

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

President Greg Elems called the meeting to order at 1:16 PM.

Attendance

The following Directors were present:

Greg Elems
Matt Elems

Charlie Spikes
Bob Sims – phone

Tom Hervey - phone
Eugene Vicknair

6 directors present at meeting start – Quorum achieved.

Visitors:

Brian Waller – Facilities Manager
Matt Shuman – Elections Chair - phone

Nick Manos – CMO – phone

Correspondence

G. Elems

- Received letters from RBC Wealth Management and California Employment Development Department. Handed to Secretary Vicknair for follow up.
- Received letter from Plumas County Search and Rescue. Requesting donation. Board consensus to not donate at this time.
- Sales letter for event planning.
- Letter from Sterling on correction to incorrect invoice for volunteer backgrounds checks.

Vicknair

- Union Pacific Foundation check is coming for partial grant award.

Consent Calendar - Tabled to November 2025 BOD Meeting

New Business

Feather River College Santa Train Vouchers

Review vouchers to be issued by FRC for Santa Train..

- Information provided.
- Reviewed FRC vouchers for Santa Train. 25 vouchers will be paid for at \$15 each for distribution at Feather River College.
- Consensus approval.

Old Business - none.

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President's Report

- Verbal report given.
- Still waiting on discussion with Todd Roberts with respect to Ballfield for event parking.

Financial Reports

- Financial reports provided.

- Discussion about funding and fundraising events.
- Discussion about Convention financials.

Director's Reports - none.

Event Reports

- *2025 WP / DRGW Convention* – written report provided.
- *Pumpkin Patch Express*
 - Decorating in progress
 - Received contact for woman who sells sourdough cookies and bread in Beckwourth
- *Portola Railroad Days 2025*
 - Seemed to be more people than last year at the museum, store income a bit lower than 2024.
 - Had table and volunteers at the park.
 - Jen Romero said event was not as busy as last year.

Department Reports

- *Webmaster* – written report provided.
- *Mechanical* – written report provided.
- *Facilities*
 - Supposed to get down to 20 degrees tonight.
 - Probably going to shut down water to lounge and shower cars.
 - Brian thanks Duane for the work he has been doing around the facility.
 - Came in the shop last weekend after rain and noticed some door flooding. Looking for the barriers that were under the doors. Nick found two that exploded and threw them away.
- *Museum Store*
 - 2026 Photo Calendar being printed.

Committee Reports

- *Election* – written report provided.

Legal / Insurance Report - none.

Safety Committee - none.

Notices

- Looking for more volunteers for Pumpkin Patch Express.
- Old Town Commercial Street will be closed for afternoon / evening event on October 25.

Public Comments

- Budget for next meeting.
- Nick Manos expressed concern about decorations hanging around past events. They will be cleaned up.
- Nick still looking for additions to the Mechanical Department. Still planning to work on things, but we need more people in the mechanical department and to work on steam engine.
- Nick noted improvement in financials and noted improvements in income, including train rides up 50% and RALs up 30%. Feels we are going into season in good place. Payroll down 24% and completely covered by store and admissions. Phone and power bills are down. Electricity down 45% over last year.

Closed Session – none requested

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:13 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted – Eugene Vicknair - Secretary