

FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY – AGENDA REPORTS

DATE: February 6, 2013
FROM: Eugene Vicknair, Director
ITEM: Status of Surplus Property
SUBJECT: **Locomotive Sales and Scrapping**

SP SD9 4404 – After an exhaustive search to find another welder to complete the coupler conversion, we found only one company capable of sending someone to do the work. After a great deal of effort by Greg, Matt and David Elems to move the SP 4404 into the shop for evaluation and work, the welding crew informed us that at their rates it would cost more than we had received for the locomotive to complete the work.

A major component of the original deal had been the availability of one of our members who could do the work well below market rate. Unfortunately, after the deal was signed, he became unavailable and the replacement welder we brought in was unable to complete the work in a timely fashion. Due to the looming large cost and Western Rail's need for a locomotive quickly, they chose to terminate the contract amicably. A final search for welders and possible buyers was done (with help from Western Rail) but nothing was found. After conferring with Treasurer James Mason and President Rod McClure, the sale contract was terminated. Western Rail stressed that they understood the circumstances and feel that our organizations still have a strong relationship with each other. They also offered to purchase parts from SP 4404 if / when we proceed with parting out the locomotive. At this point, we have more than fulfilled our procedure requirements under ARM to find a new home for this locomotive. The alignment control coupler issue in particular has hamstrung us on this locomotive. At this point, under our adopted rules, the SP 4404 can be placed in the scrap category.

Suggestion has been made to offer intact cab and nose from the SP 4404 and SP 4450 to any museum wishing to acquire and transport them at purchaser's expense.

MILW U25B 5057 – All indications are that Cascade Rail Foundation will reach their \$15,000 goal for the final payment. They are near \$25,000 total and have just started a \$3000 match challenge. The deadline for the final payment to the FRRS is March 1, 2013.

NVR DS-4-4-750 51 – WPRRHS Admin Kyle Wyatt sent notices to several museums he knows in Canada looking for a possible home for this locomotive. Eugene Vicknair also contacted some potential new owners. So far, there have been no positive responses by discussions are on-going.

EQUIPMENT SCRAPPING – With spring approaching, President McClure is speaking with the scrap company in Reno that work with Timber Heritage. Under prior Board decision, the Amtrak Steam Generator Car, SP SD9 4450 and the "scrap gon" will be cut up, along with the MRS-1 unless the museum back east comes forward with a solid proposal in the next few weeks. SP 4404 is also eligible for scrapping at this point.