

WEFT/Prairie Air Inc.  
Board Meeting Minutes September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
7:15pm  
Online Zoom

Call to order at 7:17pm by chair, Robe Guennewig

Attending, Board members: Robe Guennewig, Jeannie Covert, Bob Paleczny, Vicki Niswander, Jermaine Raymer, and Todd Hunter (arriving at 7:20). Barb Trumpinski-Roberts was absent. Gina Pagliuso was a guest.

There was no Public Comment

Approval of agenda:

Two items were added. Under old business, a discussion of the recently approved political candidate policy, and under new business, approval of the FY21 budget, Motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Robe, 2nd by Jeannie, unanimous approval.

Approval of minutes:

The version amended by Jeannie 9/9/20 was used. Todd moved to approve, second by Robe, unanimous approval.

Action items: No changes.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1VTJht5Pv9oEsuTsFA7wjbzoaVkJnsQ--PbCDYBVpS9Q/edit#gid=0>

Executive Committee Reports:

Chair:

Station license renewal. Everything has been filed with FCC. The current license is set to expire in December. Robe will send link to the FCC website to the board which show the status of the application.

Treasurer:

A copy of the Treasurer's Report from Bob Paleczny is attached.

Standing and Adhoc Committee Reports:

Remote Access Team Report (Gina): Notes are on the shared drive. Everything is status quo. More people are airing shows in-studio. A RAT Meeting will be scheduled soon

Future planning (formerly social media, Todd) Email went out to recruit committee members and 2 expressed interest. The committee will examine and use parts of the report produced by students from the U of I. Gina stated that some suggestions from that report are not tailored to community radio.

Music Committee – No report

Governance committee (Jermaine): Documents were sent to the attorney. After review, corrections will be made by committee. A special meeting will be scheduled with the volunteers and membership to discuss changes.

Programming Committee (Gina): Report attached. Quorum has been a challenge, but there was one on

Sept 8. Bob Selby was approved as host of Monday morning jazz starting on September 14.

Digital Library: Report Attached

Financial Development (Vicki): a Pre-pledge Drive mailing went out this week to 608 addresses. Pledge Drive pitches and announcements are in the studio, and a folder with mp3 files has been shared with Bob to place on Zara. The Illinois Arts Council has awarded WEFT \$4400, about \$2k less than last year's grant. The End of Year report for FY20 is due on 9/30/20. We've not heard anything from our application to Common Ground Food Co-op.

Discussion about t-shirts sold from the website: Sales through the website will be continental US only – no foreign sales.

Human Resources (Robe) no report

Finance Committee (Jermaine) no report (approval of budget)

Old Business:

Covid-19 policies and procedures no change.

Political Candidate Policy: Jeannie proposes delaying approval due to the short timeframe, and since implementation has been faulty. At this time the policy impacts only one airshifter who, if the policy is implemented, would be required to take hiatus from her show. Political candidates can still be on the air as guests in someone else's show. Jeannie made a motion to revoke the policy until after the election so that the board can do a better job of writing it. Second by Bob, Unanimous.

New Business:

Proposed 2021 Budget (Jermaine): Document attached. The line item for "employee" has been taken out due to concerns about training during covid. That change balances the budget for the year. Jermaine moved to continue the FY2020 through October to allow time for board members to review and make necessary changes. Todd seconded the motion. Unanimous. Robe will put this on the agenda for October.

Closing:

Next Board Meeting: 10/26 7:15 pm

Board Comment: Jermaine announced his term is up and he will not be re-running. He will finish work on the budget and bylaws before leaving. Board members expressed thanks for all of his efforts.

Adjournment: Moved by Robe, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Todd. Meeting adjourned at 9:21pm.