

WEFT Board of Directors

Minutes

Special Meeting Monday,

July 6, 2026, 7pm on

Zoom started 7:03pm

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

Gina P – Had an issue with loss of internet and we were off air for several hours

Mike F – shared drawing of STL diagram

1. Meeting Opening

- Intros
- Public Comment: only with respect to station-tower communication
Mike explained current situation
Other structures that interfere with the signal
Gina- can WEFT move to a different location and sell the building?
Use other wifi thing
(The new antennas survived the storms with no problem)
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes

2. Station Manager Report–Eric Bohlen

3. Executive Committee reports

- Chair: How we got here, and a general vision of some future options wrt
Issues:
station-tower communication
Issue with short drops and failure of Comcast

Barix streamer-discussion

Dropouts

- Treasurer: Informal statement of spring fundraiser amount donated and used so far for equipment

4. Today's Focused Business

- Vote on spending amount for a package of equipment at the studio including digital encoder (Barix) (est \$550) and accompanying electronics for additional signal processing. This package should reduce the short drops caused by buffering and will greatly shorten the delay heard by airshifter in the studio when monitoring the signal from the tower.
- Look at failover options for when Comcast goes out for an extended period: redundant cable service and/or using our still-functioning microwave antenna. Any other ideas? (Mike is going to work on USB/flashdrive to broadcast in case of internet going down) (Use software to deal with broadcast).
- Use an alternative internet provider? Nothing available now. Possibly satellite provider? Maybe? Ubiquity equipment?
- Look at a redundant provider
- *Vote on equipment and/or service expenditures related to failover option(s) selected. Buy encoder from ebay. **Audrey/ Kaitrin unanimous vote***
Mike says we can get a used decoder xstreamer to practice on so it won't take the station off the air.
- Additional discussion and resolutions as needed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- (1) Mitch tap contacts for possibility of antenna placement on M2 building
- (2) Audrey tap contact for possibility of antenna placement on former PNC building

Cliff says: devote time next Board meeting to discuss budget

5. Adjournment 8:30pm

- Next regular Board Meeting scheduled for July 27th

