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BACK ISSUES:

All back issues of the FLASH may be viewed at www.fremontrailroad.com.

In addition, numerous links to other websites of commercial railroads, tourist railroads, the Fremont community, and more information on the FEVR history and equipment may be found there.

BOARDS OF DIRECTORS :

NOTE: The FEVR and NRM are separate businesses and their respective Boards meet separately. All NRM Board members belong to the NRHS and are also members of the FEVR Board. The FEVR Board has additional members who do not belong to the NRHS and are not on the NRM Board. Items of business reported here may be from either or both Boards.

The FEVR and the NRM Boards of Directors met Wednesday evening, October 3, at the Wilderness Lodge and Conference Center in Fremont. FEVR Board members attending were **Maynard Porter, George Blessing, Ron Spahni, Bob Ueberrhein, David Jorgensen, Erik Muttersbaugh, Bud Miller, Jeff Blackmore, and Charles L. Sedlacek. Patti Emmanuel and Mark Vaughn** were guests. Vice-President **Porter** conducted the meeting.

Mr. **Vaughn** made a presentation of a proposal in which he stated that he would like to purchase the railroad in return for the settlement of outstanding current financial obligations. He would provide infrastructure improvements after such a purchase. Operations would then continue under a leasing arrangement. The Board took no immediate action

pending a decision based on a written proposal that he will furnish shortly.

Mr. **Vaughn** is a native of Valentine, NE and served FEVR as a volunteer in the late 1980's. Subsequently, he held numerous positions in the railroad industry, most recently as General Director of Operating Practices for the Kansas City Southern.

The treasurer's report was presented and approved.

As announced in a recent FLASH EXTRA, a Day Out with Thomas™ is coming to the railroad for the last two weekends in July 2008.

Mr. **Jorgensen** indicated that he will be accepting a position as manager of a new hotel in Omaha.

Maynard Porter reported that all currently due FRA reports are turned in.

The acquisition of the tree chipper from a grant was discussed. There needed to be details addressed before the funds for the chipper are received.

Erik Muttersbaugh and other volunteers have replaced the crossing road panels at the Yager street crossing.

MEMBER NEWS:

The membership is saddened by the news of the death of **Jerry Morris**, a Board member, after a long illness. Jerry's contributions were many and he will long be remembered by all. Many members attended his funeral in Hooper on **October 18**. A flower arrangement was contributed by the membership.

BOARD ELECTIONS:

Three NRM Board members are ending their current three year terms at the end of 2007. They are **George Blessing, Erik Muttersbaugh, and Charles L. Sedlacek**. Nomination forms for candidates for those positions are being sent to all NRHS members of the Nebraska Railroad Museum Chapter. The return deadline is November 7.

NRHS NEWS:

NRHS members should have received their 2008 dues notices by now. The payment, which includes local dues, is to be sent to the NRM, which will then forward the national dues portion to NRHS.

This new procedure was discussed in the FLASH September issue. Members should have received one or more "catch up" publications from NRHS.

The changes do not affect "local supporters" of NRM who do not belong to NRHS.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION:

The new portion of highway **US 275** bypassing Hooper on the south was opened **October 21**. The new road intersection for **US 77** immediately south of the FEVR railroad tracks will now be completed. The completion of this road section involves the detour of **US 77** traffic through Hooper.

SPECIAL SCHEDULE:

There will be a special FEVR **Halloween** excursion trip on October 27. Boarding at the depot will be at 7:00 PM. Call the depot for more information.

EXCURSION SCHEDULE:

The regular excursion season will end **October 28**. Trains leave the Fremont depot at **1:00 PM** on **Saturday** and **Sunday** for a trip of about three and one-half hours to Nickerson and return. Reservations recommended but not required. It is advisable to call the depot to confirm the schedule ahead of time should there be a change due to special events.

Air conditioned fares are \$14 for adults and for children 3-11 \$10. Vintage coach fares are \$10 and \$8 respectively. Children under 3 at no charge. AAA cards give a \$1.00 discount on adult fares.

Charter opportunities will continue after October, depending upon weather and operational conditions. Charter scheduling for 2008 is now available.

Brochures are available. Call or write for a copy.

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