

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

(DRAFT)

December 17, 2024

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Those present included: Ken Zichal, Chuck Morine, Larry Stone, Chris Schoen, Jay Elvers, Brian Balster, Jane Metcalf, Don Venteicher, Dave Beck, Steve McCorkindale, and Dan Slagel. Clayton County Conservation Board naturalist Abbey Harkrader also attended. Zichal called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **AGENDA**

Stone moved to approve the agenda as distributed. Elvers seconded. Carried.

### **MINUTES**

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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Slagel submitted the following treasurer's report:

**Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Beginning Balance** **24,990.80**

#### **Receipts**

11/20 Donation (Brian Balster)	2000.00
11/21 Donation (Chris Schoen/Laura Elsinger)	2000.00
11/25. Bridge Lighting Donations	865.00
Merchandise	35.00
12/03 PayPal Transfer* (donations less fees)	1426.53
12/05 Blackbaud	20.00
12/05 Donations (Anonymous)**	20000.00
Donation (Deanna Krambeer)	500.00
Donation (Chuck Toulouse/Pickwick)	50.00
12/09 Merchandise (bench)	100.00
12/10 Donation (Fred Frost)	100.00

**Total Receipts** **27,096.53**

## **Expenses**

11/18 ACRC	70.56
11/19 Bridge Lighting (Jane Metcalf)	317.90
11/20. Clayton. Co. Cons. (Engineer Invoice)	7600.00
11/25 Alpine	17.66

**Total Expenses** **8,006.12**

**Dec 16th Ending Balance** **44,081.21**

### *\*Paypal Transfer (Donations by credit card payments)*

- *Aaron and Marlen Slagel. (1000)*
- *Michael Krieg (250)*
- *Glen Pollock (25)*
- *Bud Harris (50)*
- *Kristen West (100)*
- *American Online Giving (40)*

*\*\* Matching donations requested for use of these funds for the foundation remediation project.*

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1 – UPDATE ON PILLAR INTEGRITY OF MILL – Conservation Board Director Jenna Pollock is awaiting additional information from Shive-Hattery to confirm details of the proposed pillar stabilization project.

2 – FIRST FLOOR REINFORCEMENT – The board agreed that there's no need to reinforce the floor near the basement steps until the pillar stabilization is completed.

3 – LENTH PLAQUE – Schoen showed the board the memorial plaque for Lee Lenth. It will be put on display next year at a time to be arranged with Lee's family.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1 – PICKWICK MILL INTEREST IN EQUIPMENT – Pickwick Mill board member Chuck Toulouse picked up the extra flour mixer, which Conservation Board staff helped load on his pickup. Toulouse made a \$50 donation to the Foundation.

2 – BRIDGE LIGHTING REPORT – The board agreed that the November 23 bridge lighting ceremony and Inn holiday open house were quite successful. Perhaps 200 people attended? There were many good comments about the Weary Ramblers musical duo.

We received \$865 in donations. The board suggested a few ideas for future years, including: candle lights on upper floors of the Mill and in the Cooperage, brighter lights along path from Inn to Mill, Mill tours, horse and wagon rides, reconsider having more bridge lights sponsored by local businesses.

3 – FUND DRIVE – Harkrader distributed information sheets and pledge forms to use when meeting with potential donors to the capital campaign for stabilizing the Mill pillars. Several board members have begun contacting people following a December 10 orientation meeting with Molly Moser of the Clayton County Foundation for the Future. The board agreed that arranging meetings may be difficult until after the holiday season. Moser has suggested trying to make contacts and get initial pledges within three months.

4 – PAYING FOR ENGINEERING – The board has repaid the Clayton County Conservation Board \$7,600 for the initial invoice from Shive-Hattery for engineering for Mill pillar stabilization.

5 – McCORKINDALE BOARD MEMBERSHIP – Slagel moved to accept Steve McCorkindale as a member of the board. Beck seconded. Carried unanimously.

6 – YEAR-END SUMMARY OF VOLUNTEER WORK – Slagel prepared a summary of 2024 volunteer projects. A few examples included: stair tread repair between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> floors; Earth Day clean-up with students; moving equipment from Vaske shed to Motor; help Moyna crew raise bolters and middlings purifiers onto third floor of Mill; Jon deNeui plaque dedication; install wayfinding signs; acrylic cover for 3-D display in Inn; Stable doors repair; leaf guards on Inn; holiday lights on bridge.

7 – WEBSITE UPDATES – Slagel encouraged board members to look at the [motormill.org](http://motormill.org) website and make suggestions for possible refinements or updates.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Beck moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Venteicher seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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