

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

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May 16, 2023

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Those present included: Dan Slagel, Chuck Morine, Jane Metcalf, Ken Zichal, Larry Stone, Chris Schoen, Lee Lenth, Don Venteicher, Clayton County Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock, CCCB naturalist Abbey Harkrader, and intern Becca Patten. Vice-chair Zichal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m.

AGENDA

Morine asked to add an item about passport booklets. Stone asked to add an item about a proposed donation of a Mill model by the late Fred Phelps.

Lenth moved to approve the agenda with those additions. Slagel seconded. Carried.

MINUTES

Morine moved to approve the minutes of the April 18 meeting as distributed. Schoen seconded. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Morine presented the following treasurer's report:

Apr. 18	Beginning balance		26,384.44
	Receipts		
Apr. 19	donation - Nikolai memorial		265.00
	Donation - Blackbaud		20.00
May 2	donation		5.00
May 12	donation - Blackbaud		30.00
	Total Receipts		320.00
	Expenses		
May 10	Alla. Clayton Electric	44.84	
	Total Expenses	44.84	
May 16	Current balance	26,659.60	

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

OLD BUSINESS

1 – INN UPDATE – Pollock has been involved in discussions with the tuck pointer about how much will need to be done (more than was specified in the contract!) and how to match the different colors of mortar on different parts of the building.

She is coordinating with Clayton County Secondary Roads about the location of the parking pad. Jud Francis is continuing to plaster, hoping to begin on the first floor soon. Young's Painting is painting trim. The contractor had a minor dumpster fire, which raised local concerns but apparently did no damage.

Steege still is on track to complete the job by June 30.

2 – TURBINE DISPLAY – Slagel said Conservation Board staff assisted volunteers in moving the preserved turbine from the Icehouse into the Mill on May 16. The turbine now sits on a support platform with a simulated a steel support bearing and center shaft. Slagel is working on a partial penstock and a tub to place behind the turbine. The next steps will be to enclose the display in plexiglass and to add appropriate lighting.

3 – INN FURNISHINGS – Metcalf said we have had donations of several pieces of furniture: a rocker, a crock, occasional chairs, a settee, side tables, a chest. Kevin Ihde has volunteered to build a nine-foot table. A couch and wrought-iron beds have been ordered.

Harkrader said she, Metcalf, and Margaret Stone have been looking at various historical documents and/or photos to put on the walls. They hope to find items that are appropriate for each of the three bedrooms, which will be named for the Klink, Kuehl, and Beck families. Historic picture frames may be needed.

4 – INTERPRETIVE COMMITTEE – Pollock showed MMF members a draft design for the on-site brochure. It will not be ready when the Mill opens for tours on May 27, but should be available for the Inn grand opening on July 15.

5 – DUST CONTROL – Pollock has arranged for lignin dust control from the Stable to the Icehouse to be applied in June.

8 – JOHN NIKOLAI MEMORIAL – As authorized at the April 18 meeting, Slagel presented the proof of 11x14 etched aluminum plaque including a photo of John Nikolai and a brief text. Morine moved to proceed to have the plaque completed by THINK. Lenth seconded. Carried. The plaque should be ready in three weeks. The cost is just under \$1000.

NEW BUSINESS

1 – MILL CLEANING – Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. on May 20 to clean the Mill in preparation for the May 27 opening for tours.

The board discussed removing a number of inappropriate items from the Mill, such as two platform scales, a table with a hand grinder, a four sack that has been chewed on by mice, and old fluorescent light fixtures.

2 – UPCOMING EVENTS - The kickoff of the Turkey River Recreational Corridor Safari is at Motor at 10 a.m. on June 10.

A VIP open house tour of the Inn is planned for Friday, July 15. The public grand opening will be July 15

3 – TWO-YEAR PROJECT PLAN – Slagel and Zichal prepared a list of priority projects and estimated costs to guide the foundation's work. Jobs ranged from replacing Cooperage windows to repairing the Mill shingles to basement silt mitigation.

4 – OPENING WEEKEND – Morine, Slagel, and Dave Beck will work with and mentor Patten on the May 27 opening tour weekend.

5 – PASSPORT BOOKS – We apparently have four National Park Service passport books for sale. Visitors can request a Motor Mill stamp on the Silos and Smokestacks page. The board agreed not to order any more passport books at this time.

6 – PHELPS MODEL OF MILL – After considerable discussion, the board agreed that a large carving/model of Motor Mill by the late Fred Phelps was not an appropriate item to interpret in the Mill. Stone agreed to thank Evelyn Moore and Mildred Kennedy for their offer to donate it.

7 – SCHECH'S MILL – Zichal will contact the owner of Schech's Mill to invite him to Motor for a tour.

TRRC

Slagel, Schoen, and Pollock attended the May 2 TRRC meeting. Minutes have been distributed to MMF members.

ADJOURNMENT

Metcalf moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Slagel seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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