

**Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting
May 5, 2001
6:00 pm
The Beanery
Portola Railroad Museum**

Interim President Hank Stiles called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. The following directors were present:

Jim Murphy	Frank Brehm	Doug Morgan
Eugene Vicknair	Pat Brimmer	Hank Stiles

Director Ed Wagner participated via telephone.
Director Vic Neves and President Andy Anderson were absent.

Visitors Present:

Rod McClure	Kerry Cochran	Bill Adamson	Steve Habeck
Don Nelson	Norm Holmes		

Consent Agenda

1. Zephyr Project Report
2. Headlight Report
3. Train Sheet Report
4. Gift Shop sales at WPRRHS Convention
5. WP OB cupola Caboose 630 Report

Motion #01-05-01

Made by Frank Brehm, seconded by Doug Morgan to accept consent agenda reports. All directors present voted in favor. Director Neves and President Anderson were absent.

Reports

TEA-21 Grant – Old Hospital

Eugene Vicknair presented an addendum to the TEA grant application for consideration. He explained that it had been reported that the Plumas County Transportation Commission was unsure if the proposed project fit into categories mentioned on the application, the addendum addressed which categories the project fit into. During the discussion it was determined that the addendum should place more emphasis on the projects link to transportation.

Motion #01-05-02

Made by Jim Murphy, seconded by Pat Brimmer to approve sending the addendum with the suggested added emphasis. All directors present voted in favor. Director Neves and President Anderson were absent.

Minutes:

Minutes of the April 7, 2001 meeting.

Motion #01-05-03

Made by Jim Murphy, seconded by Frank Brehm to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2001 meeting as presented. All directors present voted in favor. Director Neves and President Anderson were absent.

Old Business

Reno Excursion

The Board reviewed the Reno Excursion Project plan drafted by Steve Habeck. Comments from Dan Brady regarding financing of the project were also reviewed. It was reported that Union Pacific had reviewed the draft plan and would cooperate with FRRS using Rod McClure as the liaison. Tickets will only be available to FRRS members due to liability concerns of UP, there can be tickets available to VIPs. Video taping of the excursion will be completed and there could be revenue from that portion of the project.

The Board commended Steve Habeck on his work to draft a concise plan for consideration.

Motion #01-05-04

Made by Jim Murphy, seconded by Pat Brimmer to approve the Reno Excursion Project and add expenses to the upcoming budget. All directors present voted in favor. Director Neves and President Anderson were absent.

Motion #01-05-05

Made by Doug Morgan, seconded by Eugene Vicknair to appoint Rod McClure as the Reno Excursion Project liaison between FRRS and UP. All directors present voted in favor. Director Neves and President Anderson were absent.

Motion #01-05-06

Made by Doug Morgan, seconded by Frank Brehm to appoint Steve Habeck as project manager for the Reno Excursion Project. All directors present voted in favor. Director Neves and President Anderson were absent.

Budget 2001

The Board reviewed a list of projects to be considered for the 2001 Capital Expenditure Budget. It was noted that only \$104,000 was available for these projects. Director Murphy suggested prioritizing the list and just ending the list when the funds ran out.

Motion #01-05-07

Made by Hank Stiles, seconded by Pat Brimmer to approve special capital expenditure projects on an individual basis until funding was no longer available, considering each project when a report on the project and a request for funding was brought to the board. All directors present voted in favor. Director Neves and President Anderson were absent.

Equipment Signs

Eugene Vicknair reported on quotes for exterior grade sign boards for equipment. He requested the Board approve \$1353 to purchase the signs.

Motion #01-05-08

Made by Jim Murphy, seconded by Doug Morgan to approve the sign plan and appropriate \$1353. All directors present voted in favor. Director Neves and President Anderson were absent.

Board Secretary

Director Stiles reported that he would like the Board to consider \$100 per month payment to Leslie Tigan to act as the Board Secretary. Duties will include, minutes, agendas, organization and keeping of official records.

Motion #01-05-09

Made by Hank Stiles, seconded by Pat Brimmer to authorize payment of \$100 per month to Leslie Tigan for Secretary services. All directors present voted in favor. Director Neves and President Anderson were absent.

Board Orientation Meeting

The Board discussed the concept of scheduling an orientation meeting for new Board members after each election. Director Vicknair suggested scheduling the meeting now for new members. Director Murphy suggested placing an item on the June agenda for approval of an agenda for the orientation meeting. Director Brimmer noted that the new

members should set the date for the meeting when seated in June and the meeting should be held within 30 days.

After a brief discussion it was the consensus of the Board to place an item on the June agenda to discuss the agenda and schedule for the orientation meeting.

New Business

WP Coach

Norm Holmes provided a report on the possible acquisition of the WP Coach. It was the consensus of the Board to forward the request to the A & D Committee for review of information which needed to be provided in the form of a report with information and photos.

Old Hospital

Norm Holmes requested the Board allocate \$3000 to secure the hospital building and clean up the grounds.

Motion #01-05-10

Made by Pat Brimmer, seconded by Hank Stiles to authorize \$3000 to secure and clean the grounds of the old hospital, utilizing a minimum of ½” CDX with 1 ½” deck screws every 6 to 8 inches. All directors present voted in favor. Director Neves and President Anderson were absent.

Director Murphy reported that a perimeter fence around the property would be a good idea, he also reported that Norm Holmes had acquired siding similar to the type on the building, but unknown to him the siding contained asbestos and would have to be properly disposed of. It was the consensus of the Board to have Frank Brehm and Norm Holmes coordinate to secure the building and grounds properly.

For the Good of the Order

Director Brimmer commended Kerry Cochran on the training class being held over the weekend and all the work that proceeded the training session.

Director Brimmer also commented on a complaint from Sam Hershbine regarding the web page, it was determined that Mr. Brimmer would write a letter of apology for Director Stiles to sign.

Norm Holmes requested the Board consider sending a representative to the Western Regional meeting. The Board declined the request.

Hank Stiles and Doug Morgan reported that they had attended the FRA conference which was beneficial.

Eugene Vicknair reported that there is a June 30 deadline for grant applications to the Trains Magazine. He noted that he would prepare a grant application for the Zephyr project. It was also suggested that the next Headlight should contain a request for donations for the Zephyr project.

Eugene Vicknair reported on the status of the moving of the Magnolia Tower.

Next Meeting: June 2, 2001, 6:00 pm, Portola City Hall

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectively Submitted
Leslie Tigan