

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes

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October 21, 2025

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Those present included: Chris Schoen, Jay Elvers, Jane Metcalf, Steve McCorkindale, Dan Slagel, Brian Balster, Larry Stone, and Chuck Morine, as well as Clayton County Conservation Board naturalist Abbey Harkrader. With the absence of chairman Kenneth Zichal, vice-chair Chris Schoen called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**AGENDA**

McCorkindale moved to approve the agenda as distributed. Morine seconded. The motion carried.

**MINUTES**

McCorkindale moved to approve the minutes of the August 19 meeting as distributed, since there was not a quorum in September to take that action. Balster seconded. Carried.

Slagel moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting. Metcalf seconded. Carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Slagel presented the following treasurer’s report:

**Motor Mill Foundation Treasurer’s Report** **Oct**  
**21, 2025**

**Date**

**09.16.2025**    **Beginning Balance** **\$41,758.73**

**Receipts**

**Source**

09.16-10.20	Merchandise Credit/Square	38.66
	Merchandise Cash	821.00 (\$646 from Heritage Day Wknd.)
09.16.	Donation (Check-Edvenson)	1000.00
09.16.	Donation (Check- Gibney)	500.00
09.22	Donation (cash)	167.00
09.30	Donation	180.00
09.30	American Online Giving	179.64
10.06	Donation Keith and Kathy Garms	250.00
10.06	Donation (Moon@ Motor event)	538.00 (Donations plus Pie fundraiser)

10.14	Cash return Heritage Day	70.00
10.14	Donation	327.00 (Heritage Day Weekend)

**Total Receipts** **\$4071.30**

**Expenses**

09.16	SPOOM Annual Membership	50.00
09.25	ACREC (electric)	83.03
10.09	Cash Withdrawal Heritage Days	70.00
10.09	Alpine Phone	12.36
10.09	Meuser Propane Tank Fence Materials	357.52

**Total Expenses** **\$572.91**

**10.19.2025 Ending Balance** **\$45,257.12**

McCorkindale moved to accept the report. Metcalf seconded. Carried.

McCorkindale moved to accept the following treasurer’s report, which was presented at the September meeting for which there was not a quorum. Metcalf seconded. Carried.

**Motor Mill Foundation Treasurer’s Report** **September 16, 2025**

**Date**

**08.18.2025 Beginning Balance** **\$44,674.50**

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>
08.18-09.16	Merchandise-Credit/Square	207.69
	Merchandise-Cash	190.00
08.25.	Donation	206.00
08.29	Donation-Blackbaud	20.00
09.02	Donation	308.00
09.02	Donation-PayPal	4.41
09.08	Donation	111.00
09.15	Donation	237.00

**Total Receipts** **\$ 1284.10**

**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 Reimburse	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
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### OLD BUSINESS

1 - MOTOR MILL VIDEO UPDATE – Harkrader said the editing work on the revised video is complete, and it should be available on the website soon. The board also discussed whether to have DVD copies for sale, since the video will be easy to watch on the website.

2 – TURBINE ENGINEERING STUDY - Slagel has remained in touch with engineering students at Brigham Young University in Rexburg, Idaho, who are studying the design and operation of Motor Mill. There have been changes and turnover in the group, however. Their focus has shifted more to the theoretical physics of turbine operation, such as how design and flow rates affect the power generated. Some students may be interested in visiting Motor in the future, but not right now.

### NEW BUSINESS

1 – BYLAW REVIEW – Slagel distributed copies of the bylaws with changes suggested by Slagel and McCorkindale. Schoen moved to table the bylaw discussion until November to give board members time to review the proposed changes. Balster seconded. Carried.

2 – ELECTIONS – Slagel moved that Zichal, Schoen, and Metcalf be re-elected to 3-year terms on the board. Morine seconded. Carried.

Morine moved to re-elect the current officers to one-year terms. Those officers are: Zichal, chair; Schoen, vice-chair; Slagel, treasurer; Stone, secretary. McCorkindale seconded the motion. Carried.

The board discussed the desire to have additional board members. Metcalf offered to talk to Sandra Walter, who several times has volunteered to help with Motor activities. McCorkindale said he could visit with Lee Pool, who has helped tour guides at the Mill.

3 – BRIDGE LIGHTING – Metcalf is heading a committee to plan decorations and food for the Inn for the November 22 bridge lighting ceremony. Others on the committee are Harkrader, Margaret Stone, Marianne French, Kelsi Davis, and Sandra Walter.

The committee has agreed on several suggestions based on past years, including: candles in all the windows of the Mill, Inn, and Cooperage; brighter lights on the path from the Inn to the Mill; and better traffic and parking control.

The group also is planning to have a short presentation before the bridge lighting about the history of the Thompson, Faulkner, Kuehl, and Klink families, who were early residents of Inn. It is hoped there can be a musical group in the Inn.

Metcalf proposed having magnets and tree ornaments with a Motor Mill image to give to donors as an incentive. Her suggestion was to give a magnet for a \$25 donation or an ornament for a \$50 donation. Our cost for magnets would be about \$6.57 each. The ornament cost has yet to be determined. After considerable discussion, McCorkindale moved to authorize Metcalf to order up to 50 magnets and 25 ornaments. Balster seconded. Carried.

Metcalf also said the committee plans to have cookies, candy, and oranges for visitors to the Inn. The hope is to find a large, braided rug to put under the kitchen table.

The board agreed to not have any horses or other animals for safety reasons.

The board also discussed a suggestion by Zichal to have an appearance by Santa Claus, but the consensus was that Motor Mill history should be the more appropriate focus for the event.

Board members are planning to install the lights on the bridge railings about the second week in November.

4 – HONORING MMF VOLUNTEERS – The board briefly discussed how to recognize the many volunteers who have been involved with the Motor Mill Historic Site over the past 20+ years.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Balster moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. McCorkindale seconded. Carried.

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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