

Mid-Continent Railway Historical Society, Inc.

Minutes of the June 2009 Regular Board Of Directors Meeting

Date: June 20, 2009

Location: Baraboo Area Visitors Center

Roll Call:

J. Bloohm, D. Crary, D. Schumacher, E. Ellis, J. Nelson, P. Weeden, J. Sorrell, D. Viste

B. Anderson arrived 12:01PM

Absent: P. Deets, K. Keefe, S. Brist

Guests: R. Ristow, D. Meyer, N. Vertien, R. Kokemuller, B. Schumacher, C. O'Brien

Meeting called to order 12:00 PM

12:01 PM: E. Ellis moves and D. Schumacher seconds to approve the agenda and allow the president the option to go out of order as needed to efficiently conduct the meeting. Motion passed unanimously

12:02 PM: E. Ellis moves and D. Viste seconds to accept the resignation of Director Paul Swanson, and to thank Paul for his service. Motion passed unanimously.

12:03 PM: The minutes of the March 21, 2009 Board Meeting are approved as presented.

12:06 PM: P. Weeden moves and J. Nelson seconds to appoint Colin O'Brien to fill the unexpired term of Paul Swanson. Motion passed unanimously.

12:07 PM: C. O'Brien assumes his seat as a Director.

12:07 PM Reports:

Financials: May reports have been mailed. We have several members falling behind in dues, and all have been send a second notice. To be reinstated, they must pay the current year plus pay for the next year. By Consensus of the Board, the office should call these members and speak to them directly.

We are currently fully staffed, and are 40% ahead on attendance due to participation in a Wisconsin Dells promotion. But many of these people are taking advantage of free tickets in the promotion. So far we have 3000 people for June. Gift shop sales are still lacking. Income likely will only meet the income from two years ago. In terms of advertising, we also have Charter ads running now, although these ads started running a little late. And sales to child groups are way up.

Loan status: Report handed out. Currently all SBA money is in. Operating portion of SBA went to pay off high interest line of credit. We will still need another \$484,512 to complete funding of repairs. We must find out how much the SBA will loan us, before we can approach FEMA. Payback of the loan starts in August.

12:43 PM: E. Ellis moves and D. Crary second to have Don Meyer and Jeff Bloohm make the application for the additional amount to complete repairs not to exceed \$525,000 including the current SBA loan. Motion passed unanimously.

Diesel Locomotives: GE MCRY 4 needed one traction motor rebuilt and the other replaced. Interestingly they found that one motor had an idler shaft on that was too long, thus preventing the gear case from bolting up tight. All in all, trucks were very tired and much work is required.

Steam Program: Shutdown due to flood. However Mike Wahl is getting a price for the WC&C 1 and spending down grant money on 1385. However, nothing on that front has happened to date. As for PL 2, rumor from Skip is boiler will be back in 2 months. And Jim Eng will be on property to turn a crank pin next Sunday.

Quarry: Nothing much new. Blum has done major work to date, however they are not quite done. However, remaining work will not prevent damage from the road in Quarry going out again.

Roeben Caboose: Our Attorney has all information and should have drafted a letter for eviction; however Don Meyer has not followed up.

Bonding of officers and employees: Nothing to report

Community block grant: We have not heard anything, but paperwork has been submitted.

The collection committee has been in communication, and are working on polices.

The meeting with Bill Gardner: They have not been able to set up an appointment with Bill Gardner.

Election Results: On June 19, 2009 at 12:00 PM local time, the ballots for the by-law changes initiated by Members Ed Ripp and Sharon Crary were counted. The results were as follows:

131 Total Envelopes were returned, 1 was marked return to sender; President Bloohm believed that member had passed away.

130 ballots were returned and validated.

In the matter of the change to article 2, the measure passed 123 to 7

In the matter of the change to article 4, the measure passed 99 to 31

In the matter of the change to article 5, the measure passed 94 to 35 with 1 non vote

In the matter of the change to article 6, the measure passed 115 to 14 with 1 non vote

In the matter of the change to article 7, the measure passed 116 to 13 with 1 non vote

Report from S. Brist (By email): S. Brist followed up by emailing the WSOR lobbyist for support and approval of legislative funds for CNW 1385. S. Brist did not proceed further without the help and support of Bill Gardner.

Condition of CHIPS #6 tank engine: Per Mike Wahl, it is a pile of parts as it sits now. Rebuild from bottom up, would literally be a total rebuild.

Department Creation Committee: 14 departments. One is new; others currently do not have department heads. Departments may have sub departments.

1:44 PM: E. Ellis moves and D. Schumacher seconds to have the Vice President move ahead and establish the departments as he sees fit. Motion passed with B. Anderson not voting.

Camp Car Committee: The committee has not met and is not ready to report to the board.

Security Committee: The committee has no report at this time.

MCRY #4 was talked about earlier. MCRY #7 has severe radiator leaks. The estimate is \$8,045.00 as a worst case scenario. We will also include two extra cores on site in case of need.

1:51 PM: E. Ellis moves and D. Viste seconds to repair MCRY #7. Motion passed unanimously.

MILW 988 still needs to have her trucks repaired. We could just have the motors cleaned and baked and come back as it is. To do this will probably run \$45,000 or less. If we do that the locomotive will come back with good motors and worn out trucks and wheels. The second option is to have the trucks rebuilt, that maybe around \$80,000. The Locomotive is museum owned and is being worked on by members with no budget. It now has a complete governor and has one new complete radiator. Some members feel a fund raising effort could be made to happen. This is a very rare locomotive a RSC2. The President recommends that we do the job correctly. Would require a better estimated cost. We could run an ad in the MILW Historical Association for fund raising.

2:09 PM: J. Sorrel moves and D. Schumacher seconds to send the MILW 988 trucks to L&S upon return of 4 trucks for evaluation. Motion fails with 7 votes against and D. Crary and J. Sorrel Voting for.

2:26 PM: E. Ellis moves and D. Viste seconds to change the Consulting Managers contract (MCRY-009D) under the scope of duties, such that the words Executive Director will be changed to Manager. Motion passed unanimously.

2:31 PM: B. Anderson moves and E. Ellis seconds to wave our claim on the Wittig estate. Motion passed unanimously.

2: 37 PM: J. Nelson moves and J. Sorrel seconds to vote to recommend the changes to article 4.2.2 of the by-laws. Motion passed with E. Ellis abstaining.

2:39 PM: B. Anderson moves and D. Schumacer seconds to vote to recommend the change to article 4.6.1 of the by-laws. Motion passed with J. Sorrel voting against.

The next meeting will be September 19th at noon, at the Baraboo Area Visitor's Center.

2:44 PM: D. Crary moves and J. Sorrel seconds to adjourn the meeting. Motion passes unanimously.

Kelly R. Bauman

Secretary

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Approved by the Board on September 19, 2009