

Motor Mill Foundation

Minutes (DRAFT)

June 16, 2026

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at the Osborne Conservation Center. Those present included: Ken Zichal, Dan Slagel, Chris Schoen, Jay Elvers, Larry Stone, Steve McCorkindale, Brian Balster, and Chuck Morine, as well as Clayton County Conservation Board deputy director Ean Popenhagen and naturalist Abbey Harkrader. Zichal called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

SCHOEN AWARD

Morine praised Chris Schoen for his recent Excellence in Archaeology and Historic Preservation Award. The award from the State Historical Society was especially prompted by Schoen's detailed report on the 2020 removal of silt from the Mill basement and the history of the Motor Mill Historic Site.

AGENDA

McCorkindale moved to approve the agenda as printed. Schoen seconded. Carried.

MINUTES

Slagel moved to approve the minutes of the May 19 meeting as distributed. Elvers seconded. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Slagel presented the following treasurer's report:

Motor Mill Foundation Treasurer's Report **June 2026**

Beginning Balance 05.19.2026	44,026.79
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Receipts

05.29-06.15	Merchandise Credit/Square	255.78
	Merchandise Cash	207.00
05.21	Interest earned on CD	777.86
05.26	Donations (cash)	343.50
05.29	Donation (anonymous for laser level)	175.00
06.01	Donation (cash)	120.00
06.01	Donation (check*)	150.00
06.08	Donations (cash)	131.00
06.15	Donation (BBGF-Wells Fargo)	20.00
06.15	Donations(cash)	120.00

Total Receipts

2,300.14**Expenses**

05.19	Merchandise (Essers caps and koozies)	79.00
05.21	Change for Register	100.00
05.26	ACREC (electric)	74.59
06.01	Meuser's Materials for Roof Repair	157.69
06.08	Three Rivers FS (road dust lignin)	693.00
06.09	Alpine (phone)	17.74

Total Expenses

1,122.02**Ending Balance on hand through 6.15.26****45,204.91****CD**

05.21.2026 FreedomBank 182-day CD @ 3.75% (Acct. # 1754935). Maturity 11.18.26. \$40,000

*Agricultural Heritage and Resources, Inc. Kewaunee, WI (tour)

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

At Slagel's request, Schoen moved to add Popenhagen as an authorized person with access to the FreedomBank account, and to remove former CCCB director Jenna Van Meeteren. Balster seconded. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1 – FOUNDATION REPAIRS – Popenhagen met via zoom with Bruce Wagener of TDKA engineering, who will propose an estimate for geotechnical services. The estimate may include 2 phases: an assessment of bedrock conditions and possible mitigation steps.

Popenhagen said state officials have told him engineering services could be covered by our existing Historical resources Development Program (HRDP) grant.

Slagel reported that volunteers have been doing weekly monitoring Mill support posts with a laser level.

2 – ROOF REPAIR – Bear Creek Construction has promised Slagel they should be able to replace missing shingles within a couple of weeks. (Note: the work was completed June18.)

3 – RAILING FOR INN SIDEWALK – Elvers provided the measurements of the sidewalk to Zichal, who promised to get cost estimates for a railing similar to that at the Osborne Conservation Center.

4 – PEST MANAGEMENT – Slagel has contacted Ryan Kruger of Garber, with Cutting Edge Inspection Services, who agreed to inspect the Mill for insect pests. Balster moved to approve Kruger's \$250 fee. Morine seconded. Carried.

5 – CPR/AED TRAINING – All board members are urged to attend CPR and AED training at Osborne from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24.

6 – MILWAUKEE TOOL UPDATE – McCorkindale had no new information from his son-in-law about the possible donation on Milwaukee power tools to the Foundation.

7 – CLAYTON COUNTY SIDE-BY-SIDE – The SXS riders will host a ride of about 100 vehicles on Friday, July 31. They expect to be at the Mill at about 4 p.m. There could be up to 200 people, although they may arrive in several groups. Foundation members are encouraged to be at Motor to give tours. Zichal will order 25 Amish pies and the SXS club will provide ice cream.

The board and the SXS club will meet at the Mill at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7.

NEW BUSINESS

1 – BOLTER MODEL – The consensus of board was that model of the bolter works out best on the first floor, where tour guides can supervise and demonstrate its use. The board discussed relacing the nuts with plastic beads, which might be quieter.

2 – ROOF REPLACEMENT – The board agreed that the Mill roof will need to be replaced within the next few years. Schoen noted that we will need to consult with the State Historic Preservation Office on the type of shingles or roofing that will be allowed. Metal may not be permitted.

3 – ACCESS TO STUDENT VIDEO – Zichal asked Slagel for a copy of the graphics and video files prepared by Brigham Young University Idaho students. He is exploring ways to make the information available to the public.

4 – REPORT ON 2026 TOURS – The board discussed how many visitors come to Motor because they've seen the highway "Tour" signs. The consensus seemed to be that the signs at highway 13 and Grandview are the most important.

5 – SILOS AND SMOKESTACKS – Harkrader, Slagel, Schoen, and Zichal will attend a Silos and Smokestacks 30th anniversary event at West Union on July 14,

6 – PROJECT AWARE – The annual Project Aware river clean-up is July 12-17 on the Turkey River, ending at noon at Motor on Friday July 17. Slagel has talked with Clayton County Dairy Promotion to arrange to have a milkshake machine at the Mill. Board members also are encouraged to be at the Mill to give tours.

7 – SUMMER EVENTS – July will be busy, with Project Aware followed by the July 31 SXS event.

NOTES

Elvers proposed producing short video biographies of board members to post on the motormill.org website or on Facebook to introduce the board to the community. Harkrader said she will work with our intern, Tate Lamm, to begin the recordings.

ADJOURNMENT

McCorkindale moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Morine seconded. Carried.

Larry A. Stone, secretary

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