



**Expenses**

08.18	Alpine Communications	46.12
08.20.	Heritage Printing	24.08
08.20	Daniel Miller-Stable Painting	3500.00
09.02	Joe Miller-Evan Oliver Display Remburse	319.92
09.02	Three Rivers Dust Mitigation	309.75

**Total Expenses** **\$4199.87**

**09.15.2025 Ending Balance** **\$41,758.73**

**Claims**

Dan Slagel-Propane Tank Fence Materials \$350.00

Elvers moved to accept the Treasurer’s report. Schoen seconded. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1 –PIER SUPPORT STABILIZATION PHASE II UPDATE – Zichal asked what the newest stabilization proposal by Jake Shaw entailed. Van Metereen reported that Shaw proposed additional rock anchors and a concrete wall across the face of the block of hydraulic cement now in place. She was not certain whether the wall would replace the current aluminum forms or encase them as well. Additional anchors and soil retention matting would be placed over the remaining exposed face of the bedrock ledge to deter scouring. There would be silt accumulation.

Van Metereen said that she had spoken with Eric at Origin Designs. He suggested that we meet with a geotech consultant and with the engineer we hired to do the work. The geotech consultant needs to determine the depth of the solid limestone deposits. McCorkindale proposed having the geotech study done to make that determination. Van Metereen wants to speak to another contractor/engineer for their input.

Van Metereen also expressed concern that the hydraulic cement may not be strong enough to prevent shifting. If shifting was/did occur, the cement may hide that movement. Zichal suggested setting lasers in place to monitor for any shifting.

2 – HRDP APPLICATION - The Clayton County Conservation Board has accepted a \$50,000 HRDP (Historic Resource Preservation Program) grant.

3 – MOTOR MILL VIDEO – Van Metereen reported that Austin Feuermeier had taken video and drone footage last week

4 – TURBINE ENGINEERING STUDY – Joe Miller, of Bloomington, Wis., installed the working model of a bucket elevator and auger in the Mill last Tuesday morning.

McCorkindale made a motion to table discussion of having Joe Miller build a turbine model until the Board has a quorum. Elvers seconded. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1 – PLANS FOR HERITAGE DAYS – The event will be at Osborne on October 11 & 12. Volunteers are still needed to assist staff. Harkrader said that some kind of fall festival will replace this event, which is evolving because it has been increasingly difficult to find “old timey” vendors to participate. The new event may be more like a farmer’s market. Van Metereen said the old army tents would not be used after this year. The tents will be set up on Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Tables and merchandise can be brought on Friday. Slagel said he would send around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to man the Motor Mill booth.

2 – MOTOR MILL SHIRTS – Zichal reminded the Board that shirts with the Motor Mill logo, the website address, and the guide’s name could be ordered. Options were: 100% cotton, polo, no pockets, \$43.32; 100% polyester polo, no pockets, \$35.83; Carhartt pocket polo, 100% polyester, \$65.79; Carhartt button front short sleeve, two button pockets, cotton/polyester, \$75.32.

Van Metereen said that name tags had not been ordered for some 10 years. Elvers suggested that name tags might be available through Cabella’s. He would check on that option.

3 – Staffing the Inn on Remaining Tour Days – Zichal noted that when the Inn is not staffed on days tours are given, it would be beneficial to have an MMF volunteer at the Inn to sell merchandise and perhaps show the rental space on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors. Thus, one volunteer would be at the Mill and one at the Inn. Individuals at the Inn would need to know how to operate the computerized sales program.

4 – OCTOBER MEETING – It was decided to have a regular meeting in October. McCorkindale offered to host the Board at a spring meeting.

5 – BRIDGE LIGHTING – Zichal inquired as to whether we wanted to approach an outside group to string lights on the bridge this year. The Board had declined that offer last year. Van Metereen said that it was unlikely that the outside group that had volunteered to do the lighting last year would welcome our request as they had been rebuffed. It was decided that MMF would put up lights again this year.

6 – MUSIC UNDER THE MOON EVENT – Brian Gibbs has rented the Stable to host a music event on Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 7:00 pm. Two country groups will be performing. A free will donation will be requested to offset the costs. He reported that there had been about 100 people at the event last fall. Gibbs plans to start setting up for the event at noon on that Sunday. Trash containers will be needed. Kenny Slocum at CCCB will provide traffic cones.

Slocum will be offering an opportunity to collect prairie seed that afternoon. The first floor of the Inn (the Visitor Center) will be staffed by MMF volunteers so that there is restroom facilities and an opportunity to buy Motor Mill Merchandise. The Mill will be open for tours from 3:30 to 7 pm. MMF volunteers also will sell slices of pie and beverages. Local highschoolers are being asked whether they want to sell food as a fundraiser.

7 – PROPOSED HOPPER BOY/BOLTER/TURBINE DISPLAY – Slagel suggested that Joe Miller might be interested in making a model of a Hopper Boy.

8 - DISRUPTIVE VISITORS – There has been intermittent concern regarding one local resident who regularly visits Motor Mill during tour hours and sometimes is disruptive. He interjects comments and “facts” about the mill’s history to other visitors. Occasionally he is surly when he has been drinking alcohol. It appears that he visits frequently because he is looking for company. Slagel suggested that we simply ask anyone being disruptive to leave. Van Metereen said that volunteers could call the Osborne office to reach her or another park ranger if needed.

9 – HONORING MMF VOLUNTEERS – Slagel expressed concern that there could be too many individual memorial plaques placed at the site to commemorate all of the volunteers that have contributed to the restoration and success of the historic site. He suggested that only the founding members of the MMF are commemorated with plaques. Zichal proposed a board on which name tags could be placed to recognize all of the Motor Mill volunteers.

10 – TRRC UPDATE – Schoen reported that plans the flower sculpture to be placed at one end of the Pony Hollow Trail was moving forward.

11 – BYLAW REVIEW – Slagel asked McCorkindale to review the MMF bylaws to see if they warranted any amendments. McCorkindale agreed to the request.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

McCorkindale moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Elvers seconded. Motion was carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 7 pm.

Chris Schoen, Vice President

Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County