

## **NPRHA BOD actions from 07.20.14 to 05.18.2015**

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### **Motion - October 21, 2014: Acquisition of NP blueprints owned by Larry Schrenk**

Jim Dick would like to make the following motion: Acquisition of NP historical blueprints owned by Larry Schrenk.

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Motion: That the NPRHA acquire from Larry Schrenk 247 sheets of blueprints which he is offering at \$3.50 each.

These blueprint sheets appear to be original and range in date from 1886-1906. They are composed mostly of early depots, (both freight, passenger, and combination) however also cover other trackside structures such as: ice houses, roundhouses, pump houses, Section houses, bunk houses, stock yards, stock chutes, boarding house, storage sheds, and few more not listed.

The aggregate price asked for this is \$864.50 - which I consider very fair.

James Dick

Listing of items by L Schrenk: The standard plan folders include:

Roundhouses, Depots, Pump houses, Freight houses, Ice houses, Section houses, Coal chutes, Bunk houses, Water stations, Stock yards, Stock chutes, Boarding house, Storage sheds

Yes, the plans include Bills of Materials (including paint)

There are no trestle plans. Larry

I will second. Aaron

Much discussion followed.

Vote called on October 31, 2014 by Bill Zidel. Motion passes with votes of Bill Zidel, Alan Dahlman, Jim Dick, Aaron Gjermundson, Kent Sullivan, Bob Makins, Ken Vogel, Chris Frissell

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### **Motion - December 11, 2014: GN & NP Records from Seattle Engineering Office**

Chris Frissell: I move that the Board requests President Zidel initiate a proposal, if possible to be made jointly with the GNRHS, to acquire and archive the NP and GN Engineering Office and related records formerly of the Jacobson collection, held in storage material by Orange Empire Railway Museum, Perris, California

Vogel would like to second the motion.

Little discussion followed.

Votes Aye: Doug Shearer, Kent Sullivan, Aaron Gjermundson, Bob Makins, Chris Frissell, Jim Dick,

No further votes placed, with no vote against. Motion declared as passed by Bob Z on 12.14.14

Comment:

The motion has passed and I will go and do the contacting write the letter and get the boxes. Thank You, Bil

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02.07.2015 I hope everyone had a good holiday and we are now back at it. I have attached a PNRA Proposal from Gary Tarbox. I would like everyone to read his proposal and I am looking for a motion and second on accepting it so we can start a discussion. Thank You and let the discussion begin. If there are additional questions we can direct them to Gary. Bill,

PNRA proposal to follow:

The NPRHA's two Archive sites are at the core of our mission to *Preserve the History of the Northern Pacific Railway*.

The West-End Archive is located at the PNRA facility in Burien which was formed by two NPRHA members and a GNRHS member in 2009 to preserve the many collections that were known to exist in the Pacific Northwest region. PNRA has five Railroad Heritage Organization members which include the *NPRHA*, *GNRHS*, *Cascade Rail Foundation* preserving the Milwaukee Road in Washington State, *SP&SRHS* and the *Boeing Employees Model Railroad Club*.

Over our first four and one-half years of operation, PNRA has grown and matured into a fully functional archive focusing on the railroads of the region. In doing this, we have:

- a. Completed the facility modifications to make it a safe and operational Archive.
- b. Installed permanent shelving systems of optimize the use of one-fourth of our storage space.
- c. Assembled computer and scanning stations to support crews of fifteen volunteers.
- d. Recruited and trained a volunteer base that meets regularly to work on the collections, which included 7,720 man-hours worked in 2014.
- e. Managed the *NPRHA.org*, *GN-NPJointArchive.org* and other web sites on the servers in Seattle.
- f. Built a strong contributor base of *Friends* that now provides over one-third of PNRA's revenue.
- g. Continued to receive many significant document and photo collections.
- h. Developed working relationships in the local Burien and King County heritage communities.

At this point, the NPRHA has the largest volume of all the collections at PNRA. The following are some of the largest individual NP-owned collections in Burien:

- a. Jim Fredrickson's collection purchased in 2012.
- b. Walt Ainsworth's massive NP collection of photos, document and maps received in 2013.
- c. Dave Sprau's NP collection of operating documents and maps.
- d. BN collection of NP drawings on over 46,000 microfiche cards.
- e. Ruth & Ed Eckes' NP collection of operating documents.
- f. Bill McKown's collection of NP equipment drawings and photos.
- g. George Werkema's NP slide collection.
- h. Dan Perkins' NP slide collection.
- i. Harold F. Stewart's NP photo collection.
- j. Barnie Overlie's film collection detailing many NP track improvement projects.

From PNRA's beginning, it has covered all expenses from three sources of revenue: monthly membership fees paid by our railroad history organizations; fulfillment services for the NPRHA and GNRHS online stores; and individual contributions from *Friends of PNRA*. Our largest expense remains the building mortgage interest. Thus, as we reduce the mortgage principal, our monthly expenses will be reduced. Ultimately, when the mortgage is paid off, the Archive will sustain itself as a permanent facility.

To reduce and pay off the building mortgage, PNRA began a Capital Campaign in 2013. As result of discussions initiated by the GNRHS with James J. Hill III, grandson of the founder of the Great Northern, the Campaign received its first success, a commitment to be the Campaign's lead contributor and provide a \$25,000 Challenge Grant. In the discussions, Mr. Hill also recommended the GNRHS and NPRHA to do the same, as a *force multiplier and momentum-builder*. Last week, the GNRHS Board voted to provide an additional \$50,000 for PNRA's Capital Campaign to secure the Archive by reducing the monthly mortgage interest payments.

In keeping with earlier NPRHA support, PNRA now requests that the NPRHA consider matching the GNRHS commitment with a \$50,000 challenge grant that PNRA will use to generate additional contributions from individuals and foundations. The near-term goal is to pay off the Archive's mortgage and make the Archive a permanent facility to support the Association's preservation mission for future generations. After mortgage pay off, the Campaign will generate funds to complete the modifications of the building and establish a *World-Class Railroad Heritage Archive* in the Pacific Northwest ----- end of proposal -----

Motion - 02.11.2015 – PNRA proposal for funding. Grant of \$50,000.

For the sake of encouraging discussion I move that we accept the PNRA proposal. Doug Shearer

02.12.15 I will second Doug's motion, thank you. Chris Frissell

Much discussion followed.

Aye vote on motion. Chris Frissell, Ken Vogel, Aaron Gjermundson, Kent Sullivan, Bob Makins, Doug Shearer, Bill Zidel. Alan Dahlman

No vote. Jim Dick

Motion passes.

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03.09.2015 – Motion: Grant of a lifetime membership to Walt Ainsworth.

Grant of a lifetime membership to Walt Ainsworth for his donations and dedicated work for the NPRHA. Bob Makins

03.09.15 I will heartily second! Kent Sullivan

Very little discussion followed. Most made positive statements of Walt's dedication and endowments.

Votes Aye: Chris Frissell, Bob Makins, Bill Zidel, Kent Sullivan, Jim Dick, Aaron Gjermundson, Ken Vogel, Doug Shearer, Alan Dahlman – Let the record show the vote is unanimous.

With award of life time membership is a plaque to read as follows:

**“By Unanimous Proclamation of the NPRHA Board, we confer a Lifetime Membership to Walt Ainsworth for his dedication to The Northern Pacific America's Favorite Railroad”**

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Motion - 04.29.2015 NPRHA Grants Committee - Recommendations to the President

Motion: I move that the Board 1) accept the recommendation of the NPRHA Grants Committee to fund the Wallace Depot Foundation REA grant application at \$1,381.00;

2) Not accept the Morrison & Andreessen Tacoma Seaport application at this time;

3) Request that the Grants Committee continue to work the latter applicants to refine the Seaport application for possible funding next year (or earlier if circumstances conspire to make this desirable); and

4) Commend the Grants Committee for excellent work in reviewing applications and reporting to the Board with clarity, wisdom, and timeliness.

Chris Frissell

04.29.15 Ken Vogel will gladly offer up a second.

Some discussion followed.

Aye votes: Chris Frissell, Bob Makins, Doug Shearer, Kent Sullivan, Jim Dick, Aaron Gjermundson, Bill Zidel,

No further votes tendered.

Motion passes.