

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

(DRAFT)

July 19, 2022

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Those present included: John Nikolai, Chuck Morine, David Beck, Lee Lenth, and Chris Schoen. Clayton County Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock and Naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended. Chairman Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

AGENDA

Nikolai asked to add an agenda item to discuss a marketing banner partnership. Morine moved to accept the amended agenda, Lenth seconded. The agenda was approved with that addition.

MINUTES

Schoen moved to approve the minutes of the June 21 meeting as distributed. Lenth seconded. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Morine presented the following treasurer's report:

Date	Debit	Credit	Balance
Jun. 21	Beginning Balance		39,396.45

Receipts

Jun. 24 Steve Beaumont memorials:

Larry Stone		100.00	
Chuck Morine		100.00	
Susan Erem		100.00	
Jul. 05 donations 6 / 26		124.00	
merchandise sales 7 / 2		20.00	
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Jul. 09 donations		57.00	
merchandise sales		40.00	

Jul. 15	donation: Tamilla Richter	200.00
	donations	41.00
	merchandise sales	14.00
Jul. 15	donation; Alane Swales	100.00
	Mark Batchelder	500.00
	Linda Gardner	10.00
	Blackbaud	20.00
Jul. 16	donations	60.00
	merchandise sales	57.00

Total Receipts **1,547.00**

Expenses

Jul. 06	SPOOM membership	50.00
Jul, 08	John Nikolia; memorial expenses	61.51
Jul. 08	Alla. Clayton Electric	47.37
Jul. 16	Alpine Communications	17.48

Total Expenses **176.36**

Current Balance **40,767.09**

Claims: None

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

OLD BUSINESS

- 1 - LUMBER FROM MILL – Finished inventorying lumber and designating some to save for various projects including a possible 2nd set of stairs.
2. - LUMBER INVENTORY – Inventory list complete and ready for cost estimate from Crystal at Mueser's Lumber.
3. – TURBINE RESTORATION – Schoen has received no new report.
- 4 – SISTERING 4TH FLOOR RAFTERS – Nikolai said volunteers moved wood and plan to wait for a cool day to splice in ("sister") new rafters to strengthen weak joists on fifth floor of Mill.

5 – FIFTH FLOOR REPLACEMENT OF FLOORING – Lumber has been set aside to replace flooring along the riverside of 5th floor. Volunteers plan to either move the smutter or work around it to replace damaged flooring.

6 – INTERPRETIVE PLAN – RC&D met with the committee Thursday for partial review and hopes to have the final draft of the interpretive plan by the end of the month. A new logo was reviewed and several changes were suggested to the outline and arches in the graphic. Interpretation and flow of traffic in the Mill was reviewed and suggestions were made to add stairs and safety guides to the grinding platform area to aid interpretation, a children's area upstairs with buildings to create a town, and a turbine exhibit area. Committee also reviewed ideas for furnishings in the Inn and which era to focus on.

7 – NEW VIDEO – Nikolai suggested creating a new video with a collection of interesting stories and reminisces – Pollock said to hold off as this is the type of thing that the new interpretive plan will guide and help with.

Lenth mentioned we need a way to better interpret the how the water flowed from the river, into the mill, and down through the turbines

8 – SMART PHONE TOURS– Pollock said this also will be addressed with the new interpretive plan. Wi-fi is part of the interpretive plan and the completion of the inn project. Wi-fi will allow us to integrate smart phones, QR codes, internet access, online donations and more to enhance visitor experiences.

9 – HISTORIC PHOTO PROJECT – Nothing new to report from Stone.

Beck was successful finding an older photo of the Lawrence Beck farm prior to the raised roof. The site was the Beck farm from 1948-1978. He believes the photo was from the early years they lived there. He plans to contact Mildred Kennedy Beck to see what she remembers and any old photos she may have.

10 – VISITS TO OTHER MILLS – No visits due to difficulty scheduling a date.

NEW BUSINESS

1 - MARKETING BANNER PARTNERSHIP – Nikolai suggested partnering with Clayton County Development Group to order Pop-up marketing banners. Pollock pointed out Motor Mill already has 3 pop-up banners that can be used to market the mill. Nikolai plans to rotate them in community businesses.

REPORTS and UPDATES

1 - TRRC – Schoen and Slagel attended the Turkey River Recreational Corridor zoom meeting on July 5. Much of the discussion involved the visioning plan for

trail projects. Fayette County transferred funds toward a possible trail from Gilbertson toward Elkader.

Also discussed was the Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) this month and the high success of the Turkey River Safari. They are almost out of Safari Kits. Updates included the Keystone Bridge and Motor Mill.

2 – STEVE BEAUMONT –Thank you note shared from his sister Becky Sabin.

3 – Beck shared research into errors in the Kate Keen story. His research shows that an interview with an aged Realtor Price has been widely reprinted that contained a mistaken memory of the riverboat built in Elkader. Earlier newspaper articles show that the "Kate Keen" was at Clayton and the "Elkader Number One" was the one built earlier in Elkader and had the adventure traveling down the Turkey River, not the Kate Keen.

ADJOURNMENT

Schoen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Lenth seconded. Carried.

Submitted by:

Abbey Harkrader