

Train Mountain Railroad Board of Directors Meeting

December 4, 2013

Location: Telephone Meeting

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Present: Tom Watson, President; Dennis Ward, Treasurer; Chuck Barnes, Secretary; Jim Armstrong; Jerry Crane; John Cooper and, John Black (TMI – nonvoting member)

Absent: None

Others in attendance: Jeff Pape.

2. Morello Construction Septic System Bid

Jerry gave an update on the septic system project and the two bid that were received. After discussion the Board took the following action:

- a. Does the Board accept the email consensus that this is our highest priority project at this time? Yes. 6-0.
- b. Does the Board accept that the Morello Construction bid fulfills the criteria we required of the bidders? Yes. 6-0
- c. Does the Board find that the Morello Construction bid is the lowest bid received? Yes. 6-0
- d. Does the Board accept the Morello Construction bid pending adequate funding to be determined in Agenda Item 3? Yes. 6-0

3. Funding

a. Septic System Bid. The current cash position: TMI has approximately \$20,900 and TMRR has approximately \$11,000. There are no funds available in the Custodial Accounts for the sewer project. John Black stated that Friends and TMI are in favor of accepting the Morello Construction bid of \$28,036.85 provided TMRR contributes \$9,000 to the project. TMI will contribute the \$19,036.85 balance. After discussing the sewer project the Board concluded it is of great importance to TM and it will take cooperation between Friends, TMI and TMRR to fund the sewer project.

Motion: TMRR will provide \$9,000.00 to the sewer project. Crane/Ward.

Approved 6-0

John Black will sign the proposal and return it to Morello Construction.

b. John Black stated there appears to be sufficient track to re-lay Hairpin, but there is not enough rail to lay Witcombe to Aspen. John said he has reserved 300 10' lengths of rail at RMI at a cost of approximately \$6,000. If the rail is not acquired at this time it may be months before more rail becomes available. This may prevent Witcombe to Aspen being laid prior to the 2015 Triennial. Since TMI, Friends and TMRR do not have sufficient funds at this time to purchase the rail, John said he would purchase the rail provided TMRR agrees to purchase any rail they may need from him. If Friends, TMI and TMRR do not purchase the

rail prior to the Triennial John reserves the right to sell any unsold rail on the open market. He will sell the rail to TMRR at his cost. The Board agreed that acquiring the rail at this time is very important and thanked John for his generous offer to purchase the rail.

Motion: If TMRR needs any rail it will purchase the rail from John Black.
Crane/Armstrong. Approved 6-0

c. John Black stated that approximately 3,600 16" plastic ties would be needed to lay Witcombe to Aspin. The minimum order from the supplier is 1,000 8' lengths at \$10 each or \$10,000. Six hundred 8' lengths are required to get the 3,600 ties that will be needed. The supplier said he needs 60 to 90 days lead-time. John recommended postponing this purchase until we are past the sewer project expenses. The Board agreed with John's recommendation to postpone the purchase.

4. Last Minute Items

The Boy Scouts would like to hold an event May 16-18, 2014 at TM. There will be between 60 and 90 Scouts in attendance. The Scouts will provide everything they need, but TMRR will need to provide a contact person and perhaps assist in developing a project(s) the Scouts could do to benefit TM. John Black will not be available during the Scout's visit. Jim Armstrong said he would assist with this project. The Scouts may be able to assist in building the railbikes. John is designing two different railbike prototypes. The Board supported the Scouting event.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Set Next Board Meeting

January 8, 2014 at 7:00 pm was set as the date and time for the next TMRR Board meeting. It will be a telephone meeting.

7. Adjourn

Motion: Adjourn the Board meeting. Ward/Armstrong. Approved 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

The minutes were taken and submitted by Chuck Barnes, Secretary.
The TMRR Board approved the minutes with an email vote.