

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – April 15, 2023 – 1:00 PM  
Western Pacific Railroad Museum Meeting Room – WPRM, Portola, CA**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 13:08.

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Bob Sims - phone	Kerry Cochran - phone	Roger Stabler - phone
Greg Elems - phone	Charlie Spikes	Janet Steeper - phone
Steve Habeck	Eugene Vicknair	

8 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

**Visitors:**

Armando Epifani – phone  
David Elems – Asst. CMO / Safety Officer – joined at 2:50 PM

**Correspondence**

*Greg Elems*

- Armando Epifani contacted Greg about land going for sale that is adjacent to the last ¼ of a mile of the Fernley and Lassen at Flannigan. Going for tax sale on Wednesday. There is still track on the ground. Brought up as FYI.

**Consent Calendar**

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

Motion 23-04-01

Approve the March 2023 BOD Regular Meeting Minutes as corrected.  
Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

**Old Business**

**General Private Locomotive Lease**

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Review legal reviewed lease agreement.

- Legal reviewed contract provided.
- Armando still working on 25tonner deal. Been dealing with some outside issues.
- Consensus to table to May 2023 Meeting.

Armando Epifani left meeting at 1:28 PM

**Agreement for Railroad Snow Removal**

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Review legal reviewed work contract for use of rotary snowplow.

- Legal reviewed contract provided.
- Review of revised contract for services and discussion of elements.

Motion 23-04-02

Accept the legally reviewed Snowplow Services Contract as presented.

Vicknair / G. Elems. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

### **Private Equipment Storage Policy**

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Review legal reviewed private equipment storage policy.

- Legal reviewed contract provided.
- Discussion about changing NARCOA notice in line 8 to certified motorcar association.

Motion 23-04-02

Accept the legally reviewed Private Equipment Storage Policy as amended.

Cochran / Vicknair. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

### **New Business**

#### **Museum Fencing**

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Discussion of museum fencing needs.

- Started discussion / meetings with Tholl Fencing about a year ago. Did not hear from anyone.
- Charlie called two weeks ago and was told they would call him back. No one has called.
- Charlie called other fencers and no one is available.
- Wants to start calling out of the area.
- Consensus direction to proceed.

### **Good of the Order**

#### **President's Report**

- Verbal report provided.
- Made it over to Museum Monday and Tuesday last week. Sucked over 90 gallons of water out of rooms on north side of building. Thank you to Duane van der Veen and David Elems for sandbagging and blocking earlier. Kept it from being worse.
- Has been discussing ex-WP WAMX GP35s with current owner. Engines are actually owned by OmniTrax. Contact is researching current status of engines and going to get back to Greg. They are open to working with company to get one donated to us.
- Discussion about water in Museum Store and issues with Point of Sale.
- High Sierra Gas now has a lock on the front gate. Need to check gas line at office car and archives car and check for winter damage.

#### **Financial Reports**

- *Written reports provided.*
- Discussion about transactions and higher utility charges.
- There will be expenses coming for SP GP9 2873 work.

#### **Director's Reports**

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.

- Discussion about grants.
- Discussion about moving on-line memberships to the on-line store.

### Event Reports

- *2023 Convention*- written reports provided.
- *Motorcar Day* – written report provided.
  - We have about 8-9 motorcars and 1 handcar confirmed.
- *SP / RLHS Convention Visit* – written report provided.
  - Busses showing up about 9:45 AM. We need to push crew call up.
  - Event organizers have not set up their lunches yet. They are going to call providers again on Monday.
  - Discussion about moving equipment for WP 165 work and cleaning of cars.
  - Roger needs WP 165 under the hoist for week of May 7 to prep for hydro.
  - “Silver Rifle” has been sold by GGRM and will be gone by September.
  - Oil tank car needs to be moved to near gate for filling in early May.
- *Media Day* – written report provided.
- *WP Celebration* – written report provided.

David Elems joined meeting at 2:50 PM

### Department Reports

- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
  - Noted that CalTrans is reporting Highway 70 through the Feather River Canyon is not expected to reopen until July.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
- *Mechanical* – verbal report provided.
  - Due to road / weather conditions and work commitments was not able to do much at museum over the past few weeks. Was working on ordering parts.
  - Working on pulling SP GP9 273 radiators. Going to send radiators to A-1 in Reno.
  - Going to rebuilt water pump we have in shop and put that in 2873.
  - Going to be buying some more unistrut to create a scaffold for pulling water pump and other equipment from rear of GP locomotives.
  - Move on to WP GP7 707 next, then WP GP20 2001 and finally WP FP7 805-A after finishing SP 2873.
- *Facilities*
  - Museum is wet and mucky.
  - Water feed for restrooms is leaking. Needs to be addressed before we open.
  - Looking at bringing in a couple trucks of roadbase for parking lot. Estimated cost for \$3,500 per truckload. We need at least 2-3 truckloads.

Motion 23-04-03

Add an item of urgency – Parking Lot Repairs.

Vicknair / Spikes. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Motion 23-04-04 – Item of Urgency

Approve budget expenditure not to exceed \$15,000 for Parking Lot and Entry Road repair under line item 70030 · Grounds Maintenance.

Vicknair / G. Elems. Aye – 8, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

### Committee Reports

- *2023 Election* – written report provided.

## Legal / Insurance Report

none

## Status of Surplus Property Report

- WP caboose skeleton needs follow up. No word from Oroville group.

## Safety Committee

- Going to reach out to fire extinguisher guy by end of month.
- Museum wet and muddy, still some snow around.

## Public Comments

*Ed Wagner* – was glad we have a white ballot, saves cost of election. Relayed through Greg Elems.

## Notices

none

## Closed Session – requested by Director Vicknair and President Elems – 3:23 PM – 3:47 PM

- *Property Issue* – Museum Property
- *Financial Issue* – Preliminary Grant Report
- *Collection Issue* – Review of Potential Acquisitions

The Board heard a report on a Property Issue – Museum Property. No reportable action taken.  
The Board heard a report on a Financial Issue – Preliminary Grant Report. No reportable action taken.

The Board heard a report on a Collection Issue – Review of Potential Acquisitions. No reportable action taken.

## Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at:15:47 (Vicknair / Spikes)

Next Meeting: May 13, 2023 – 4:00 PM  
Location: WPRM Meeting Room, Portola

Respectfully Submitted  
Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary