



Dear Minneapolis-Moline Community,

We are writing to tell you about an exciting new partnership with the Floyd County Historical Society in Charles City, Iowa. A Minneapolis-Moline Collectors, Inc. (MMCI) Committee is working with the Floyd County Board Committee to look at the feasibility of funding and building a 5000 sq. ft. wing onto the museum, mirroring the existing Oliver wing built 20 years ago.

As you may know, Minneapolis-Moline has no permanent home to archive our records and to display memorabilia, tractors, and machinery that tell the history and legacy of the MM Companies. Many of the MM records came through the White Company and were moved to the Floyd County Museum for storing and cataloging.

Why Now? Our community of MM collectors is aging and this means we will lose information that future generations will need to carry-on the MM legacy. Without a central location, the historical information needed for restorations and research will be difficult to find and eventually lost. Your MM Companies heritage needs a home that will be available to all.

Phase One: At this point we have begun the process of contacting potential major donors and have had a favorable response.

Phase Two: We are contacting you, our MM Community to assess your interest and ask for your support.

Phase Three: With enough interest shown, we will write grants and begin gathering funding from major potential donors. Fund raising will begin.

Frankly, without the interest and involvement of you, our MM Community, this project will not succeed. *Potential grants and large donations are dependent on the amount of seed money our grassroots support is willing to put forth. If the MM Community does not buy-in and show enthusiastic interest and support for this project, the future home of Minneapolis-Moline will not be built.*

Yes, there are tax incentives. Everyone is eligible for federal deductibility for donating to 501c3 organizations. Iowa residents have an additional state tax incentive through the Endow Iowa Fund, donating to an endowment to provide future financial maintenance for the MM wing.

The Prairie Gold Rush magazine is solidly behind this project. However, MMCI is leading this effort because of its 501c3 status.

What ACTION can you take now?

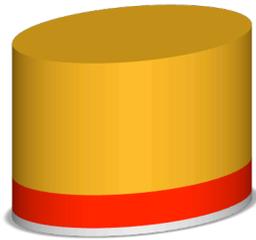
1. Show your indication of interest and support through a pledge.
2. Send your request for an information packet and a donor pledge form to lgbook46@gmail.com or call one of the committee members listed below.
3. When 50 percent of the estimated cost in the form of pledges is received, the committee will contact legal and financial specialists to provide answers to your questions.



4. You do not write a check until all of your questions have been answered satisfactorily to you, your tax accountant, and/or your attorney.
5. Pledges can be made in a lump sum in the last quarter of 2016 or the first quarter of 2017. Or pledges can be made in equal increments over two to five years.

Members of the MM Project [name?] committee for you to contact and ask questions are listed below. Realize, we are not professional fundraisers but once we know your questions and concerns, we will find the answers for you. What we do know, is that this project needs your support in any amount you can pledge in order for it to succeed.

Funding Goal



- \$1,350,000 Goal
- Pledged to date 20%

As you can see, we have a ways to go! With your pledge of \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000 or more, we can achieve the needed support to proceed.

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With your interest and generosity, this could be the greatest thing to happen to the MM Community in decades!

Thank you,