

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Meeting – January 11, 2025 – 1:00 PM
Western Pacific Railroad Museum Meeting Room – WPRM, Portola, CA

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM

Attendance

The following Directors were present:

Greg Elems - phone	Charlie Spikes – phone	Janet Steeper - phone
Kerry Cochran - phone	Matt Elems - phone	
Michael Coen – phone	Bob Sims – phone	

7 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

Visitors:

Nick Manos – phone	Armando Epifani
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Correspondence

- Steve Habeck sent an email on January 10, 2025 tendering his resignation as both a Director and as Vice-President. Resignation was effective immediately. This email was sent to the entire Board of Directors.

Consent Calendar

1. Minutes – Minutes of the November and December 2024 BOD Regular Meetings.

Motion 25-01-01

Approve the minutes for the November 2024 Regular Meeting as presented.
Cochran / Spikes. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Motion 25-01-02

Approve the minutes for the December 2024 Regular Meeting as presented.
Coen / G. Elems. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

New Business

Bequeathment

Information on bequeathment to Society.

- Greg Elems and Eugene Vicknair spoke with a representative of Charles Schwab.
- We are the beneficiary of a \$15,000.00 bequeathment from the estate of Gary Brizzolara.
- C Schwab forwarded information to Eugene to respond. Documentation being completed.
- Question on how we wanted the disbursement made. Board chose to have the full amount sent to the FRRS.

2025 WP / DRGW Joint Historical Convention

Approve dates and initial expense payment.

- Report provided with dates and amounts for deposit for use of California State Railroad Museum for event.

Motion 25-01-03

Approve amount of \$517.50 for deposit for convention.
G. Elems / Coen. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Old Business

Museum Telephones

Review proposal concerning telephone lines at the museum.

- Explained the process and costs with moving the museum main telephone line and the RAL line to Visible
- Set up process:
 - Need to get the account number and the transfer pin for both lines on the current carrier so they can be ported to Visible
 - Create an account on Visible (website only)
 - Once an account is created, order new phones
 - Once we get the new phones, after you created the account for both lines you can complete the phone orders for both devices, once you receive the phones you can log into your account on the phones that you purchased and they will be activated
 - All payments and service charges need to be paid via Debit, Credit Card, PayPal Venmo or Apple pay

Motion 25-01-04

Approve transfer of the main (4131) and RAL (5432) phone lines to Visible and disconnect the two unused telephone lines.

Cochran / Spikes. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

2025 Budget

Review draft 2025 operating budget.

- Report provided with a revised budget 2025 Budget. Preliminary revision dated 01-10-2025
- The revised budget shows a positive income of \$15,500.00 for 2025.

Motion 25-01-05

Approve the preliminary 2025 Operating Budget as presented.

Cochran / Spikes. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Good of the Order

President's Report

- Verbal report provided.
- Eugene and Greg talked to Don Hartly of Charles Schwab, were given forms to submit for the Bequeathment.
- Eugene and Greg talked to Peggy at UP about our upcoming work on the grounds, on the sewer work, questions about lease agreement, and whether we can do addendum to work on the grounds for the Whitman building and the on-going sewer work
- Eastern Plumas Health Care has emergency supplies for disaster assistant that needs a storage location, and discussion around UP possible donating some box cars and the building of the Whitman building to help in this matter.

Financial Reports

- Financial reports provided.
- Comments from Bob Sims.
- Total check and expenditures \$9,119.00 and deposits \$43,601.00. Plumas Bank showing balance for \$36,170.00
- Discussion on Visa Credit Card Balance and paying interest, on the balance on the account.
- Prior discussion was to carry over the balance making payment to carry us over the winter.

Director's Reports

- *Vicknair* – written report provided.

Event Reports

Reviewed under New Business

Department Reports

- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Train Sheet* – written report provided.
- *Operating* – written report provided.
- *General Superintendent* – written report provided.
- *Historical / Archives* – written report provided.
- *Mechanical*
 - No real update, more detail information to come in March.
 - Getting support equipment up to speed.
 - Work to occur on WP SW1500 1503 and then Quincy TR6A 1100 and then finish painting SP GP9 2873.
- *Facilities*
 - Director Cochran did receive a email on the cost of the work for the north side of the building, sent to Greg and Eugene, as Eugene is handling the work.
 - Armando talking to Brian along with Nick, about cleaning up the guest facilities, Armando cleaned up some the rooms and was able to get some donation for light fixtures for the women's ends of the shower car. And trying to clean up the lounge car
 - Armando indicated that he wanted to replace the couch and has thrown away some of the stained cushions and other items that no longer in use.

Committee Reports

- *Election* – written report provided.

Legal / Insurance Report

- Still making monthly insurance payments.

Status of Surplus Property Report

none

Safety Committee

none

Notices

none

Public Comments

none

Closed Session – requested by President Greg Elems and Director Eugene Vicknair
2:34 PM – 3:15 PM

- *Personnel Issue* – Abusive Conduct

The Board heard a report on a Personnel Issue – Abusive Conduct. The following reportable action was taken.

Following review of actions and report of members, it is the decision of the FRRS Board of Directors is that Steve Habeck's positions as Yardmaster, Restoration Manager, US Mail/Mail Box liaison and liaison with Susan Scarlet's office, are hereby suspended.

Motion 25-01-06

Approve the action to suspend positions held by Steve Habeck.

Cochran / Spikes. Aye – 7, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0. Motion carries.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:18 PM

Next Meeting: February 8, 2025 – 1:00 PM
Location: WPRM Meeting Room, Portola

Respectfully Submitted
Kerry Cochran – FRRS Director and General Superintendent
Eugene Vicknair – FRRS Secretary

PRELIMINARY