Mid-Continent Railway Historical Society, Inc.

Minutes of the March 15th, 2025 Regular Board of Directors Meeting

Date: March 15th, 2025
Location: MCRHS Office

Roll Call:

Directors:

R. Anderson, Treasurer
D. Bierman
G. Bjorge
A. Clussman
R. Colby
J. Huttenburg, Vice President
C. O'Brien, Secretary
C. Salmonson
P. Schierloh

Other Officers:

A. Spinelli, President

Other Guests:

J. Lentz, Office Manager
K. Hojnacki

12:01 PM: Meeting is called to order by President Spinelli.

The next regular meeting will be held on June 7th, 2025 at 12:01 PM.

The next planning meeting will be at the MCRHS office on June 7th, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

New Business:

Engineer Throttle Time report was presented.

Reports:

The President/Manager's report was presented.

The Financial report was presented.

The Endowment Committee report was presented.

The Office report was presented.

The Track Department report was presented.

The Shelter Building and Restoration Building report was presented.

The Steam/Diesel Training Committee report was presented.

Membership Upgrades:

1:47 PM: J. Huttenburg moves and G. Bjorge seconds to approve the upgrade of Clark Cooper, Paul E. Searing, Larry Stanley, Karen Sorrel, Richard Sorrel and Crystal Sorrel to Life Member status. Motion passed unanimously.

1:48 PM: R. Colby moves and P. Schierloh seconds to approve the upgrade of Jack Franklin, Frank Gitter, Grant Hoppel, Leroy Joslin, Scott Regula, Karl Stieglitz and James Wilson to Regular Member status. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business (continued):

1:48 PM: J. Huttenburg moves and A. Clussman seconds to approve the minutes of the December 14th, 2024 Board meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

1:49 PM: G. Bjorge moves and C. Salmonson seconds to approve the fiscal year 2024 audited financial statement. Motion passed unanimously.

2:07 PM: J. Huttenburg moves and P. Schierloh seconds to approve sale of old rail and support materials to American Rail Marketing LLC. Motion passed unanimously.

2:14 PM: J. Huttenburg moves and G. Bjorge seconds to approve paying $29, 315 invoice to L and S Electric for 988 wheel work. Motion passed unanimously.

President Spinelli turns the meeting over to Vice President Huttenburg.

2:44 PM: D.Bierman moves and G. Bjorge seconds to approve the General Manager Job Description 2025, to approve the terms for hiring a General Manager, and to approve hiring Andy Spinelli as General Manager of MCRY when he becomes available to the museum. Motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Huttenburg returns the meeting to President Spinelli.

2:52 PM: C. O'Brien moves and R. Colby seconds to approve the hiring of the seasonal employees listed (below) and to allow the President to hire additional employees not yet known to fill vacant jobs and to report the names of the new employees to the Directors via email.

2025 Seasonal Positions

Gift Shop Clerk 1: Vacant - Position Open
Gift Shop Clerk 2: Grant Hoppel (Saturday or Sunday to fill out his week)
Engineer: Rusty Schram, Robert Dischler (Tuesday-Friday)
Conductor/Trainman: Grant Hoppel (Tuesday-Friday)
Conductor/Trainman: Colton Taylor (Tuesday-Friday)
Custodian: Tina Hinze
Ticket Agent: Lori Liegel

Current Employees

Office Manager: Jeffrey Lentz
Office Assistant: Becca Madero
Office Staff: Colton Taylor (Saturday or Sunday to fill out his week)
Restorations Department: Larry Tourdot, Richard Potthast
1385 Project Laborer: Thomas J. Doyle
Signal Maintainer: Joe Slatter

3:02 PM: C. O'Brien moves and P. Schierloh seconds to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Colin O'Brien
Secretary
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