

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY

DATE: June 2023
ITEM: Director Report
FROM: Eugene Vicknair

GRANTS and FUNDRAISING

On Friday, May 19, we received notice that we have been approved for the \$10,000 grant from Plumas County for drainage improvements. We are awaiting formal paperwork.

On Friday, June 9, Treasurer Bart Hansen and I had a conference call with Michael Vukas, the grant manager with the Department of Agriculture concerning the Whitman Building Grant. He advised us on documentation we will be needing to submit and offered additions that they need to see to our audit reports. Bart and I will be working on getting two more years of financials audited using the updated report format. I am working on the other documentation.

On May 30, I submitted a \$15,000 grant to the Union Pacific Foundation for ADA improvements.

In June, I am submitting a \$400,000 grant for the Whitman Building work and a \$50,000 grant for ADA improvements. With assistance from Department of Agriculture and some of our other governmental sources, we are looking at additional funding opportunities.

MUSEUM STORE

Ann completed inventory of the store with help from Brecky and others. I am now compiling and cross checking the inventory.

Chris Skow has let Kerry and I know the Garden Railway Convention going on in Santa Clara in early July. They will have a vendor room from July 6-8 and we have been offered a free booth and volunteers get a free Family Registration to attend events. Would need someone to trailer merchandise to and from the event. I could work it Saturday, July 8. Need help for the other days.

ON-LINE MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

Still working with Paul and Kerry to switch memberships off of PayPal.

MUSEUM PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

I have had several emails with Union Pacific land department about the in process land offer. I am working with Greg Elems and Steve Habeck to respond to some questions and prepare for a site visit.

Also, I am hoping to have a meeting with City Manager John Kennedy soon to discuss various land and construction items.