

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

(DRAFT)

November 15, 2022

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Those present included: John Nikolai, Mark Yackel-Juleen, Larry Stone, Dan Slagel, Chuck Morine, Ken Zichal, 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 7:04 p. m.

AGENDA

Schoen asked to add an item about the turbine preservation. Stone moved to approve the addition along with original agenda items proposed by Pollock and Harkrader. Yackel-Juleen seconded. Carried.

MINUTES

Morine moved to approve the minutes of the October 18 meeting as distributed. Slagel seconded. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Morine presented the following treasurer's report:

Oct. 18	Beginning balance	18,061.67
Receipts		
Oct .24	donations	206.00
	merchandise sales	14.00
	bird house sales	10.00
	lumber sales	170.00
	return of change	120.00

Nov. 03	merchandise sales		20.00
	donations		9.00
	lumber sales		285.00
	donation: Blackbaud		30.00

Nov. 09	lumber sales	70.00	
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Total Receipts			934.00
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Expenses

Nov. 03	thINK, modify banner	35.00	
	Esser's	81.32	

Nov. 08	Dan Slagel, mill book	85.42	
	Courier Press, advertising	43.00	

Nov. 09	Alla. Clayton Electric	52.82	
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Nov. 10	Esser's	95.23	
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Total Expenses		392.79	
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Current balance 11-15-22		18,602.88	
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Zichal moved to accept the treasurer's report. Schoen seconded. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1 – BRIDGE LIGHTS – Pollock said the Conservation Board staff and other volunteers will have cookies and hot chocolate to serve at the bridge lighting on Saturday, November 19. The Mill will be open from 4:30 to 6 p.m., with the lights turned on at 5 p.m. There also will be a soup supper to benefit the Littleport Fire Department at the Littleport Church.

2 – TURBINE RESTORATION – Schoen said it would cost \$363.66 per month to store the turbines in Maryland until spring. Thus, he and Nikolai plan to go get them the last week in November.

NEW BUSINESS

1 – DESTINATION IOWA GRANT – Pollock requested that the Foundation sign on as a co-applicant for the \$150,000 grant the Conservation Board is applying for to help pay for Inn restoration. Slagel moved that the Foundation join the application. Morine seconded. Carried.

Pollock also reported that she has been in contact with Shawver Well and Fehr-Graham Engineering about options for a well to serve the Inn. The choices seem to be a new well, or horizontal drilling through the bluff from the campground well. She will investigate further.

Schoen noted that the State Historic Preservation Office may have concerns about whether a well house might not be appropriate close to the historic buildings.

2 – MATERIALS TO STORE AT MOTOR IN WINTER – Morine said he plans to take all the merchandise and clothing to Osborne, but probably will leave brochures and other display items.

REPORTS and UPDATES

1 – SPECIAL TOUR – Morine will give a tour to the Jerry and Sandy Kramer family on November 25.

2 – HOLIDAY WALK – The Conservation Board's annual Holiday Walk will be Dec. 1 at Motor. It will feature people portraying characters involved in Motor Mill history.

ADJOURNMENT

Metcalf moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Zichal seconded. Carried.

INTERPRETIVE MASTER PLAN

Most board members stayed after the Foundation meeting to review the Interpretive Master Plan to prepare for a final meeting with Northeast Iowa RC&D on December 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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