

WEFT Board of Directors
June 1 (“May”) Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 1, 2026, 7pm on Zoom

Board Members	Present	Guests
Eric Bohlen, Station Manager (EO)	x	Dave Witzany
Audrey Fisher (Chair) 9/26	x	Devonte
Barb Trumpinski Roberts (Sec) 3/27	Excused*	
Mitch Marlow 7/26		
Kaitrin Higbee 3/27	x	
Tyler Witt 9/27		
Cliff Barnes (Treas) 9/26	x	
Lynn White 3/27		
Don Tanner 3/27	x	

*Advance vote of “Yes” from Barb on approving the New Business item.

Meeting Opening 7:06 pm

1. Intros

guests - (1) Dave Witzany, (2) Devonte.

Dave was 4 years on the Board, 4 years as Associate Executive Chair, and prior to that was on the Programming Committee for 4 years.

(2) Devonte has a show; also has some technical expertise

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of Agenda Cliff/Kaitrin unanimous

4. Approval of Minutes Audrey/Kaitrin

5. Station Manager Report–Eric Bohlen

ROTARY GRANT STATUS: Received approval of \$5,000 of the \$9,000 we requested; check will be presented to Eric at their luncheon on June 15th. This can only be used for materials, and will be used to purchase carpet and vinyl planks. A friend of Vicki's will do the installation labor. ACTION ITEM: Ask Gina Pagliuso and Jeannie Covert to participate in carpet selection, they have experience with that through their respective workplaces.

CUNNINGHAM TOWNSHIP CAREERS IN MOTION: There was a person who was supposed to work with WEFT for a 6 month program up to 40 hours per week, but they were dropped from the program. They are still interested in doing something with WEFT, but need to prioritize paid work first.

DIRECT LINE TO OUTSIDE THE STATION: In 3 days, two of our new volunteers installed a direct line to the outdoors to broadcast WEFT to the street outside.

SERIOUS COMCAST OUTAGE: We need to prioritize an alternate way to get signal to the transmitter. Three times today, Comcast went out, leading to 2 hours off the air in one day. This is an area where the new volunteers are involved. (Billy has experience with fiber optic installation projects). Eric stressed that we need to guard against WEFT members putting up walls against new ways of doing things.

OTHER VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT: Digital library and new storage; they also looked at the CD players to see if they might be able to fix them.

Community Outreach

Past:

CANDY FOSTER EVENT: At the Virginia WEFT introduced Candy Foster. Swingin' Dave and Juke Joint Jim were on stage. WEFT representatives arrived at 4 p.m. with the show set to start at 7 p.m. and stayed until the end, after midnight.

JAZZ IN THE PARK: First Jazz In The Park of the year had amazing turnout of 250 people. The Park District chose WEFT as jazz representative, and Rich Bressler and Don Hittle introduced the bands.

Future:

WEFTOPIA 2: The first WEFTOPIA was all day; this one will be 2-6 p.m. June 7. ACTION: Need volunteers to sell event Tshirts and get donations for WEFT.

TWO JUNE 13TH EVENTS: Juneteenth at Douglass Park 12-3 p.m., then Prairie Crossroads Blues–Spring Fling fundraiser at Rose Bowl, 3-6 p.m.

TWO JUNE 20TH EVENTS: (1) Block party, during Pride month; (2) Prairie Fruit Farms Vintage clothing event, which attracts a lot of college kids. We will be selling CDs and Tshirts. Rain date for the Prairie Fruits event is June 27.

6. Executive Committee reports

- a. **Chair Audrey** – additional comments on the new volunteers, and stressing that we're trying to get more independent from the web hosting company.
- b. **Treasurer** – (1) April income \$91,300; expenses \$92,008. \$1,400 in the red for the year. Expecting a \$6-10K deficit by end of May because May is traditionally a light month for donations, but this is better than what was budgeted. (2) A \$25K CD matures June 11, but with extra expenses expected (labor associated with the project that Rotary is providing the materials for, and transmission to tower), Treasurer wants to look into what overnight rates are available before committing to something like a proposed 5 or 6 month replacement CD of \$15K. The next CD maturity is September 25th, also for 25K. (3) Will need to start holding budget planning meetings. (4) Question was raised how much Weftopia brought in last year; answer, about \$2,000. (5) Devonte raised question about studio plans. Priorities are the back studio (hoping to duplicate the front studio) and communication to the tower; higher-octane transformations won't be until 2027; will need planning and fundraising.

ACTION ITEM that surfaced during refinement of minutes earlier in the meeting: Treasurer to prepare \$300 check to Swingin' Dave for ½ of WEFTopoly framing. At Eric's request, Swingin' Dave is still holding the item at home so that it's not damaged during the cleanings and repairs going on at the station.

7. Priority Old Business

- a. Prepare for Associates vote on revised bylaws. Dave Witzany expressed concern that he doesn't see how the attorney's approach follows the bylaws, would like to know his reasoning. ACTION ITEM: Dave and Audrey to speak with the attorney, and get explicit instructions how to present to the Associates.

Past history to be aware/beware of: in about 2011(!) at the previous attempt to revise the bylaws, there were not actually materials ready to

distribute to the Associates at the meeting. They were sent materials afterwards to read at home, but the mail vote didn't score $\frac{2}{3}$ vote (no vote from a member in good standing is equivalent to a "no" vote).

8. New Business

- a. Approved participation in digitalization project funded by an NEH grant - Lynn/Audrey - Unanimous

Will likely choose Newsletters as our first priority, followed by photos. There are also reels and minidisks at a lower priority level. Those aren't really WEFT stuff; we were storing those for the NFCB. But there are probably things of historical value in there. ACTION ITEM: Eric will ask the people who proposed the project to share their expected timeline.

9. Old Business

- a. Board discussion of radio signal dropouts will be in a separate meeting to be set up (ACTION ITEM for the chair).
- b. Possible investment firm assistance
- c. Refine job description for new volunteer position: Volunteer Coordinator(s). Will be using email exchange for ideas and edits (on hold)
- d. Banking change possibility (on hold)
- e. Re encouraging a half-hour Friday program to look at upcoming weekend events, as part of attracting younger listeners: Examine possibility of handing this idea off to appropriate subcommittee in Programming?
- f. Prepare \$300 check to Swingin' Dave for $\frac{1}{2}$ of WEFTopoly framing.

10. Committee Concerns

- a.

11. Adjournment - 7:28 p.m.

Next Meeting scheduled for June 22 2026, 7:00 pm on Zoom