

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

(DRAFT)

September 17, 2024

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at the Motor Mill Inn. Those present included: Ken Zichal, Chuck Morine, Larry Stone, Chris Schoen, Jay Elvers, Jane Metcalf, and Dan Slagel. Motor Mill co-coordinator Laura Elsinger also attended. Brian Balster was a guest.

**AGENDA**

Stone moved to approve the agenda, with the addition of a report on the Mill basement pillar and an item on the plaque for Lee Lenth. Elvers seconded. Carried.

**MINUTES**

Schoen moved to approve the minutes of the August 20 meeting as distributed. Slagel seconded. Carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Aug 19	Beginning Balance			<b>16,636.96</b>

**Receipts**

Aug 20—Sep 16	Square Credit Merch/Donation.		288.89	
Aug 23	Donation (Leonard)		25.00	
Aug 26	Donation		80.00	
	Merchandise		76.00	
	Two Benches Sold		500.00	
Sept 4	Donation		67.00	
	Merchandise		152.75	
Sept 12	Donation		99.00	
	Merchandise		41.00	
	Harstad (deNeui memorial donation)		30.00	
	Bowden donation		100.00	
	CCCB Merchandise sold		61.58	
Sept 16	Donation		77.00	
	Merchandise		120.00	
	BlackBaud		20.00	
	<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>1738.22</b>	

	<b><u>Expenses</u></b>		
Aug 20	Alpine (July)	17.57	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>17.57</b>	
<b>Sep 16</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>18357.61</b>

**Pending Expenses**

09/03 SPOOM Membership	50.00
09/11 ACRC (Electric)	79.88
09/14 Alpine (Aug)	17.57

No Claims

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

1 – VISIONING STATEMENT – The board discussed a visioning summary statement resulting from the visioning discussions in July and August. The Organization Roles portion was revised as follows:

Organizational Roles

Clayton County Conservation Board: Owns and (*Delete "Owns and"*) Manages the Motor Mill Historic Site

Motor Mill Foundation: Fundraising, Structural Upkeep, Promotion, Laborers (*Delete "Laborers"*)

- Provide Volunteers
- Inspire Stewardship and Protection of the Site
- Advocate/Tell the Story
- Promote/Market
- Fundraise

The Motor Mill Foundation’s role is shifting from primarily maintenance and repair to more preservation, fundraising and advocacy.

Slagel moved to approve the statement with those changes. Morine seconded. Carried.

2 – PICKWICK MEETING DATE – Zichal said a group from Pickwick Mill in Minnesota will visit Motor on October 6.

3 – 3-D DISPLAY – Slagel built a table to support the topographic 3-D display of the Motor area. Zichal built and installed a model bridge for the display.

4 – HOLIDAY BRIDGE LIGHTS – The board posed several questions about a bridge lighting proposal by two local businesses. Had county supervisors been consulted?

Were there liability issues? Would it be appropriate/legal to hang an advertising banner on the bridge? Stone moved to table the matter until October to obtain more details. Elvers seconded. Carried.

5 – HERITAGE DAYS PLANS – Schoen and Mark Yackel-Juleen are scheduled to be at the Mill on Saturday, October 12, while Stone and Morine plan to be at Osborne. Elvers and Zichal will be at the Mill on Sunday, October 13. Other board members are encouraged to help at the times and places they are able.

Board members will communicate before Friday, October 11, to arrange taking merchandise and some displays from Motor to Osborne.

6 – FALL TOUR SCHEDULE – Here is a tentative schedule for tour guides through Heritage Days:  
Sept. 21 – Slagel and Balster; Sept. 22 – Metcalf; Sept. 28 – Metcalf and Slagel; Sept. 29 – Zichal and Metcalf; Oct. 5 – Stone; Oct. 6 – Pickwick Mill visitors; Oct. 12 – Schoen and Mark Yackel-Juleen; Oct. 13 – Elvers and Zichal.

7 – UPDATE ON LENTH PLAQUE – Schoen reported thINK is working on the memorial plaque for Lee Lenth. He expects to see a proof soon. The cost will be \$993. Metcalf moved to approve that expense. Elvers seconded. Carried. The plan is to dedicate the plaque at the November 23 bridge lighting ceremony.

8 – UPDATE ON BASEMENT PILLARS – E & H Restoration has notified Jenna Pollock that they will need engineering specifications before proceeding further with plans or costs estimates. Pollock has been looking for grants that may help with the project, and she is consulting with the State Historic Preservation Office.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1 – MUSIC UNDER THE MOON – Brian Gibbs has arranged a concert at the Stable from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 17, which is a full moon night. Musicians are Marques Morel and Simon Cropp. Gibbs has requested a \$150 contribution from the Motor Mill Foundation. Popcorn and cider will be served, and there will be a woodland wander hike with a naturalist afterward.

2 – DONATION OF MOTOR MILL PAINTING – Jane Tucker has donated an original painting of Motor Mill by artist Constance Mohr. Stone moved to accept the donation with thanks. Elvers seconded. Carried.

## **NOTES**

Zichal posed the idea of having a golf cart to help people move around the Motor Mill Historic Site. The board discussed whether that could bring a liability problem. The board took no action.

Zichal suggested the need for leaf guards on the gutters on the roof of the Inn. Schoen said that would need to be cleared with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

Zichal offered to donate to artificial Christmas trees to place in the Inn and the Mill.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Slagel moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Schoen seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary