

ILLINOIS VALLEY PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

Board of Directors Meeting

December 10, 2013

Minutes

Present: Chairman Joe Strupek, Elwin Basquin (w), Jon Burklund, Bryan Chumbley, Dr. John Day, Dr. Cindy Fischer, Sal Garza (w), Griffin Hammond (w), Henry Holling, Linda Huddle, Barb Leiter, Allen Mayer, Andrew Rand, Karl Stach, Chet Tomczyk, Eric Turner, Chuck Walker; Staff: Bill Baker, Luann Claudin, Mark Lasswell, Linda Miller and Karen Button (w)

Absent: Wayne Baum, Dr. Jeffery Huberman, Jerry Kolb, Russ Trowbridge

Note: (w) = attendance by webex

Chairman Strupek called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm and recognized WTVP employees who celebrated milestone anniversaries during calendar 2013: Jed Klabunde, IT Specialist – 1 year; Alex Ferrel, Satellite Manager – 10 years; Linda Miller, VP Programming – 25 years. He also noted that Linda will retire as of February 1, 2014.

Minutes of the 9/10/13 BOD meeting and the Executive Committee meetings of 9/26/13, 10/24/13 and 12/6/13 were presented for consideration. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Holling, seconded by Mr. Turner, and passed unanimously.

In a change of scheduling, the Friends organization and Staff reports were presented prior to presentation of the financials and the conducting of other action items. Mr. Stach reported that the Pekin Friends Bowlathon will be held on March 3 at Sunset Lanes in Pekin. Ms. Davis reported that two Downton Abbey Events were planned: one at the Normal Theater in Normal that night and one in the studio and in the PSO space on 12/10. Directors were cordially invited. She further noted a concern on the part of the Executive Committee about lack of progress in the area of major donors. She asked the Board if they would be willing to pen notes or make calls to people they knew who lapsed from the major giving society. General agreement was indicated, and she will follow up with Directors accordingly.

In the absence of Mr. Kolb, the November 2013 financials were presented by Ms. Button. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Walker and passed unanimously.

On behalf of the Audit Committee Ms. Button then presented the FY 2013 audit that was received earlier from our outside accountant firm, CliftonLarsonAllen and approved by the Committee. She noted that the opinion delivered by the auditor was an unqualified or “clean opinion”, and briefly went over a few notable items and answered questions. Since this was presented for consideration by the Audit Committee no second was necessary. The audit was accepted by a unanimous vote.

In Old Business, Mr. Strupek reported on activities involved with the joint executive director agreement in place with the University of Illinois for management of WILL radio and TV and WTVP. He reviewed

activities to date and reported on conversations held over the past 90 days with Dean Jan Slater of the University's College of Media and the IVPTC Executive Committee. Both sides were satisfied with progress made and want to proceed with an extension of the original Memorandum of Understanding beyond the original 120 days. On behalf of the Executive Committee he presented a proposal to extend the Memorandum of Agreement for a three year period beginning January 1, 2014; for the Search Committee selected by the Executive Committee to meet with a Search Committee from the University of Illinois to prepare a job description for a joint General Manager, and identify and retain a search firm to locate suitable candidates. The goal for this new hire is July 1, 2014. Following discussion, the proposal passed unanimously. Mr. Tomczyk was tasked with forwarding this information to Dean Slater.

In the President's Report, Mr. Tomczyk noted that \$786,000 was raised during a telethon held on WTVP to help tornado victims in Illinois. Money raised went directly to the American Red Cross in Central Illinois. He then reported on the fluid federal funding situation, and expressed hope about a possible budget compromise that could result in the reinstatement of funds excised as part of the sequestration. He reported that the WTVP engineers are working with WQPT in the Quad Cities on a technical solution that will provide a signal path from Peoria to the WQPT tower in Orion. Success could mean that WTVP could operate as the master control for WQPT and be paid for the service. He further noted that Bradley University has requested that WTVP broadcast the Bradley/ISU men's basketball game on January 29. A package was agreed to that will also allow broadcast of two games between the Bradley and ISU women's teams. Finally, he mentioned that the December membership drive was on track to exceed goal. He asked Board members if they would be willing to make thank you calls to new members, as has proven in other markets to assist in the retention of first time donors. There was positive consensus, and Ms. Davis will get lists to Directors in early January.

In his Chairman's Report, Mr. Strupek thanked Directors encouraged Directors to get involved in the station and attend and support events like the Downton Abbey previews. He thanked all for attending and adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chet Tomczyk
President & CEO