Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

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June 17, 2025

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Those present included: Ken Zichal, Chuck Morine, Larry Stone, Jay Elvers, Jane Metcalf, Chris Schoen, Steve McCorkindale, David Beck, Dan Slagel, and Clayton County Conservation Board naturalist Abbey Harkrader. Zichal called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

AGENDA

Beck asked to add a discussion of what price to charge for his *Motor Mill: Stories in Stone* book. Stone asked to share materials from Jon deNeui given to the foundation by Doug and Julie Wolfe, Jon's son-in-law and daughter. Zichal asked to discuss the idea of offering matching funds as an incentive for donors to the capital campaign.

Morine moved to approve the modified agenda. Schoen seconded. Carried.

MINUTES

Total Receipts

Morine moved to approve the minutes of the May 20 meeting as distributed. Beck seconded. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Slagel submitted the following treasurer's report:

05.18.2025	Beginning Balance				\$97,753.84
Receipts					
05.27	Donation	Cash	161.12		
05.27	Merchandise	Cash	53.00		
06.02	Donation	Cash	54.00		
06.02	Merchandise	Cash	20.00		
06.04	Merchandise	Square	47.	43	
06.04	Donation	David Dudley	500.00		
06.05	Donation	Dr. Ken Zichal 1	0,000.00		
06.05	Merchandise	Square		24.20	
06.09	Merchandise	Square		19.33	
06.10	Donation	Cash	124	1.00	
06.10	Merchandise	Cash	40.	00	
06.13	Merchandise	Square		28.10	

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<u>Expenses</u>			
05.20	Alpine	Phone	17.71
05.27	CCC	Merch.	31.15
06.04	Essers	Merch.	379.00
06.10	ACREC	Electric.	78.06
06.10	Rivals	Merch	69.00
06.13	Essers	Merch	62.00

Total Expenses 636.92

06.15.2025 Ending Balance \$108,188.10

Yet to clear (Steege pillar repair) (68,543.00) \$39,645.10

McCorkindale moved to accept the treasurer's report. Metcalf seconded. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1 UPDATE ON VIDEO Harkrader said that Jenna Van Meeteren has scheduled a review of the video with NE Iowa RC&D on July 10.
- 2 FUND RAISING UPDATE Slagel said the Foundation the capital campaign is on hold until we can get more opinions from engineers on what more will be needed to proceed with phase 2. The Foundation has paid out \$26,000 for engineering and \$68,543 for pillar stabilization and tuckpointing.

Schoen moved that we evaluate the repair work and how it reacts to flooding for at least a minimum of one year before moving ahead with the fund raising. McCorkindale seconded the motion. Carried.

- 3 MUSEUM CRAWL UPDATE Several visitors to Motor have been participating the in the Clayton County Museum Crawl. The Crawl continues from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through June.
- 4 LENTH MEMORIAL Verna Lenth's family would like to hold the celebration for Lee on Saturday, July 26. Beck moved to hold the event at 3:30 p.m., following the parade in Elkader. McCorkindale seconded. Carried.
- 5 HRDP GRANT UPDATE Harkrader said we should hear by July 1 whether the Motor Mill foundation repair has been approved for a Historical Resources Development Program grant. As Jenna Ven Meeteren explained at a previous meeting, we could refuse the grant without penalty if we choose to delay phase 2 of the work for further evaluation.
- 6 DONOR APPRECIATION Metcalf said Molly Moser with the Community Foundation suggested an ad in newspapers and/or a news item in the media to

recognize donors to the capital campaign. After considerable discussion, the board's consensus was to invite donors to a tour and cookout at the Mill. Beck moved to hold the event on Friday, July 18, at 6 p.m. Metcalf, Schoen, and McCorkindale agreed to serve on the planning committee.

- 7 STABLE PAINTING Stone has left a phone message for the Amish crew who reroofed the Stable, but he has not heard back.
- 8 COOPERAGE FLOOR CLEAN-UP Schoen has swept the limestone floor of the Cooperage. Some further cleaning may be needed, but Zichal proposed identifying areas with fossils to protect and highlight for public viewing.

NEW BUSINESS

1 – GROUNDHOG PROBLEMS – Efforts to trap the groundhog that has been chewing on the hurst platform have been unsuccessful.

ADDITIONS

STORIES IN STONE - The board discussed pricing for David Beck's book, *Motor Mill:* Stories in Stone. Although the board had agreed on \$15 at the May meeting, Beck and others pointed out that the intent is to give publicity to Motor Mill, rather than make money. A price of \$10 might generate more sales. Beck moved to set the price at \$10. Morine seconded. Carried, with only Zichal voting to stay with \$15.

MODEL OF MILL MACHINERY – Joe Miller of Bloomington, Wis., visited Motor on June 17. He discussed several proposals to build a working display of a bucket elevator and auger. Miller promised to stay in touch with Slagel as he works on the models.

TRRC REPORT – Schoen, Brian Balster, Stone, and Jenna Van Meeteren attended the TRRC meeting in Elkader on June 3.

ADJOURNMENT

McCorkindale moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Elvers seconded. Carried.

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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