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NPRHA 2020 PRESERVATION GRANTS

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Two preservation grants have been issued for Northern Pacific Railway-related projects for 2020. The first, for \$2,360.00, was made to the Old Brule Heritage Society, Inc. (OBHS) of Maple, Wisconsin. OBHS is in the process of saving and restoring a retired Northern Pacific depot. The depot has been relocated to the OBHS property in the town of Lakeside, Wisconsin. This applicant was the recipient of a \$5,000 NPRHA grant in 2018, which substantially helped cover the relocation expenses. The site prep work has been completed and they will prepare a permanent foundation this June. They expect to start the restoration process in June, and hope to have the project completed by the fall of 2021. Once completed, the depot will be open for public display and interpretive tours. The grant assistance from NPRHA will be applied to Phase II portion of the project, specifically, the costs of widow and door repair/replacement, prep work, and painting of the interior and exterior. The total cost of Phase II of the project is \$20,185.

This depot was constructed in 1900, replacing a log structure. The NP sold the depot to a private party around 1960 and it was moved off of company property. In the ensuing years the building was utilized as an antique shop, and in recent years for storage purposes. Additional plans include the building of track panels and a platform in front of the restored building to display some period track maintenance equipment. www.oldbrule.org. —*Information and photos provided by Brian Paulson*

A second grant for \$5,000 was made to the East Helena (Montana) Historical Society. The purpose of this grant is to complete the restoration of the Northern Pacific depot at East Helena. The grant will allow purchase of materials and services not available by donation. Some volunteer work on siding and trim performed last year did not follow proper historical restoration guidelines and will be redone. Our Grants Committee felt that it was important to “get



The Blueberry depot in June 2019 as it nears its new home at the OBHS historical site on Highway 13 in Lakeside, Wisconsin. The 119-year-old structure made the 15-mile trek without incident or damage to the building.

it right”. The depot will be utilized as a museum and visitor center. <https://davidhill.tv/EastHelenaHistoricalSociety/>—*Information and pictures provided by John M. Barrows*

Each year the NPRHA awards a limited number of grants with a maximum of \$5,000 per grant. Applicants must be public bodies, 501(c)(3) entities, or private individuals, but not-for-profit businesses. The Grants Committee receives and evaluates grants requests for work in the areas of railway history and the preservation of railway heritage including structures, locomotives, rolling stock, publications, research, outreach, and educational projects. Proposed projects must contribute to the preservation of, increase the general knowledge and understanding of, or promote public interest in Northern Pacific history. Our overall goal is to fund good projects. Applications for grants may be made at any time. Those received on or before March 1 of any year will be evaluated for that year, those received after March 1 will be evaluated for the following year.

Information on completing and submitting a grant request can be obtained on the NPRHA website at www.nprha.org. Click on “About the NPRHA,” scroll down to “NPRHA Preservation Grants,” and click on “Preservation Grants Site”. Complete information is contained here, including the application process and instructions, the application form to be downloaded, grants questions and answers, and the history of grants issued in the past. Questions about NPRHA grants can be submitted via email to grants@nprha.org. ●



East Helena depot after re-siding with non-conforming materials and practices. Siding and trim will be replaced according to NPS-DOI standards.