 2022

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Those present included: John Nikolai, Larry Stone, Dan Slagel, Chuck Morine, Ken Zichal, David Beck, Lee Lenth, and Chris Schoen. Clayton County Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock also attended. Chairman Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:06 p. m.

AGENDA

Lenth moved to add an agenda item to discuss increasing the headroom in the basement stairway. Morine seconded. The agenda was approved with that addition.

MINUTES

Morine moved to approve the minutes of the May 17 meeting as distributed. Lenth seconded. Carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Morine presented the following treasurer’s report:

May. 17	Beginning balance	38,855.88
	Receipts	
May 27	donation; Amazon	6.03
May 31	donation; Blackbaud	20.00
	merchandise sales	19.00
	passport sales	20.00
	donations	48.00
Jun. 03	donations; Boy Scout campers	50.00

Jun. 14	bench & bird house sales	130.00
	merchandise sales	18.00
	donations; [2 weekends]	87.00
	donation; Mary Green	20.00
	donation; Blackbaud	50.00
	donation; Randal Moss /CCCB /Pay Pal	242.28
Jun. 20	merchandise sales	5.00
	donations	43.00
	Total Receipts	758.31
	Expenses	
Jun. 03	Think Custom Sign; dam beam sign	146.10
Jun. 11	David Beck, flashlight battery	10.67
	Allamakee Electric	44.09
Jun. 17	Alpine	16.88
	Total Expenses	217.74
	June 21 - Current Balance	39,396.45

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

OLD BUSINESS

1 - LUMBER FROM MILL – Slagel said most of the excess lumber has been removed from the upper three floors. Some was taken to the campground for firewood, some was hauled to Osborne to be burned, some is being saved, and some will be sold.

2 – TURBINE RESTORATION – Schoen has received no new report.

3 – FIFTH FLOOR JOISTS – Nikolai said volunteers plan to splice in (“sister”) new floor joists to strengthen weak joists on fifth floor of Mill.

4 – INN UPDATE – Pollock said the Conservation Board has about \$300,000 in grants and donations for the Inn restoration project. She also plans to apply for an Iowa Great Places grant, with the pre-application due in August. She’s waiting to solicit more donations until we’ve requested bids and the final costs are more certain.

5 - STABLE ROOF – The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) has advised caution in moving ahead with how to repair the Stable roof to assure that nothing is done to jeopardize the National Register status. Board members are continuing to research how and when the roof was changed to a hip roof.

Installing electricity in the stable also should be delayed until the roof repairs are completed. Schoen will contact Upper Mississippi Gaming staff to bring them up to date on the work that has been completed and proposed.

6 – STORIES IN STONE VIDEO – Beck will contact Joleen Jansen to determine whether it’s feasible to edit the video to correct the reference to 3 turbines, rather than 4.

7 – INTERPRETIVE PLAN – RC&D hopes to have the final draft of the interpretive plan and a new logo by the July 14 committee meeting.

8 – 3-D SCAN OPTIONS – Slagel and Pollock received proposals from two companies. DMI LLC of Dubuque made a lump sum bid of \$9,857.05. Laser Design of Minneapolis made separate bids for each of the site’s elements, with a total of \$33,3375.

The goal would be to obtain 3-D virtual images of the buildings and site to aid in visualizing the historic conditions and in planning future projects.

After considerable discussion, Lenth moved to authorize Slagel to contact DMI to discuss the cost and feasibility of doing a scan of the Inn to learn if the results would be satisfactory. Zichal seconded. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1 – BUILD-UP OF DEBRIS ON BRIDGE PIER – Pollock agreed to contact County Engineer Rafe Koopman about the possibility of removing the tree debris that has built up on the center pier of the bridge.

2 – TURKEY RIVER SAFARI – Pollock said the Turkey River Recreational Corridor (TRRC) has provided Turkey River Safari backpacks, which contain a Safari booklet and crayons. Children are encouraged to visit Safari sites, where they may do a rubbing of the site emblem. The emblem at Motor is on a post behind the county attractions sign at the parking lot. There are free backpacks at Motor and Osborne.

3 – MILL BASEMENT STAIRWAY – Lenth said he has found a way to remove a header over the basement stairway to give more headroom without doing structural damage to the building. The consensus was for him to proceed with the work.

REPORTS and UPDATES

1 - TRRC – Schoen and Slagel attended the Turkey River Recreational Corridor zoom meeting on June 7. Much of the discussion involved the Motor Inn project, and the Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI).

Pollock noted that the Clayton County Board of Supervisors has agreed to contribute \$5,000 to TRRC, and supervisor Steve Doepke has begun attending TRRC meetings.

2 – STEVE BEAUMONT – Stone said long-time volunteer Steve Beaumont of Garber died on Friday, June 17. There will be an informal celebration of life at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, at Motor Mill. Foundation members are encouraged to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Beck moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Schoen seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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