

**WEFT/Prairie Air, Inc.**

**Political Candidate Policy  
for WEFT/Prairie Air, Inc.  
January 25, 2021**

In an effort to define WEFT/Prairie Air, Inc.'s policy regarding Equal Opportunities (as defined by FCC **Section 73.1941 [47 CFR §73.1941] Equal Opportunities**), as well as to avoid any potential conflicts with Prairie Air, Inc's political action restrictions under 501(c)(3) (or other substantially similar sections) of the Internal Revenue Code, it is Prairie Air, Inc.'s policy that:

Any Airshifter who becomes a legally qualified candidate in any primary or general election for public office (as defined by FCC **Section 73.1940 [47 CFR §73.1940] Legally qualified candidates for public office**) must choose and follow one of the two options listed below:

**A)** On-air hiatus from their regularly scheduled program(s) for the duration of their campaign, unless the Airshifter is running unopposed.

**OR**

**B)** Remain as the on-air host of their regularly scheduled program(s) for the duration of their campaign. To be eligible for this option, the Airshifter **must** meet the following Associate member and policy requirements:

- 1) Membership fee payment or Board of Directors approved equivalent within the past 12 months
- 2) Associate meeting attendance (one meeting in the first year of membership, two meetings in each subsequent year)
- 3) Documented volunteer commitment to WEFT/Prairie Air, Inc.
- 4) Report all on-air activity for inclusion in WEFT/Prairie Air, Inc.'s Political File

If a legally qualified candidate on-air host's appearance triggers an opposing candidate(s) request for Equal Opportunity to WEFT/Prairie Air Inc., the host **must** relinquish an entire episode of their program to accommodate each request. The host **must** recruit a trained, qualified Airshifter to act as the show host for any such request(s).

**If a legally qualified candidate on-air host opts to remain on-air per Option B above and does not meet or follow the requirements as stated in this policy, the host will be required to take a hiatus from any on-air privileges for the balance of their political campaign.**

*Airshiffters that are qualified candidates will be notified of this policy via US mail (return receipt requested), utilizing the mailing address provided on publically available "Statement of Candidacy" documentation.*

Based on FCC **Section 73.1941 [47 CFR §73.1941] Equal Opportunities**, the following shall not be deemed to be uses (see definition below) of our broadcasting station and are considered exemptions to the above policy. (Section 315(a) of the Communications Act.)

- (1) Bona fide newscast;
- (2) Bona fide news interview;
- (3) Bona fide news documentary (if the appearance of the candidate is incidental to the presentation of the subject or subjects covered by the news documentary); or
- (4) On-the-spot coverage of bona fide news events (including, but not limited to political conventions and activities incidental thereto)

*Uses.* As used in this section and § 73.1942, the term "use" means a candidate appearance (including by voice or picture) that is not exempt under paragraphs 73.1941 (1) through (4) as stated above.