The MNA started its operations on December 13th, 1992. It was started by purchasing 102 miles of track from the Missouri Pacific from Bergman, AR to Guion, AR. The MNA track is part of a former mainline of the Missouri Pacific that ran from Kansas City, MO to Memphis, TN. The Diaz Junction, AR to Batesville, AR line was opened in 1883 by the SLIMRR (St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern). The White River Railway constructed the track from Batesville, AR to Carthage, MO, which was completed in 1905. To be able to reach Kansas City from Batesville the line was combined with the MP’s Lexington and Southern branch.