

NOTE: My apologies to the Board. Just after the last meeting, a member requested a copy of these minutes and I discovered that, due to an oversight, I had not included them in the agenda send for February. It was not noticed at the time, but I now forward them to the board for approval.

Feather River Rail Society
Board of Directors Special Meeting – January 25, 2015 – 7:00 PM
Phone Conference Meeting

President Rod McClure called the meeting to order at 7:19 PM.

The following Directors were present via phone conference call

Eugene Vicknair
Kerry Cochran

Gail McClure
Greg Elems

Charlie Spikes
Wayne Monger

Steve Habeck
Tom Carter

New Business – Item of Urgency

Prefab Building Acquisition

Discuss offer of prefab steel building suitable for display building at substantial discount.

Written reports were forwarded to all directors prior to meeting.

This is an item of urgency as steel building company requires an answer and preliminary approval by Monday, January 26.

Director Vicknair was contacted on January 20 by Olympia Steel Building company representative and FRRS was offered a deal on a 100' X 200' prefab steel building.

Reviewed overall offer with Board: building is priced at \$267,000 plus tax and shipping full retail. It was ordered by a client whose needs have changed. The client has already paid all but \$133,000. Company is offering it to us for that price, shipping included, and is willing to negotiate long lead payment terms. Down payment is also discounted to \$15,000.

Some question as to snow load required. Director Vicknair is checking Plumas code requirements. Building may require some upgrades for higher snow load. Additional hardware would be retail \$66,000, but company offered to take \$20,000 off upgrades if they are needed.

Questions about suitability and how it fits into site plan. Building would go in the west end of the current parking lot. It appears that it could hold 5 tracks and contain 10 - 18 pieces of equipment, depending on length.

Pointed out that building eave height is 20', which is minimum for railcar access. Prefab steel buildings are typically lower eave height and taller ones are more expensive.

Questions about construction cost. Assembly on site would cost approximately \$350,000 additional or more. Assembly could be done in stages with each stage costed out separately.

Building does not include large roll-up doors, just openings. Can be customized for our needs.

Discussion if building is too large to climate control and cost of climate control.

Discussion about suitability of building frame received from Rio Vista. Pointed out that this frame is old and has no warranties and no outer surface, it is just a frame. Could be sold to help pay for new building.

New building should come with full warranties, Director Vicknair to confirm.

Board expressed desire for best possible terms.

GGRM has expressed interest in acquiring the building if we do not. Pointed out that, if we decide in the next couple years that we cannot handle purchase, we could likely negotiate some other organization to buy out our interest and take over purchase at no loss to the Society.

Expressed that a covered display building is an absolute need if we are to continue evolving as a museum.

Concerns that we could pull off such large fundraising. Opinions given that we need to try.

Motion 15-01-01S

Approve the acquisition of the offered building if Directors Vicknair and McClure can negotiate favorable terms.

Guidelines to be discussed. Give Director Vicknair authority to sign contract. Approve down payment not to exceed \$15,000 from line item 40405 – Building Fund.

Carter / Spikes. Aye - 4, Nay - 2, Abstain - 1. Motion carries.

Guidelines for deal negotiation reviewed. Want longest payment terms possible. No interest. Company rep has indicated that this is possible.

Director Vicknair will also review with steel company for changes required by building for track access.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at: 7:58 PM
Next meeting: February 7, 2015 – 1:00 PM
Location: Oaks Meeting Room – Orchid Suites
Roseville, CA

Respectfully Submitted,
Eugene Vicknair
Secretary, FRRS