Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

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February 21, 2023

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Those present included: Dan Slagel, Chuck Morine, Ken Zichal, Jane Metcalf, Mark Yackel-Juleen, David Beck, Larry Stone, Chris Schoen, and Clayton County Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock. Naturalist Abbey Harkrader participated via zoom. Don Venteicher was a guest. Vicechair Zichal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m.

The board observed a moment of silent prayer in memory of John Nikolai, who died suddenly on February 12.

### **AGENDA**

Morine asked to add two items to the agenda: 1) a review of the by-laws to determine how to fill the vacancy left by Nikolai's death; 2) set a committee to review materials from Nikolai's files. Stone moved to approve the agenda with those additions. Schoen seconded, Carried.

### **MINUTES**

Stone moved to approve the minutes of the Jan. 17 minutes as submitted with minor corrections. Yackel-Juleen seconded. Carried.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Morine presented the following treasurer's report:

Jan. 16 beginning balance 23,559.78

Receipts

Jan. 17 donation: Laura Elsinger & Chris Schoen 200.00

donation: Carole Eldeen 50.00

Feb. 09 – Blackbaud 20.00

donation: Bill & Lori Tangeman 100.00

Total Receipts 370.00

## Expenses

| Jan. 26 | E-TAB, tax prep.               | 215.00 |
|---------|--------------------------------|--------|
| Feb. 08 | Allamakee Clayton Electric     | 42.77  |
| Feb. 08 | West Bend Mutual Insurance Co. | 400.00 |
| Feb. 18 | Alpine Communications          | 17.45  |

Total Expenses 675.22

Feb. 20 - Current Balance 23,254.56

Morine said the 2022 Federal income tax form and the 2022 Iowa sales tax form have been filed.

He also said the Foundation so far has received at least \$765 in memorial donations for John Nikolai.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1 – INN UPDATE – Pollock showed a few photos of the progress of work to renovate the Inn. The concrete floor has been poured, doorways cut through the interior stone walls to the rear rooms, and heating/air conditioning systems have been installed. Much of the electrical wiring is complete. The anticipated completion date is June 30.

Pollock is negotiating with West Union Trenching to drill in a 2-inch water line from the campground well to the Inn. The distance is about 700 feet, with the cost not to exceed \$43,800.

2 – INTERPRETIVE MASTER PLAN – The IMP committee met Feb. 16. The group discussed several logo options, which NE Iowa RC&D is revising per the committee's suggestions.

The consensus of the committee was to design a rack card to be distributed off site as a way to attract visitors. Then we could have an 11x17 tri-fold brochure and map to give to people on site.

3 – TURBINE DISPLAY – Slagel said the plan is to set the refurbished turbine up on a bearing, with a partial penstock around it and a partial shaft extending upward. The entire apparatus would be enclosed in Plexiglas or glass.

Slagel has been in touch with Tim Kramer, who was interested in buying some of the surplus lumber that is for sale. Slagel will meet with him, but said he will save any lumber than we may be able to use in the turbine display.

4 – INN FURNISHING COMMITTEE – Metcalf said the Inn furnishing committee has chosen a light color for wall paint and a darker shade for trim.

The committee likes the idea of iron bed frames for all of the bedrooms. Other furniture needs are: an antique table that will seat at least 8; commodes to put beside beds; parlor tables; and side chairs.

Thew committee suggested adding a picture rail so that decorations and artwork can be hung without damaging plaster walls. Some art could include enlarged copies of historic Motor Mill invoices, or pages from James Crosby's journals, (with permission from the Garnavillo Historical Society.)

The committee's next meeting is at 8 a.m. March 6 at the Inn.

5 – UPCOMING EVENTS – The public is invited to a Motor Mill Memories gathering at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 25, at Osborne.

The Motor Motor 5k/10 K race is March 18.

The Conservation Board has hired a Motor Mill intern, who will begin work on May 8.

The Turkey River Safari kickoff is June 10 at Motor.

6 – BY-LAWS – Morine said we may fill a vacancy at any time, or the vice-chair may continue to serve until the next board election. Zichal agreed to serve.

Stone moved to appoint Don Venteicher as a new board member. Beck seconded. Carried.

7 – NIKOLAI ARCHIVES – Schoen, Zichal, and Stone agreed to help Morine sort through Motor Mill materials given to the Foundation by the Nikolai family. The group will meet at Osborne at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1.

TRRC – Schoen attended the Feb. 7 meeting of the Turkey River Recreational Corridor. He said the TRRC is closely following the work on the Motor Inn.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Beck moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Metcalf seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry A. Stone, secretary
Motor Mill Foundation