Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

(DRAFT)

November 21, 2023

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Those present included: Ken Zichal, Chuck Morine, Larry Stone, Chris Schoen, and Jane Metcalf. Clayton County Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock and CCCB naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended. Dave Dudley was a guest. Zichal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m.

AGENDA

Zichal asked to add an item to discuss having a donation board to recognize donors. Stone moved to approve the agenda with that addition. Morine seconded. Carried.

MINUTES

Morine moved to approve the minutes of the October 17 meeting as distributed. Schoen seconded. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Morine presented the following treasurer's report:

Oct. 17 Beginning Balance	33,564.81		
Receipts			
Oct. 21 merchandise sales	10.00		
donation; Blackbaud	20.00		
C.C.C.B PayPal donations	387.60		
Lee Lenth; memorial donations	50.00		
donations	30.00		
Oct. 30 Lee Lenth; memorial donations	1,499.69		
Oct. 31 Credit card donations at Mill	101.97		
Nov. 08 Lee Lenth; memorial donations	785.00		
Nov. 14 John Metcalf memorial donations	70.00		
donation; Blackbaud	30.00		

Nov. 20	merchandise sales (bridge lighting)	134.00
donatio	ns (bridge lighting)	374.00
return o	of change	60.00
Total R	eceipts	3,552.26
Expen	ses	
Oct. 18	Alla Clayton Electric	66.90
Nov. 08	Alla Clayton Electric	65.16
Nov. 11	thINK; 2nd 1/2 payment, turbine cover	1,950.00
Nov. 17	Alpine Communications	17.57
Total Expenses		2,099.63

Nov. 21 Current Balance

35,017.44

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

Pollock distributed copies of the Motor Mill Endowment report, which showed a current balance of \$15,333.11.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1 TURBINE DISPLAY Zichal suggested preparing a cleaning kit with a microfiber cloth and dish soap, which are recommended for cleaning the acrylic case.
- 2 INN FURNISHINGS Pollock said the first Inn guests left several favorable online comments.

Zichal suggested installing window shades. He also offered to donate rugs.

The group agreed that the Inn open house added to the bridge lighting event. Even more lights will be considered next year.

3 – STABLE ROOF – Pollock said she hopes to be able receive bids for the roof repair early in 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

1 – BOLTERS FROM PICKWICK MILL – Zichal has been in touch with C. J. Moyna employees to ask if the equipment can be stored at Moyna's after we bring it from Winona, Minn. After some discussion, Pollock said the machines could be kept in the Stable temporarily, until Moyna employees could be available to help move them into the Mill.

Pollock said a Conservation Board staff member could use the CCCB pickup and fifth-wheel trailer to get the bolters from Pickwick. She will be in touch with Zichal about the time. Morine can use his tractor to unload the equipment at the Stable.

- 2 BRIDGE LIGHTING The board agreed that the November 18 bridge lighting was a huge success. Harkrader estimated that more than 200 people attended. The board discussed using more lights next year, especially solar lights along the road for safety.
- 3 DISPLAY CASES AT GARNAVILLO The Board discussed whether we are interested in the glass display cases the Garnavillo Museum had offered to donate. Pollock said they probably would not be useful in the Inn because they might interfere with traffic flow in the gift shop. The board took no action.
- 4 DONATION BOARD Zichal said we need to give more recognition to people and entities who make substantial donations to benefit the Motor Mill Historic Site. That might include plaques on individual items, or a board to list general donations. Zichal agreed to prepare a proposal for further discussion at the December meeting.

REPORT

TRRC – Pollock said the November Turkey River Recreational Corridor meeting was a visioning discussion about how to proceed now that the Iowa Great Places funding has been phased out.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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