

Schooner Western Union

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Edwin O. Swift, III At Large Key West Bight Management District Board 510 Greene Street Key West, FL 33040

To: KWBB BOD

Re: 2016-02 KWBB / schooner Western Union Restoration Progress Report

- **A.** The FL State Budget Appropriations Committee approved \$11 million for the FL Dept. of State (DOS) Historic Preservation Grant Program -- which includes the SWU \$500,000 grant (the schooner is listed second on a priority list of 50 recommended DOS Preservation grants to be funded.)
 - a. The FL Legislator should vote on approval of the budget before March 11.
 - **b.** The Legislator approved budget is then presented to the Governor who has 14-days to review the budget with line item out authority. We are not anticipating any issues with the state flagship preservation grant.
- **B.** John Cottis, owner of Key West Marine Engine Repair, Stock Island repaired the schooner's Detroit Diesel engine electrical problem donating the labor and part expense.
 - **a.** There are some mechanical parts that need to be replaced on the engine and a list is being compiled.
- **C.** A list is being finalized by the SWU Captain & BOD members of the items and expense total of what must done to the vessel to receive a U.S.C.G. transit permit to motor to Tarpon and ensure that the ship is safe for passage this June.

On behalf of the board of directors,

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William M. Barry Chairman

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