

KVNF Board of Directors Meeting at First Colorado National Bank, Delta on 18 May 2009

Board members present: Felix Belmont, Janelle Comer, Wiley Freeman, Dennis Grunkemeyer, Cynthia Hines, John Moore, Wayne Wiitanen, Bill Wilson

Board members absent: Don Bailey, Philip Egidi

Staff: Sally Kane

Public: none

Board President John Moore called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.

The Board accepted the consent agenda..

Note consent agenda items:

- Minutes of 20 April 2009 meeting as posted on DokuWiki

Moore asked Sally Kane to discuss the current budget status. Kane reported that KVNF is expected to remain in the black for the rest of the fiscal year. She noted that money followed the positive approach of the pledge drive. Kane also discussed the difficulties she is having trying to find a health insurance plan that will work considering budget constraints and the needs of the staff. The current provider has increased the number of exclusions and rates, the latter to unaffordably high levels. At the moment it appears as if individual insurance plans may be more cost effective than group health insurance. Kane is working to resolve this problem.

Hines reported that a CAB has been assembled and will have its first meeting on May 29th at 4 PM. The venue will be Alpine Re-Max in Montrose.

Kane reported that KAFM (Grand Junction) is interested in acquiring the Palisade translator. KAFM is celebrating its 10th year as a community radio station in Grand Junction and is desirous of better coverage of its listening area. KVNF's penetration into the Grand Junction area over the last decade has been minimal at best.

Grunkemeyer proposed and Hines seconded a motion that the Board direct Sally Kane to enter into negotiations with KAFM to sell the 99.1 translator to KAFM and to report the outcome of those negotiations to the Board for its consideration and decision. Passed unanimously.

Wiitanen reported that the Program Committee's questionnaire effort was moving forward and would be completed by the end of the month. He also reported that the

Elections Committee had met via email and is working on devising a protocol for pre-election actions. It is also looking into the question of proxy votes.

Comer indicated that the Development Committee will be quite active with summer concerts in Ridgway and Paonia, and planning fund-raising for the KVMT transmitter upgrade.

Kane indicated that the pending PTFP grant proposal for the KVMT/KVNF infrastructure improvement will be resolved in June. It is hoped that the PTFP will fund 75% of the cost leaving about \$32,000 to be raised.

The construction permit to upgrade KVMT to 8KW will expire in November 2010. Whether or not the grant proposal is funded by PTFP, some maintenance at the KVMT tower site needs to be done:

- Shore up the equipment shed
- Remove the old tower
- Trim trees

The new transmitter would be installed during the summer of 2010 whether or not the grant proposal is funded.

The focus for work effort on the site and fund-raising for the KVMT upgrade will be the greater Montrose community (the principal beneficiaries of the improved signal).

At its June meeting the Board will discuss a possible “work schedule” for the infrastructure upgrade. Names of potential major donors in the Montrose area will be needed to start the fund-raising effort in Montrose.

Kane discussed the “whistleblower” policy that she had distributed earlier by email. Several language changes were discussed. Kane will work on a revised version of the policy.

Grunkemeyer proposed and Hines seconded a motion to table action on the whistleblower policy until the June meeting. Passed unanimously.

A format for the Annual Meeting was discussed: no speaker, but perhaps some refreshments. Will be just a standard meeting to present reports, elect directors and approve bylaw changes.

There being no further business,

Wilson proposed and Grunkemeyer seconded a motion to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Wiitanen, Secretary