

# April 2016 NEWSLETTER

**May Meeting - 6:45 PM - Tuesday , May 3 2015**

**Chippewa Valley Museum, Eau Claire, WI**

## **1 month to opening !!!!**

Lots of work to do.

### **Spring Projects.**

**April 18th and 19th.** The Chippewa Corrections Facility provided another crew to help with the spring work. These projects were tackled during these two days.

Install the new frog at the far switch and rebuild portions of the switch.

Remove and raise the lower tower steps.

Install wood decking at the roundhouse and turntable to provide a walking surface.

Level a majority to the track.

Sorted the scrap metal in the shop.

### **Roundhouse Decking.**

Mick is installing new decking on the roundhouse leads. The decking will provide easier walking. Similar decking was placed at hr roundhouse doors.



### **Roundhouse Trenching.**

The north side of the roundhouse was trenched and refilled with granite chips to provide better drainage. The trench extends to the east where run off will be directed away from the building.



### **Rail Relocated**

Rail stored at the west side of the roundhouse was relocated to east side of the track from the turntable to the main line. Rob is shown placing timber spacers for the next layer.

### **West Switch**

The west switch frog was replaced with one of our new frogs that we purchased from the Heritage Railroad, Greenville, Illinois. Pictured here are Frank and Marc with the help of one of the correction crew. rebuild portions of the switch. The frog was



### **Clean Up**

The correction crew from April 4th session provide the labor to rake the depot area and the main line. The leaves and pine needles were later picked up by city crews as in the past. This is the first time the Chippewa crew has provide the labor for spring clean up which has given us a jump on that task.



### **Tower Stairs**

The correction crew also helped make repairs to the tower steps. The lower section was raised and the landing was leveled. Some work remains at the base of the stairs. Some fill is required.



## **CHIPPEWA VALLEY RAILROAD**

**Agenda - May 3, 2016, 6:45 PM** at Chippewa Valley Museum, Eau Claire, WI

### **Agenda Approval**

**Minutes of the April 12, 2016 meeting . Review and Approval. Attached to this email.**

### **Treasure's Report for Review and Approval**

#### **Updates...**

- No. 19. Driving blocks and brake components have been machined. Assembly will begin.
- Recognition Day - Recognize various members and their efforts. Not finalized.
- Track extension. Inspect right of way in April.
- Coal - Whiskey River Railroad confirmed coal will be available.
- Infrared heating system. Preliminary installation underway.
- Fund Raising discussed for No 16 boiler, track relocation, and tower completion. Committee completing work. Start first of June.
- Project Priority List -
  - 1) Straighten and level track and ballast..
  - 2) Depot repair – will require about 6 sheets of plywood and some 1 x 6 facing
  - 3) Complete the painting of the trolley stop. Almost complete.
  - 4) Gutters for the roundhouse and the back of the depot
  - 5) Leaf Guards installed in existing gutters
  - 6) Paint touchup
  - 7) Ballast car - beginning fabrication

#### **New Business..**

- No. 16 Boiler replacement update. Received contract. Committee report on details
- May work projects.
  - Track, Steaming bay. Excavated. Final design and budget?
  - Semaphore mast.
  - Boiler inspection and Ride Inspection Scheduled May 5th, 1 pm.
  - Equipment check.
  - Test fire 19 - training. Evening ?
  - Fire extinguisher training.
  - Passes. Procedure?

#### **• Other Business**

Next Meeting; Chippewa Valley Museum, **Tuesday, June 7, 2016.**

Adjourn