

Southern Oregon Railway Historical Society
Board of Directors
Regular Meeting 3:30PM October 30, 2025
At the MedFab Conference Center
1109 Court St., Medford, OR

Meeting Called to order by President Ric Walch at 3:45 p.m.

1. Roll Call: Those present: Ric Walch, Mick Smith, Donavin Brown, Ken Hill, Donna Hill, Trish Callahan, Allen Dobney, and Jerry Scriven.
2. Consent of the Agenda: The agenda was approved by consensus.
3. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were read and corrected as directed by the board.
4. Treasurer's Report: Donnie Brown distributed copies of the Treasurer's report. The report was accepted as presented.
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Medco 4—will take up this issue at the next meeting. #4 will have to be retube by 2029 and that's when we will need more money. Jerry wants to get it to a spot where he can fire the boiler.
 - b. Burger Shack: Discussed what has worked this year and all agreed that pizza was a hit. Talked about a warming oven or ice chests to keep the pizza warm. Try pizza again next season but add stuff that doesn't require a lot of prep.
 - c. Butte Falls: Allen was present to be brought up to speed with the changes in plans that have happened since the community forest plan was adopted. Ric wants to identify what the plan allows us to do. Trish is going to the trust for public lands to get copies of the plan. "Permanent structures" is an example of what we don't have clear understanding of. Allen has lumber companies (Silver Butte and Lone Rock) agreements for us to go through their properties. We have verbal but Trish says we need something in writing. Allen has an approved fire safety/operational plan. Weyerhaeuser said that plan is a good plan.
Ric: Christine needs to have these items clearly spelled out. Ric says there is a lot we can do before many of these steps are completed. He says we need to have some visibility of progress: permission at the museum site and move dirt around. Let's come up with a plan to get townspeople interested and involved. Jerry says he thinks that we should combine our interest with the locals and work with Christine.
Ric says that some things take more time to complete archery range v. train tracks. We need to ramp up town participation. How do we work together to advance the plan?

Allen says he can make the changes to our plan to include the light rail. He wants to get these plans before the city...

Trish---there is property for sale- Boyer's property-- in the area near the Landing. There is enough room for loading dock, storage shed and museum. It can be rezoned to light industrial. Another homeowner adjacent to the truck road has listed their property for sale.

Trish and Allen agreed that the city needs to buy the land. Allen suggest that he create 2 sets of plans: one v. the other and get input from the public. Present it first to the committee. Do some physical stuff at the same time as we are moving forward.

The Landing: memoranda of understanding must have the details. Lindsey has given us verbal as to our use of the Landing.

Ric: we need MOU from the Landing, rails, tie plates. We have loaders on both ends but we need truck. Ethan will load and Ron Hallika will unload. Allen said each rail weighs 1500# and is 60'—75# rail.

Holiday bazaar being held in BF before Thanksgiving. Mick suggested the club have a booth there to increase project visibility. Donnie said Jennifer could make stickers for the club.

6. Old Business: none

7. New Business:

- Motorcar is in need of repairs. Ken knows we need parts. Ken Scales will give us the labor. Ric says we can store it at MedFab.
- Consider loaning the Santa Fe to Albany railroad. CORP will move it for us.
- INSTALLATION OF motorcar COVER. It's stored and ready to be assembled.
- DINING CAR ISSUES—Ric said he will have the MedFab crew work on the roof and have the oil from the #8 removed.

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Jerry said that there are some parts that are in the engine shed. Ken will work on that.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Next meeting will be November 13,2025 at 3:30PM