

**FEATHER RIVER RAIL SOCIETY
AGENDA REPORT**

DATE: Jan 1, 2024
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Kerry Cochran
MEETING: Jan 13, 2024
ITEM: New Business 1
SUBJECT: Signal Department Budget Request

Please see the attached Website Services and Cloud Services document

ACTION: Review this meeting, and approve

Website Services and Cloud Services

Feather River Rail Society and the Western Pacific Railroad Museum

Since moving away from the Hostmonster website service the FRRS has enjoyed a cost free website except for the Domain Name service changes. We have also added of a dedicated cloud storage service for the archives and the Mailtrain bulk email service.

We moved from Hostmonster to Kenneth Finnegan's servers in September, 2020. At that time the annual hosting cost at Hostmonster was \$287.76 per year, plus \$149.00 per year for SSL service. For an annual direct cost of \$436.76 to the FRRS. Since September 2020, there has been zero hosting and SSL expenses for the website and SSL.

We also now provide the cloud.wpives.org cloud storage service and Mailtrain, a dedicated email service, not previously available.

The below table shows the total costs prior to moving away from Hostmonster, with some of the services not available at Hostmoster.

Item		Monthly Costs	Yearly Costs
Hostmonster Service		Annual contract	\$ 287.76
Domain Name Service	(we had 10 domains one free, 4@\$15.99" 4@\$15.99 , 3@\$17.99 , 3@\$8.99)	Annual contract	\$174.90
SSL (Secure Service)		Annual contract	\$ 149.00
Service like Mail Chimp		\$ 20.00	\$ 240.00*
Cloud File Exchange Service (if available)		\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00*
Cloud Storage		\$ 120.00	\$ 1,440.00*
		Total	\$ 702.66**

*-Not available with Hostmonster Service.

**-Does not include the services that were not available

The below table shows the total cost since moving to Kenneth Finnegan's data servers in 2020.

Item		Monthly Costs	Yearly Costs
Current Website Hosting Service		\$ 0	\$ 0
Current Cloud File Exchange Service		\$ 0	\$ 0
Current Cloud Storage		\$ 0	\$ 0
Current Mailtrain (email list)		\$ 0	\$ 0
SSL (Secure Service)		\$ 0	\$ 0
Domain Service	(we now have 7 domains. 6@\$12, 1@\$22)	Annual contact	\$ 94
		Total	\$ 94.00

The reason I am bringing this to the Board of Directors attention, is that Kenneth's current network storage system is becoming out dated and he needs to replace it.

Since the FRRS/WPRM has a large amount of data and storage requirements on this system, it is only fair that we make an offer to help in the costs to replace the network storage system.

I am asking the Board to make a budget item under the Signal Department in the amount of \$1,200.00 as a good faith donation to help with the replacement.