

**Feather River Rail Society**  
**Board of Directors Meeting – June 7, 2025 – 3:30 PM**  
**Western Pacific Railroad Museum Meeting Room – WPRM, Portola, CA**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 3:39 PM.

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Greg Elems	Bob Sims – phone	Janet Steeper
Michael Coen	Tom Hervey	Charlie Spikes

6 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

**Visitors:**

Ethan Doty	Fred Elenbaas
Gus Paoli	Nick Manos
Ann Morningstar	

**Correspondence**

- A gentleman from Fallon has a box car / camp car in very good condition, but it needs to be moved by August 1. It has trucks, they are incorrect for the car, but are very nice roller bearing trucks. A second car is a SP narrow gauge car. Shane Starr of the NCO group wants that.
- President Elems had a meeting with Jen Romero of the Lost Sierra Chamber of Commerce regarding Portola Railroad Days. The WPRM part is settled. We will need a caboose train and a booth in the park. Tom Hervey and Janet Steeper available. More details will be available as time goes by

**Consent Calendar**

1. Minutes – Minutes of the May 2025 BOD Regular Meeting.

Motion 25-06-01

Approve the minutes for the May 2025 Regular Meeting as presented.

Not recorded. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

**New Business**

**WPRM Fare Policies**

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Review proposed policy.

- Written report provided.
- Minor corrections need to be made. There are several typos.
- Some of the fares for cab rides seem incorrect and need to be double checked.
- No action taken. Direction given to correct pricing errors further direction will be given in July meeting.

**Old Business**

**Open Cab Day**

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Discuss plans for Open Cab Day.

- Discussion about upcoming events.
- Burr Wilson, Ethan Doty and Gus Paoli have volunteered to be docents.
- Union Pacific DDA40X 6946 may not be open.
- Volunteers are needed for Western Pacific FP7 805, Western Pacific 0-6-0 165, Western Pacific GP20 2001 and Western Pacific SW1 501.
- Nick Manos will be available.

- If we don't have enough docents, they may be required to float, and wait outside the locomotives for guests.
- We may put the rotary on display, but it will not be open.
- We should have a full crew for the caboose train.
- Investigations into having a taco truck on premises have not been successful.

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

- Verbal report provided.
- Railroad days is a go. We will need docents for tours of the museum and for the booth in the park. Admission to the public will be free, but train rides will not be free. We are looking into a face painting booth and may have a volunteer.
- WP GP35 3002 loan. The insurance is OK. WP 3002 is approved for Run A Locomotive but not approved for caboose trains. Derrick from Ogden is still talking to Peggy and the Harriman dispatch center about final cost for shipping.
- We are all still upset about former Western Pacific GP40 1976 being scrapped. The scrapper was apparently angered by interference from parties outside of the museum.

### **Financial Reports**

- Financial reports provided.
- Reviewed financials.
- Schwab got the estate check for \$15,200 to us. Susan has deposited it in the account. There are no restrictions on the funds.
- There are late fees on the credit cards. Susan supposed to set up autopay. Follow-up needed.
- A reimbursement bill from Nick Manos has been submitted. Comments from Nick are that what was in the budget was not nearly enough, very different from what he actually needs. There was discussion on the budget process specifically for the mechanical department. Nick request that we start the budget process earlier and gave feedback in what he recommends in the process. Should be goals then intention than budget then calendar. He believes that that process will make it much more workable for operations. Ideally, the board should express its will by June or July with a tentative budget the following month.

### **Director's Reports**

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.
- *General*
  - Big thank you to all who participated in opening the museum for the season.
  - A side discussion broke out about the video of starting up the WP SW1500 1503 considering how many views there were on the video. A suggestion was made that future videos have a fundraising feature in them. It was suggested that we follow up with Patty on how to do that. There was a great deal of interest.

### **Event Reports**

- *2025 WP / DRGW Convention* – written report provided.
  - We have 22 registrations for the annual convention.
  - John Abatecola of TSG Multimedia will cover the convention. There was discussion about video coverage, taking away from attendance. It was stated that in previous conventions that TSG has covered it allowed those who could not attend to attend virtually and increased overall attendance rather than stealing from in person attendance. It was suggested that a DVD of the convention be published sometime afterward.

### **Department Reports**

- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
- *Mechanical* – written report provided.

- *Facilities*

### **Committee Reports**

- *Funding* – written report provided.
- *Volunteer* – written report provided.

### **Legal / Insurance Report - none**

### **Safety Committee**

- Nothing to report from operations, other than watch out the wasps are very busy

### **Notices**

June 7 – Membership Dinner – 5:30 PM followed by Annual Meeting

June 21 – Open Cab Day

July 4 – Holiday Train Operations

July 5-6 – Motorcar Operations

### **Public Comments**

**Closed Session** – requested by President Greg Elems and Director Eugene Vicknair

5:10 PM – 5:17 PM

- *Property Item* – Property Improvements
- *Business / Equipment Item* – Equipment Loan

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### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM

Next Meeting: July 12, 2025 – 4:30 PM

Location: WPRM Meeting Room, Portola

Respectfully Submitted – Michael Coen – Director / Acting secretary