

**Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting
September 9, 2006 -- 6 PM
Volunteer Lounge, Western Pacific Railroad Museum
Portola, California**

Attendance

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

The following Directors were present:

Frank Brehm	Kerry Cochran	Norm Holmes	Gail McClure
Wayne Monger	Hank Stiles	Eugene Vicknair	

The following Directors were unable to attend:

Steve Habeck	Matt Parker
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Staff present:

Dan Brady	John Walker
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Visitors present:

Tom Carter	David Epling	Victoria Epling	Alicia LaBreque
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Correspondence

Consent Calendar

1. Minutes – Minutes from the August 2006 General Meeting and corrected minutes from July 2006 General Meeting.
2. Financial Reports – Profit/Loss and Balance Sheet through end August 2006.

Motion # 06-09-01 (Brehm / Vicknair) -- Remove Financial Reports from Consent Calendar. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carried.

Motion # 06-09-02 (Vicknair / Stiles) – Acceptance of Consent Calendar as Amended. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain -- 0. Motion carried.

Copies of organizational tax returns for year ending December 2005, financial statements for year ending December 2005, and profit/loss and balance sheet through end of month August 2006 presented by Treasurer Dan Brady.

Old Business

Gift Shop Swamp Cooler

Item referred to Facilities Manager Charlie Spikes for review. President McClure to bring item back to the Board with recommendations from Mr. Spikes.

Sale of MILW U25B #5057

The Board provided consensus direction to President McClure to pursue possible sale of MILW U25B #5057 to Milwaukee Road 261 Organization (contact: Mike Schaefer). Locomotive is appropriate to their collection, it is their intent to restore it to operational condition, and FRRS A&D Committee had determined the equipment surplus some time ago.

Local Supporters

The Board considered a proposal to publicly recognize local merchants/supporters. Director McClure will work on planning for the first of these events to be held this spring.

Fundraising Events

Motion # 06-09-03 (Vicknair / Stiles) -- Authorization for an internet fundraiser for the purposes of raising money for WP 165 Steam Project with a budget of \$1,000 from budgetary line item 56600 – Fundraising Expense. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carried.

Motion # 06-09-04 (Vicknair / Stiles) – Authorization for the Winter 2006 Annual Fundraiser for the purposes of raising money for the General Fund with a budget of \$2,400 from budgetary line item 56600 – Fundraising Expense. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 1. Motion carried.

BREAK: 6:52 - 6:54 p.m.

New Business

Private Equipment on FRRS Property

Motion # 06-09-05 (G. McClure/Brehm) -- Acceptance of change in Private Equipment Policy to reflect rent in the amount of \$100 per month for railcars and \$25 per month for motorcars, and implementation effective January 1, 2007. Aye – 5, Nay – 0, Abstain – 2. Motion carried.

Caboose Rental Plan

Motion # 06-09-06 (Stiles / Vicknair) -- **Acceptance of Western Pacific Railroad Museum Party Car Business Plan as presented. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carried.**

At Board direction, David Epling and Director **Holmes will draft a set of guidelines/rules for use, contract for use, and liability release. Drafts will be forwarded to President McClure for presentation to legal.**

FRSL Equipment

President McClure is in receipt of an e-mail from **Mike Tackett/CEO of the Feather River Short Line** advising it is their intent to remove the "pink" caboose and Ammo/Pay car from the property no later than November 1, 2006 under the terms of our most recent correspondence with them.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Portola Railroad Days successful.
- Correspondence from Chad Stryker regarding an "H-2" signal which he would like to loan to WPRM for display. Consensus direction given by the Board to proceed with negotiations.

BREAK: 7:21 - 7:22 p.m.

Museum Manager's Report

- Reiterated Portola Railroad Days event **as a success.**
- Labor Day operations flawless.
- His financial review shows revenue from gift shop/RAL generally up over last year.
- Donation summary.
- Additional RAL program expansion restricted due to lack of engineers.
- Notice regarding V&T Symposium in **October 2006.**

Director's Reports

- Director Vicknair also reported positive **feedback from Portola Railroad Days.**
- Director McClure requested special **acknowledgement for John Walker, Museum Manager** for his efforts in making Portola Railroad Days such a great success for both the Museum and the community.
- Director Holmes noted he did not receive an **agenda for this meeting by e-mail, provided suggestions for shorter Train Sheet format to keep costs down, noted donation of a 1976 Ambulance for which a thank you letter needs to be sent, advised that WP 563 has been painted with expense of \$1,000 donated out of**

pocket, and noted the possibility of using Raley's meeting room for out of town Board meetings.

- Director Monger reported he has 900' of small rail he would like to donate to the organization.
- Director Vicknair reported Member James Mason donated \$2,000 for Silver Debris Project.
- Director Stiles advised Portola Railroad Days raffle did not go as well as he hoped. Has been in contact with all winners.

Department Reports

General Notice – President McClure reported all current department and committee heads are reaffirmed for the coming year.

Maintenance of Way/Roadmaster – President McClure reported donation of a 100-ton self-propelled Ohio Crane from the Union Pacific Railroad.

Facilities – Museum Manager John Walker reported low water pressure due to problems with the City of Portola's pumping system. Looking at methods to address winter window breaks and will report back to Board with recommendations.

Operations – Director Cochran thanked all for their support in making operations a success despite low volunteer numbers.

Webmaster – Webmaster David Epling reported work scheduled on webcam monitor and planning for installation of a second webcam.

Historical Society – Museum Manager John Walker reported that several members have been working in the Archives car and thanked them for their assistance.

Committee Reports

None

Legal Counsel Report

None

Status of Surplus Property Report

President McClure reported work continues regarding establishing a value for the Oroville Fire Equipment in preparation of offering them for sale.

Safety Report

Tripping incidents and yellowjacket/wasp issues were discussed.

Public Comments

None

Notices

- Budget outlines due by October meeting.
- Budget workshop scheduled prior to **November meeting**.

BREAK: 8:05-8:25 p.m.

Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:25 p.m. and reconvened to open session at 9:40 p.m. The following was reported out of closed session:

1. **Proprietary Business Issue. Presented by President McClure. Consensus direction given. No reportable action.**
2. **V&T Railroad Cars. Report on status by President McClure. Consensus direction given. No reportable action.**
3. **FRRS v. Kasten, Illinois Transit Assembly Corp (case no. 00-L-742). Report on status by President McClure and Director McClure. Consensus direction given. No reportable action.**
4. **Legal recommendation regarding minutes reporting. Presented by Director McClure at the request of corporate counsel. Motion #06-09-07CS – Recommendation to change from full reporting minutes to action minutes as a trial until the end of the year, at which time a final determination of the approved format will be made. Motion carried.**
5. **Legal recommendation regarding recording disposal. Presented by Director McClure at the request of corporate counsel. Consensus direction given. No reportable action.**

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Next meeting: Saturday, October 7, 2006

Location: Volunteer Lounge, WPRM

Portola, California

**Respectfully Submitted,
Gail A. McClure**