

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

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April 23, 2024

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at the Osborne Conservation Center, after having been postponed from April 16 because of weather. Those present included: Kenneth Zichal, Chuck Morine, Larry Stone, Chris Schoen, David Beck, Jay Elvers, Don Venteicher, and Dan Slagel. Clayton County Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock and CCCB naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended. Doug Wolfe was a guest. Zichal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Zichal asked to add an item about automated external defibrillators (AED). Harkrader asked to add discussion about tour guides. Schoen asked to make a report about the turbine case moisture and temperature. Stone noted a change in the date for student volunteers to help at the Mill. Elvers moved to approve the agenda with those changes. Morine seconded. Carried.

MINUTES

Morine moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024, meeting as distributed. Schoen seconded. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Morine presented the following treasurer's report:

March 19	Beginning balance		36,142.62
	Receipts		
April 11	donation: Blackbaud	20.00	
	Total Receipts	20.00	
	Expenses		
April 11	Allamakee Clayton Elec.	62.02	
	Total Expenses	62.02	
April 23	Current balance		36,100.60

Morine moved to accept the treasurer's report. Elvers seconded. Carried.

CLAIMS

Morine moved to approve a claim from Dan Slagel for \$128.40 for a new shop vac. Beck seconded. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1 – MOVING BOLTERS TO THIRD FLOOR OF MILL – Zichal is staying in touch with John Moyna to arrange to move the equipment.

2 – UPDATE ON PLAQUE TO HONOR JON DENEUI – Stone said the staff at THINK hopes to have a proof of the plaque ready by April 26.

3 – BARRIER GATES – Pollock submitted a pre-application requesting a grant from Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation.

NEW BUSINESS

1 – OLD MILL EQUIPMENT IN GALAXY ROAD SHED – Several board members again examined items in the Vaske shed, and determined that two or three pieces should be brought to Motor, but the remainder should be offered to other historical groups. The board agreed to try to move the machines when John Moyna's crew is helping with the Pickwick bolters. We will need to coordinate with the Conservation Board to be able to use their tractor and trailer.

2 – EARTH DAY STUDENTS – Central School students postponed their volunteer day from April 17 until May 1. The group now plans to be at the Mill from about 1-3 p.m. on May 1.

3 – THIRD FLOOR – Don Bodensteiner of Clermont donated 10 wooden benches to the Conservation Board. Several have been positioned for seating on the third floor.

4 – STABLE ROOF – The Clayton County Conservation Board awarded a contract to Daniel Miller to repair and replace the roof on the Stable. The cost is \$23,581.13. There is about \$6000 remaining from an earlier Upper Mississippi Gaming grant. Pollock asked the Motor Mill Foundation to cover the balance. Beck moved that the MMF contribute to the Stable project an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Morine seconded. Carried.

5 – MOTOR MILL ENDOWMENT – Pollock reported that the Motor Mill Foundation Endowment with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque now totals about \$19,000. We are eligible to take out about \$660 this year if we choose. The consensus of the board was to leave the money in the endowment

because it gives potential donors the opportunity for an Iowa tax credit. Pollock said the Conservation Board will mention the endowment along with other donation options when promoting Great Give Day and other requests for charitable contributions.

6 – AED – The Clayton County Foundation for the Future has given the Conservation Board a \$1000 grant to upgrade two AEDs we will be getting from the Clayton County Sheriff's Department. Zichal noted the need to have people trained in their use. Pollock said MMF members will be invited to a Conservation Board staff training to be held later in May.

7 – HISTORICAL TURBINE CASE – Schoen has used a monitoring device to measure the temperature, humidity, and dew point in the case with the salvaged wooden turned. There is considerable variation with outside weather conditions. He will consult with the Maryland historical department, who did the preservation work on the turbine, about whether it would be advisable to have better climate control.

NOTES

The board discussed whether to have the Mill open for self-guided tours when coordinators are staffing the Inn on days other than regular Mill tour dates. The consensus was to not open the Mill when tour guides aren't available.

ADJOURNMENT

Beck moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Elvers seconded. Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary, Motor Mill Foundation