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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The NRM Board of Directors met at the Clarion Inn in Fremont on November 2, 2011. Present were Treasurer/Executive Director Angermund, BOD members Daniels (BOD president), Swetnam, Eveland, Blessing (BOD Secretary), Peterson, and Porter.

Not attending: D. Mutthersbough, Powers, and Blackmore.

Guests - Sedlacek, FLASH editor, Hunter Lafferty, and David Fachman.

Angermund reported that there were 1465 excursion passengers in the 2011 season as compared to 1897 passengers in 2010 season. There were fewer school charters and fewer passengers for the John C. Fremont days celebration.

Communication from member Josh Kay indicated his willingness to organize a work crew to clean crossing flangeways in November and to organize an NRM display for the Great American Train Expo at the Mid-America Center, Council Bluffs, January 28 and 29, 2012. His proposals were both approved.

No communication has been received from Mike Williams, the current track owner, or from the FRA about results of the October track inspection.

President Daniels indicated he has been certified as an Operation Lifesaver presenter (See "President's Corner" this issue).

The returned BOD Candidate Information Forms (sent to NRHS/NRM members after the October BOD meeting) were evaluated for validity. The stated nominees for the three positions will be David Mutthersbough, David Fachman, and Hunter Lafferty. (The

official ballots were printed after the BOD meeting and mailed the following day.)

Since Hunter Lafferty is now one of the candidates, he was excused from further participation on the Election Committee and replaced by Charles L. Sedlacek as the non-BOD member.

Other items included discussions about obtaining a diesel locomotive through donation and the desirability of having a local general manager to supervise Williams' property. There were votes to approve the locomotive proposal and to table the manager proposal.

The positions of NRM Museum Curator and Manager were discussed.

The situation around the privately owned steam locomotive stored inside the engine house in Hooper was discussed. Any action was tabled because there will be no grant funding for restoration as long the ownership is private.

Circumstances around the cancelled FDT run of 10/28 were discussed. Apparently the FDT Manager did not communicate the decision to the NRM crew scheduler, causing the assigned crew to appear for duty only to find out there was no run.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

President Daniels writes "Board election is approaching. May this serve as a reminder for everyone to send their ballot in on time. I have completed the certification process to do "Operation Lifesaver" presentations. I gave my solo/exam presentation last Wednesday to the South Sioux City Rotary Club. It was well received. I also received all the cards and materials. I have to wait for my ID form and passwords before doing another at this point. That should arrive in a few weeks. I hope to do some presentations on the excursion train next year. There are special programs for school-age children."

ELECTION UPDATE:

(See Board of Directors this issue and the October 2011 FLASH for more details)

NRM members who received ballots for the election of BOD members are reminded that ballots are due delivered by USPS mail at the place, date, and time specified on the ballots.

Incumbent and newly elected BOD members are reminded that under the new Constitution and By-Laws adopted by NRHS on June 24, 2011 there is no "grace" period for membership renewal and 2011 memberships will expire 12/31. Current or newly elected BOD members whose memberships have expired will not be eligible for inclusion in the

BOD reorganization at the January, 2012 meeting nor continuation as BOD members. All NRHS members are urged to renew their memberships immediately if they have not already done so to insure that they are listed on the official membership roster by 01/01/2012.

CONSTITUTION BY-LAW COMMITTEE:

A draft document for NRM modeled after the similar NRHS document has been produced for study by the committee. A meeting of the members is planned for the late December holiday period time frame.

(See the October FLASH for more details)

UNION PACIFIC DOUBLE TRACK:

Views from Linn Street, Kennard



New main track on left — east crossover installed



Turnout to current long siding left — west crossover to be finished — more new ROW in distance right

(Photos by FLASH editor)

Track between Blair and Kennard is mostly finished with ballast in place and signals installed. It appears that the new main track will parallel the current main at least to the highway 30 overpass in the railroad's immediate plans.

SANTA RUNS:

About 100 passengers participated in the holiday trip on November 27. Another trip is scheduled for December 4 and for December 11 if needed. Contact the Fremont Dinner Train at 402-727-8321 for information.

CHARTERS:

NRM charters will continue to be available by reservation, subject to operating conditions.