

## Motor Mill Foundation

### Minutes

(DRAFT)

August 16, 2022

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Those present included: John Nikolai, Larry Stone, Dan Slagel, Chuck Morine, Ken Zichal, David Beck, Lee Lenth, Jane Metcalf, and Chris Schoen. Clayton County Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock and naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended. Chairman Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:10 p. m.

### **AGENDA**

Morine moved to add additional correspondence to the agenda. Zichal seconded. Carried.

### **MINUTES**

Morine moved to approve the minutes of the July 19 meeting as distributed. Slagel seconded. Carried.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Morine presented the following treasurer's report:

Jul. 19	Beginning Balance	40,767.09
	Receipts	
Aug. 1	donations 7/23	2.00
	donations 7/30	71.00
	merchandise sales	25.00
	donation; Blackbaud	20.00
	C.C.C. merchandise sales	283.00

Aug. 15	donations 8/6	35.00	
	merchandise sales 8/6	26.00	
	donations 8/13	12.00	
	merchandise sales 8/13	36.00	
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>510.00</b>	
	<b>Expenses</b>		
Aug. 08	Allamakee, Clayton Electric	46.94	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>46.94</b>	
Aug. 16	Current balance		41,230.15

Metcalf moved to accept the treasurer's report. Zichal seconded. Carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1 – MILL PROJECTS – The board discussed progress on various volunteer projects. Compromised joists have been repaired. Basement posts have been replaced.

Morine suggested using concrete curbs and gutters to move water from the road upstream so it could run into the river, rather than into the basement.

Other items awaiting work include: building a furniture for the millstones; repairing flooring; closing spaces left open for a possible stairways; installing a gate on the arches; possible access to upper floor of Cooperage.

The board agreed that it might be wise to wait for recommendations in the master interpretive plan to make a decision on second floor bins or the Cooperage floor.

2 – 3-D LASER SCANS - Following previous discussions about the cost of 3-D laser scans, Slagel asked two companies for quotes on scanning only the Inn. Laser Designs submitted a new estimate of about \$5,300, while DMI LLC bid

about \$2,500. After some discussion, the board took no action, while agreeing that scans to document the historic site would be useful.

Pollock noted that staff from the Department of Cultural Affairs would be making videos before, during, and after the Inn Restoration.

3 – LUMBER SALE – Nikolai received estimates from Meuser Lumber of the retail value of some of the types of excess lumber the board hopes to sell. Morine suggested that our used lumber should bring about 30% of that price.

In preparation for a “garage sale” of the lumber, volunteers will put price tags on the lumber on August 23. The sale date has not been set.

4 – TURBINE RESTORATION – Schoen has not received any more information from Maryland about the turbine restoration project.

5 – MASTER INTERPRETIVE PLAN – Pollock has not yet received the final plan.

6 – VISITS TO OTHER MILLS – Zichal will contact Schech’s Mill to propose Sept. 10 as a possible date for Motor Mill Foundation members to visit. We would hope to visit Pickwick Mill on the same trip.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1 – VIDEO SHOWING RIVER PATH THROUGH TURBINES – The board agreed to consider video ideas when visiting other mills.

Nikolai urged Stone to compile photos to use in a video showing restoration progress at Motor Mill.

## **REPORTS and UPDATES**

1 – INN RESTORATION – Pollock reported that the Conservation Board approved a contract with Steege Construction of Waverly to renovate the Inn. However, the \$639,450 bid was 35% above the architect’s estimate of about \$473,000.

Pollock said the Conservation Board already has about \$300,000 in grants and donations, and she voiced confidence that it will be possible to raise the rest. An example is an Iowa Great Places grant, which requires a one-to-one match. Another \$25,000 pledge would allow the Conservation Board to apply for a \$325,000 grant, which would mean the project’s cost would be covered.

Schoen moved that the Motor Mill Foundation pledge \$25,000 toward the Inn project. Stone seconded. Carried.

2 – TRRC – Schoen attended a TRRC meeting via ZOOM. Much of the discussion was about RAGBRAI passing through northeast Iowa. There also

were reports on the repair of Elkader's Keystone Arch Bridge and the Elgin to Elkader trail.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Beck moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Zichal seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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