

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes (DRAFT)

March 17, 2026

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Those present included: Ken Zichal, Dan Slagel, Chris Schoen, Jay Elvers, Larry Stone, Lee Pool, Sandra Walter, Steve McCorkindale, Brian Balster, and Chuck Morine, as well as Clayton County Conservation Board naturalist Abbey Harkrader. Zichal called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Harkrader added an item on spring cleanup. McCorkindale moved to approve the agenda. Schoen seconded. Carried

MINUTES

Morine moved to approve the minutes of the February 17 meeting as distributed. Slagel seconded. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Slagel presented the following treasurer's report:

March 2026

Beginning Balance (02.17.2026)	34,129.79
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Receipts

3/9/26	Donation (Blackbaud)	30.00
3/10/26	Donation (Cash)	<u>20.00</u>

Total Receipts	50.00
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Expenses

2/18/26	TRRC (Support of Program)	100.00
2/18/26	West Bend Insurance	400.00
2/25/26	ACREC (Electric)	68.29
3/9/26	Alpine (Phone)	<u>17.81</u>

Total Expenses	586.10
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Ending Balance on hand through (3.15.26)	33,593.69
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CD

11.19.2025 FreedomBank 182-day CD @ 3.9% (Acct. # 1754935). Maturity 5.20.26. \$40,000

McCorkindale moved to accept the treasurer's report. Balster seconded. Carried. Slagel said he intends to order merchandise from Esser's Clothing in Guttenberg.

OLD BUSINESS

1 – SIDE BY SIDE CLUB – Elvers said members of the Clayton County Side by Side Club tentatively plan to meet again with Motor Mill Foundation members at 6:3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7

2 – PROJECT PLANS FOR 2026 – Slagel has been in touch with Mr. Hershberger about getting an Amish crew to replace more shingles that were blown off the Mill roof during recent windstorms.

3 – PIER STABILIZATION – Jenna Van Meeteren, director of the Clayton County Conservation Board, reported in an email that Arne Johnson from WJE engineering plans a site visit to Motor on March 27, at a time yet to be determined.

4 – RAILING PROJECT – Zichal hopes to meet with the Conservation Board on April 14 to discuss constructing a railing along the sidewalk up to the second floor of the Inn.

NEW BUSINESS

1 - IOWA EATS – Walter, Jane Metcalf, and Margaret Stone met March 16 to plan MMF participation in the Iowa Eats Food & Drink Festival on April 11 at the Waterloo Convention Center. In addition to sharing whole wheal muffins with visitors, Metcalf and Walter will have Motor Mill posters and literature. Walter shared samples of muffins with board members.

2 – BIKE REPAIR STATION – Van Meeteren reported in an email that she hopes to apply for a Clayton County Foundation for the Future grant to help pay for a Pedal.Paddle.Explore Bike Repair Kit to complement the kayak rack at the Motor canoe landing. Schoen moved to approve the application in the name of the Motor Mill Foundation. Balster seconded. Carried.

3 – WORKSHOP/UTILITY ROOM – Slagel presented a concept for building an 8-foot by 24-foot shop/utility room in the southwest corner of the second floor of the Mill. He got an estimate of about \$600 for the car siding walls, with additional costs for stud framing. The board also discussed the option of salvaging lumber from old buildings, and getting other lumber quotes. Slagel will investigate those ideas.

4 – MOTOR MOTOR FUN RUN – The tenth annual Motor Motor 5 K and 10 K fun run is Saturday March 21. Registration begins at 8 a.m, at the Stable. Board members are invited to help.

5 – SPRING CLEANUP – Slagel offered to check with Central Schools to learn if students want to help with an April 22 Earth Day service project to clean the Mill to prepare for the tour season.

NOTES – Boards members were asked to choose dates when they will be available to lead tours at Motor. Harkrader sent an electronic sign-up sheet.

Slagel suggested that guides should attend an orientation session before the tour season. David Beck has offered to lead the session.

Harkrader said the Conservation Board has hired a seasonal employee, Tate Lamm, who will partner with her to have the Mill and the Inn open seven days a week between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

ADJOURNMENT

McCorkindale moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Elvers seconded. Carried.

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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