

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

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February 18, 2025

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Those present included: Ken Zichal, Chuck Morine, Larry Stone, Jay Elvers, Jane Metcalf, Chris Schoen, Don Venteicher, Dave Beck, Steve McCorkindale, and Dan Slagel. Clayton County Conservation Board director Jenna Pollock and 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. Schoen seconded. Carried.

MINUTES

Slagel moved to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025, meeting as distributed. Schoen seconded. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Slagel submitted the following treasurer's report:

1-21-25 Beginning balance **\$66,299.89**

Receipts

1-28-25 – donation – Steve & Ann McCorkindale	\$7500
1-29-25 - donation – Larry & Margaret Stone	\$2000
2-5-25 – donation – Craig & LeAnn Watson	\$2000
2-5-25 – donation – Blackbaud	\$20
2-7-25 – donation – Mallory & Tim Hanson	\$100
2-7-25 – donation – Rod & Lori Marlatt	\$100
2-14-25 – donation – Brian Power	\$3000
2-14-25 – donation Bud & Myra Voss	\$1000

Total receipts **\$15,720**

Expenses

1-28-25 – Alpine phone	\$17.69
2-7-25 – ETAB – tax filing	\$240.00
2-10-25 – ACREC – electric	\$70.45

Total expenses	\$328.14	
2-17-25 – Ending balance		\$81,691.75
Checks pending		
Clayton County Conservation, Shive Hattery engineering		\$3675.00
West Bend Insurance	\$400.00	

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

Slagel also presented a summary of the Save Motor Mill/Foundation Rescue capital campaign. We have received \$84,350 in donations and have paid \$23,175 for engineering services., leaving a balance of \$61,175. There also have been pledges of \$30,100 through 2028.

OLD BUSINESS

1 – UPDATE ON PILLAR INTEGRITY OF MILL – Pollock said Shive-Hattery engineers are in contact with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to assure that the construction work complies with Corps regulations. A routine permit from Clayton County also will be required. Pollock said the plans are ready for bidding, but documents will not go out to public bidding until all permits are obtained.

2 – VIDEO PRODUCTION – Several board members have suggested slight changes in the script for the Stories in Stone video. Pollock will meet with NE Iowa RC&D about the video in March.

3 – FUNDRAISING UPDATE – (See above report from Slagel) – Molly Moser, with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque, has suggested spending about 3 months and raising 70% of our goal before beginning a public campaign.

NEW BUSINESS

1 – DISCUSS “IOWA EATS” FESTIVAL - The board discussed attending the “Iowa Eats” festival in Waterloo on April 5. The tentative conclusion was to have a booth with Motor Mill photo banners, and perhaps a model turbine and/or block and tackle.

2 – MOTOR MILL BOOK – Beck showed a book of Motor photos and history that he prepared on Shutterfly. The board discussed printing multiple copies for sale to the public. Beck will investigate printing prices.

3 – MOTOR 5K, 10K – Volunteers are needed to help at the Motor 5K, 10K race on March 15.

4 – GRANT APPLICATIONS – Pollock suggested applying for a \$1000 grant from the Clayton County Foundation for the Future to help pay for the revision of the Stories in Stone video. Morine moved to authorize Pollock to make the application. Schoen seconded. Carried.

The board also discussed whether to apply for an Upper Mississippi Gaming grant. Our 2024 application to UMGC for gates for the arches on the Mill was not approved. Pollock said UMGC requires work to be completed within one year, so it would not be possible to use that grant for the second phase of pillar repair. The board decided not to apply for a UMGC grant this year.

5 – MEDIA PUBLICITY – The board discussed ways to get more publicity for Motor, including TV and radio interviews, Facebook, and newspapers. Zichal suggested trying to arrange a TV feature this spring, timed to coincide with the public phase of the capital campaign.

6 – DISPLAY TURBINE PARTS – The board debated whether it would be useful to have a display of parts of the second turbine recovered from the Mill basement. Volunteers will inventory the turbine parts to aid in the decision.

ADJOURNMENT

Venteicher moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Elvers seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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