

**WEFT/Prairie Air, Inc. Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 26 2019 7:15 PM-8:15 PM 7:22pm**  
**Lincoln Building—44 E. Main St., Rm. 421 Champaign, IL**

I. Call to Order/Role Call

Present: Barb, Vicki, Sheri, Bob, Andrew, Todd, Robe

Absent: Jeannie, Jermaine,

Guests: Tim Burnett, John Parker, Eric Z, Jason Liggett

It was suggested that the Board removes an official end time for the Board meeting Vicki/Todd. It was suggested that elections should be moved to new business Todd/Bob

II. No public comment

III. Approval of Agenda as amended

IV. Approval of Minutes as amended Robe/Todd

V. Executive Committee Reports

- a. Chair (Sheri) WEFT will have a student board member (non-voting) from the University of Illinois during the academic school year. There is a student group researching the possibility of taking on a public TV channel (UPTV proposal)

Presentation by Jason Liggett on adding a standalone 5th channel to UPTV tv for WEFT to manage. Money is available to start this. It would need 1 full time staff, 1 full time station manager, and 3 part time camera guys. Camera and equipment will be handled by WEFT if we choose to take this on. UPTV will loan cameras to us and we will do the filming and production. WEFT would be responsible for upgrades and for providing a broadcast space.

The timeline for this project is:

- July 1-Dec 31 2019 UPTV will be reaching out to different organizations about adding the new public tv channel.
- November 2019 – proposals due
- Jan 2020, UPTV will take proposals to Urbana City Council,
- July 1 2020 UPTV will launch the channel
- July-Dec 2020 UPTV will train the group then cut loose

They will give us cameras and recording equipment, broadcast server.

The board needs to figure out the cost to weft and put that in the proposal.

- b. Treasurer (Bob)

See the written report for specifics. The checking account is down due to paying the deposit for the antenna. There is currently a shortfall of income coming in.

Apple stock highly volatile

Bob-last year we approved a budget that had non-pledge drive fund raisers and we didn't do them. This year there was no Winter or Summer appeal so we have less income. If we budget for fund raisers we need to do them.

#### VI. Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

##### a. Financial Development Committee (Vicki)

- Vicki is taking care of day to day tasks and special tasks (grant writing). The Jazz benefit at the Iron Post brought in \$1200+ for WEFT
- Underwriting from Krannert may come in soon. Underwriting from the UU church is not going to continue. Underwriting from the Upper Bout is not going to continue.
- WEFT received an Illinois Arts Council grant. It could be awhile before the money is distributed.
- The Finance Committee is struggling to get the 2020 budget out. The 2020 draft budget is in the meetings folder

##### b. Digital Library/Maintenance –

The EAS national test didn't happen. It didn't trigger an alert. The committee collected music from the basement. The Door lock issue was corrosion but Bob found a key to the door.

##### c. Programming- Gina was not here. Her report is in the folder

##### d. Financial Development – The Pledge drive is coming up Sept. 3-13.

WEFTfest is Sept. 8. Vicki has the letter for pre-drive ready to send

##### e. Human Resource Committee - Robe no report

##### f. Music committee- no report.

##### g. Governance Committee

There will be a bylaws/policy meeting Sept 22 5pm meeting. Work will be addressing changes to elections and unifying language in the bylaws

#### VII. New Business

Which platform is the board using for document storing- google drive or drop box – drop box has limits but weft needs an email address that is not attached to a person. Is it possible to a google acct that is just @weft, not a person? Can WEFT require Board ad committee members to have a gmail acct.

#### VIII. Elections

Regular elections

- Tim [5-4]
- John [6-3]

- Eric [5-4]

IX. Old Business

Tower - We ordered the antenna waiting on it. Antenna might not fit. May need to reapply.

X. Board Comment

Associates meeting September 5. Next Board meeting September 23.

XI. Adjournment

Submitted bt-r 9/19/19