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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The NRM Board of Directors met at the Clarion Inn in Fremont on October 5, 2011. Present were Treasurer/Executive Director **Angermund**, BOD members **Daniels** (BOD president), **Swetnam**, **Eveland**, **Blessing** (BOD Secretary), and **Blackmore**.

Not attending: **D. Mutthersbough**, **Powers**, and **Peterson**.

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

Guest **Sedlacek** brought for display an electronic device called a "Battery Minder", which maintains a good storage battery condition in unused vehicles, with the suggestion that it might prove useful to NRM.

He also brought up plans for the possible future donation of a Case skid steer loader and transport trailer which he had used doing volunteer work on the railroad. The unit is narrow enough to be able to travel between the rails on the track.

The usefulness of an FRA track inspection was discussed because of the lack of repair by the new track owner (*Editor: see the President's Corner this issue*).

The accident on highway 77 where the crossing signal equipment on the center island was demolished by a highway vehicle was reviewed. Needed reports to insurance and the FRA had been executed. There was no involvement with other railroad equipment and train traffic continues.

The pending work on the RPO was discussed (*Editor: see the President's Corner this issue*).

The Treasurer's report was presented and

approved (*no debt!*).

The process of election of officers on the BOD was begun. The positions currently held by **D. Mutthersbough**, **Porter**, and **Powers** will be on the election ballots. (*Powers filled the position vacated by Wallen on 12/31/10.*)

NRM member **Hunter Lafferty** and BOD members **Swetnam**, **Blessing**, and **Blackmore** were to form the election committee and handle the election work (*the invitations for nominations were sent to NRM members in mid-October and are due back prior to the BOD meeting on 11/02/11. Ballots will then be sent to NRM members, due back at the December BOD meeting. Ballots will be accepted only through USPS mail delivery.*)

A Constitution/By-Law Committee consisting of NRM members **David Fachman** and **Charles L. Sedlacek** and BOD members **Blessing** and **Blackmore** was appointed to revise the NRM documents. A target date for the draft was to be the March 2012 BOD meeting.

The work done and still needed on the Nickerson passing siding was discussed (*Editor: see the article this issue*).

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

President **Daniels** writes "Work progresses on the RPO car. The brakes have been completely overhauled and are now in "top condition". The roof has been painted with black, waterproof paint to protect it. The black paint restores it to its original color. We are making arrangements to repair the windows. It is most important that we protect the car from the elements during the winter.

I met with **Regie Edmonson** of the Federal Railroad Administration on October 13th. I offered to accompany him, **Tom Brown**, and **Scot Elston** during the inspection, but Regie preferred to do the evaluation only with the other inspectors. He said he would call **Mike Williams**. I left him with the "Agreement" and record of "transfer of sale payment". Regie said he would inform me of any situations."

(Editor's notes: The RPO (railway post office) car repair has been facilitated by a \$6000 donation by an NRM member and a \$4000 grant from the Union Pacific Foundation. Mike Williams purchased the track in 2010. The documents are sale documents)

NICKERSON REHAB:

After weeks of work by NRM members and other helpers, the passing siding track in Nickerson is now in use, allowing the locomotive to again lead the train in both directions for excursion and dinner train runs.

This eliminates the need for the "push-pull" operation which is especially hazardous in the winter. NRM extends appreciation to all who helped



NRM OCTOBER TRACK WORK
(Photos by FLASH editor)

NRHS:

FLASH recipients who are members of the National Railway Historical Society have received or will soon receive membership renewal material. Completed forms are to be sent, with payment, to the Fremont NRM office. The \$56 membership includes both national and local dues. Besides supporting NRHS and NRM preservation and educational activities, that sum provides the member with five copies per year of the *Bulletin* which carries topics of railroading interest.

On the local level, NRHS members are eligible to vote on NRM affairs and can be elected to the Board of Directors.

A very good reason to be an NRHS member is the opportunity to attend the 2012 National Convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, June 18-24.

NRHS plans for future continuance with the Railcamp program which provides a railroading experience for the younger generations.

More information at www.nrhs.com

EXCURSION SCHEDULE ENDING:

The regular schedule of NRM excursion trains on Saturdays and Sundays ended on October 30.

CHARTERS:

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

There is a current charter schedule for about 100 in a home school group on Friday, November 4, in the climate controlled cars.