

**Feather River Rail Society  
Board of Directors Meeting – July 11, 2020 – 4:30 PM  
Conference Call due to COVID-19 Shelter Protocols**

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM. All attendance by phone.

**Attendance**

**The following Directors were present:**

Kerry Cochran	Steve Habeck	Greg Elems
Bob Sims	Charlie Spikes	Matt Elems

6 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

**Guests present:**

David Elems – Asst. CMO, Safety Officer  
Bil Jackson

**Correspondence**

To be handled in Old Business

**Consent Calendar**

Approval of the minutes of the June 2020 Regular Meeting.

Noted Secretary needs to update the footer to show June 11, 2020.

Motion 20-07-01

Approve the minutes of the June 2020 Regular Meeting as corrected.  
Habeck / Spikes. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

**Old Business**

**Event Changes / Delays Due to COVID-19**

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Review upcoming events and revise calendar, including crew training.

- July Events:
  - July 29 to Aug 2 - Steam Department Work Session – small crew
- August events:
  - 1-2 - Western Pacific History Event – Cancelled
  - 4-9 - Hot August Nights – Cancelled

**Mail Out Fundraiser**

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Review fundraising mailer.

- Eugene's Funding Department report is in the reports sent to the board.
- President Elems suggested to use Ann Cary to help with this mailing, consensus direction by all directors.
- Bob Sims brought up the point that several people are out of work and concerns about this fundraiser may cost more that we will take in.
- Other discussions with the board members.

Motion 20-07-02

Proceed as outlined in Eugene's fund raiser report within the budget as outlined.

Habeck / Elems. Aye – 5, Nay – 1, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

## **WP Wood Caboose 646**

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Item of Urgency added to agenda. Review offer concerning fire damaged caboose.

Motion 20-07-03

Add item OB3, WP 646 Wood Caboose, to agenda as an item of urgency.

Habeck / Elems. Aye – 5, Nay – 1, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

- Greg Elems was contacted by the Northern Cal Museum of Transportation, Oroville, CA. Questions on the status of the WP 646 caboose.
- Greg Elems suggest that we donate the remains of the caboose.
- Discussion to give it to them, have them come and get it with them providing their own transportation.
- The only thing that the FRRS needs to do is move the flatcar onto museum property for loading.
- Paper work (bill of sale) needs to be completed.

Motion 20-07-04

Donate Western Pacific 646 caboose to Northern Cal Museum of Transportation, Oroville, CA. with them providing their own transportation.

Cochran / Habeck. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

## **New Business**

### **Painting Western Pacific GP7 705**

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Discuss timeline and budget for repainting WP 705 in 1970s green and orange.

- Discussion of the quality of paint. Not like the WP 563, but the same type as the WP 1503. Replace the broken windows.
- David Elems mentioned that back in 2015, he and several other members, gathered 90% of the parts for the cab and placed them in the nose. We should have the parts available.
- Need to find items that were set aside for this unit and take inventory.
- Not addressing the mechanical issues at this time.
- Need to prep (no budget needed), then will bring up the cost of the painting.
- Consensus direction given, to start preparation and to start the budget process for the paint, then address the budget for the mechanical issues.

### **Change Meeting Times**

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Item of Urgency added to agenda. Change Board Meeting times.

Motion 20-07-05

Add item NB2, Change Board Meeting Times, to agenda as an item of urgency.

Elems / Habeck. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

- Discussion about moving the board of directors meeting to 1 PM, for the remainder of 2020

Motion 20-07-06

Change all Board Meeting times to 1:00 PM for remainder of 2020.

Spikes / Habeck. Aye – 6, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

## **Good of the Order**

### **President's Report**

- Written report provided.
- SN Caboose number needs to be corrected in the report to SN 1642.

## Financial Reports

- Reports provided.
- Bob Sims commented about restricted funds that may be need to be corrected and/or moved to some of the funds into an interest baring account. Noted that we should look if there are excess funds from Hostel settlement to put into our interest bearing investment account.
- Discussion on restoring some of the restricted interest accounts.
- Question on Plumas Bank and do they have money market accounts, that we could use. Unknown. Steve Habeck indicated that they may use a broker for this type of accounts. Steve Habeck will check into it for the FRRS.

## Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.
  - Discussion held, about virtual presentations (in lieu of convention), some do not think we are ready right now.
  - Still under discussion on how and when to hold and how to advertise to the members so that they may attend.
- *Habeck* – written report provided.

## Event Reports

- *Historical Convention*
  - Bob Sims provided refund report.

## Department Reports

- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
  - Discussion about Hostmonster and their issues, noted that Paul Finnegan is doing a very good job staying on top of the issues.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
- *Funding* – written report provided.
  - Discussion about the books and keeping it doing. It was indicated this is a 2020 fundraiser.
- *Mechanical* – written report provided.
  - Not in the mechanical reports, covered in other reports (Tires – Batteries)
  - Bil Jackson, rubber tired equipment, Discussion on Brown Ford pickup truck and the ram for the backhoe. (Ram is in the 2020 budget, order it.)

## Committee Reports

none

## Legal / Insurance Report

- Covered in Steve Habeck's report.

## Status of Surplus Property Report

none

## Safety Report

- Brush clearing has been taking place, fire prevention..

## Public Comments

none

## Notices

none

**Closed Session – 6:36 PM – 7:04 PM**

- The Board heard a report on a potential business opportunity, no reportable action.
- The Board heard a report on a potential equipment donation, no reportable action taken.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 7:06 PM

Next Meeting: August 8, 2020 – 1:00 PM

Location: Conference Call – COVID-19 Protocols

Respectfully Submitted, Kerry Cochran – FRRS Director