

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – September 9, 2023 – 1:00 PM  
Western Pacific Railroad Museum Meeting Room – WPRM, Portola, CA**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 13:11.

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Bob Sims – phone  
Greg Elems  
Steve Habeck

Kerry Cochran  
Charlie Spikes - phone  
Roger Stabler - phone

8 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

**Visitors:**

David Elems – CMO / Safety Officer  
Nick Mannus

**Correspondence**

none

**Consent Calendar**

- Minutes – Minutes of the August 2023 BOD Regular Meeting.

Noted error in attendance, Janet Steeper not present. Minutes held to October meeting.

**Old Business**

none

**New Business**

none

**Good of the Order**

**President's Report**

- Verbal report provided.
- Contact with UP PR persons in Sacramento on freight cars needed for the collection and some of the cars that are getting to meet the 40 year date. Letting them know on what cars we might like to have for storage needs.
- Also UP Foundation gave us a \$7,500.00 grant for ADA restrooms. (note: grant is for general ADA improvements)

**Financial Reports**

- Financial reports provided.

- Electric Bill is high.
- Kalmbach bill indicating past due and we show we have made check out to them. Greg Elems will check all the emails and discuss with Susan's office
- David has bill coming up from A-1 Radiators. (Radiators arrived at museum for SP 2873)

### Director's Reports

- Vicknair – written report provided
- Elems
  - Greg received a message from the congressman office on the visit, very well received and will give his support to us on on-going projects.
- Habeck
  - Problem came up while Steve was working on several batteries issues. He is trying to get batteries revived. WP 501 did not survive the winter. Batteries in the WP 805 and US Army 1857, WP 2001, WP 707 and rotary 8221, most batteries are being charged and testing. Talking to CMO about getting batteries out of the 2001 to be place in the shop
  - Talking to batteries suppliers to see what is available. Supplier changed in Reno. Need to order batteries and get them scheduled for delivery for spring.
  - Need to fuel several pieces of equipment
  - Mail service is very bad right now not getting mail properly.

### Event Reports

- *2024 Convention* – written report provided
- *Motorcar Event* – written report provided
- *Pumpkin Patch Express*
  - Need to talk to David Hansen on the pumpkins and hay bales, consider using the current hay bales to spread out for ground cover. Will need some new hay bales.
  - Need help with all positions to make the event take place. Patty is looking into getting help.
  - Haunted Car is out for this year, no one available for handle this car.

### Department Reports

- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Headlight* – written report provided.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
  - Need help with articles.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
- *Mechanical*
  - We did get radiators for SP 2873. Nick Manos helped David pick-up radiators and bring them to the museum. Been getting ready to install. Water pump got installed n working on the locomotive
  - WP 1503 in shop over the pit for annual inspection, should be ready for service nest week (Sat 9/14) Quincy 1100 has continue to be inspected for oil leaks from the stack.
  - Will not be able to work on WP 707 this season.
  - Need to clean up the shop to be able to continue to do work.
- *Mechanical - Steam*
  - Roger Stabler discussed group called Harvest Host who coordinate with entities that allow RV's to stay overnight for one night, and pay a \$20.00 for the stay and encourage them to shop in the museum store. (only one night stay, even churches allow it,)

- Roger has been doing this for the last year and wanted to look we wanted to look at this income stream.
- Roger will investigate and report back to the board at the next board meeting.
- *Facilities*
  - Looking to buy more LED tube lights.
  - Rooter company came in and cleared drain in museum store (ice machine) and new heating element installed in lounge car.

### **Committee Reports**

none

### **Legal / Insurance Report**

- We still have a \$598 credit with our attorneys.

### **Status of Surplus Property Report**

none

### **Safety Committee**

none

### **Public Comments**

*Bob Sims* – Asked if the Board Meeting in September is at 1:00 PM. Confirmed that it is.

*Nick Manos* – Wanted to propose a project to clean up some of the areas around the museum, noticed various signal parts and other materials laying around and suggest using some old ties and place a container and move all the signals material to protect them and have all the materials in one place so you can find. Materials out and exposed to the public, try to clean up and get materials into storage.

### **Notices**

none

**Closed Session** – requested by President Greg Elems and Director Eugene Vicknair – 14:30 – 14:44

The board heard information on a Private Equipment proposal, no reportable action taken.

Noted that the FRRS needs to write a letter to Armando Epifani requesting copy of his liability insurance policy on the cabooses DRGW 01414 and SP 1060.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 14:45 (Habeck / Elems)

Next Meeting:                   October 14, 2023 – 1:00 PM  
Location:                        WPRM Meeting Room, Portola

Respectfully Submitted  
Kerry Cochran – FRRS Director / Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary