

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

(DRAFT)

December 19, 2023

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Those present included: Kenneth Zichal, Chuck Morine, Larry Stone, Chris Schoen, Jane Metcalf, Dan Slagel, David Beck, Mark Yackel-Juleen, and Don Venteicher. Clayton County Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock and CCCB naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended. Zichal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p. m.

AGENDA

Slagel moved to approve the agenda as distributed. Venteicher seconded. Carried.

MINUTES

Morine moved to approve the minutes of the November 21 meeting as distributed. Beck seconded. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Morine presented the following treasurer's report:

Nov. 21 Beginning balance 35,017.44

RECEIPTS

Nov. 20 merchandise sales (Square) 24.94

Dec. 8 merchandise sales (Square) 15.29

Dec. 11 donations via CCCB

Mikes & Sandy Krieg 242.90

Darrell Schaper 100.00

DBQ Questars 100.00

Blackbaud 20.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS 503.13

EXPENSES

Nov. 28 - donation to Pickwick Mill 250.00

Dec. 11 - Allam Clayton Elec	66.94
Dec. 17 - Alpine Communic.	17.57
TOTAL EXPENSES	334.51
CURRENT BALANCE	\$35,186.06

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

CLAIMS

Slagel submitted a claim of \$197.86 for materials to build a furniture, hopper, horse, and model running stone. He showed photos of the equipment. Morine moved to approve the claim. Beck seconded. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1 – INN UPDATE - Pollock said the Conservation Board is trying to promote the use of the Inn by offering a second night free to renters who book the facility during the off season. One party has given a gift of a stay at the Inn.

Zichal offered to donate two rugs for the Inn.

2 – STAFFING FOR INN - The board discussed options for staffing both the Inn and the Mill during weekends when the site is open for tours. Given past problems of finding a student intern through Silos and Smokestacks, Pollock said it might be better for the Conservation Board to hire a seasonal employee - perhaps a retiree.

Slagel moved that the Foundation transfer \$3,500 to the Conservation Board to help pay for a staff person. Beck seconded. Carried.

Morine moved to put all the sales merchandise in the Inn, continuing to sell items with the current logo at the Historic Site, while items with a new logo could be at the Iowa Room and online. Schoen seconded. Carried.

The board also agreed that it would be desirable to keep the historic site open for tours on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Schoen moved to plan to keep the Inn and Mill open for visitors Saturday and Sunday afternoons from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend. Beck seconded. Carried.

3 - INTERPRETIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN - Pollock said the next meeting of the IMP subcommittee will be Jan. 11 at 1 p.m.

4 – STABLE ROOF – Pollock said she will get cost estimates for Stable roof repairs.

NEW BUSINESS

1 – BOLTERS FROM PICKWICK MILL – The equipment from Pickwick Mill is stored temporarily in the Stable. Zichal will be in touch with C. J. Moyna employees to ask if the equipment can be stored at Moyna's until Moyna employees could be available to help move them into the Mill.

2 – MOVING MERCHANDISE AND DISPLAY CASES TO INN - Pollock suggested waiting until closer to Memorial Day to move things to the Inn.

3 - TURBINE PARTS - The board briefly discussed how to display parts of the second turbine that was recovered from the basement, but made no decision.

4 – MACHINERY STORED IN VASKE SHED ON GALAXY ROAD - The board discussed what to do with the various equipment. George Meier Museum has expressed interest in some of the items. Others could be used at Motor as part of a more general explanation of milling. Perhaps some items could be sold to other mills. It was agreed that we need to make a detailed inventory with photos.

5 - DUST MITIGATION - The board agreed that dust control applied late last season was helpful, and that it should be extended from the bridge past the Stable. Pollock will confer with the Secondary Roads department.

Pollock also will continue the past conversation with Secondary Roads on the prospect of seal coating Galaxy Road from Communia to Motor.

6 - RECOGNITION OF PAST BOARD MEMBERS - Yackel-Juleen raised the question of appropriate recognition of the service of past board members. One idea is to put plaques on the vertical face of steps. Pollock said she has been in touch with the Lee Lenth family, but they may wait until next spring to offer suggestions. Pollock also has had conversations with Betty Johnson's family.

REPORT

TRRC – Pollock said Mallory Hanson met with the Clayton County Supervisors on December 19 and asked them to contribute \$5,000 to TRRC, but the Supervisors took no action.

ADJOURNMENT

Morine moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Beck seconded. Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary, Motor Mill Foundation