

ILLINOIS VALLEY PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

**December 9, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes**

Present: Chairman Joe Strupek, Maurice Bresnahan, Elwin Basquin, Helen Barrick, Cynthia Fischer, Linda Huddle, Jerry Kolb, Allen Mayer, Stephen Morris, Andrew Rand, Karl Stach, Sally Snyder, Ashley Spain, Russ Trowbridge, staff –William Baker, Stacey Tomczyk, Jennifer Davis, Margie Stieghorst, Mark Lasswell, Karen Button (webex)

Absent: Dr. John Day, Bryan Chumbley, Henry Holling, Jeff Huberman, Justin McConnel, Rick Owens, Eric Turner, Chuck Walker

Recognizing the presence of a quorum, Chairman Joe Strupek called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm. He noted that this was an auspicious day as it is Andrew Rand's birthday.

In the first order of business, the minutes of several meetings were moved for approval in a block. These included the minutes for the Board of Directors meeting of 9/9/14. Mr. Basquin requested in future Executive Board minutes that title of the person be included. Motion for acceptance was made by Mr. Mayer, seconded by Andrew Rand and passed unanimously.

Mr. Kolb and Ms. Button presented the Treasurer's report which included the October 2014 financials and the FY 2014 Audit. It was reported that membership and underwriting continue to do well while there is room for improvement in major giving. Mr. Kolb then reported that the CPB grant was less than anticipated and the QPT master control expenses are higher than expected. He further stated that while both occurrences had created a deficit, the station was not too far from where it was expected to be, and overall was in a good place. Motion for acceptance was made by Ms. Fischer, seconded by Ms. Barrick and passed unanimously.

In Old Business Executive Producer Mr. Baker gave an update on the progress of the sculpture that is to be placed in front of the station. He then discussed the process the artist used in its creation, the anticipated date of installation, and of the unveiling event to be held in the PSO offices.

Presentations were made by Karl Stach, President of the Pekin Friends of 47, who stated the Pekin Friends provided phone operators for the pledge drive on the night of 11/30 and their next funding raising event for the station is the Bowl-A-Thon on March 7th.

Next, due to Ms. Huddle loss of voice, Mr. Stach presented the Galesburg Friends report and reported that the group was gearing up to support the Auction in spring.

Staff presentations followed. Development Director Jenni Davis reported on the success of the recent documentary in raising underwriting dollars. Cynthia Fischer then gave an update on the parameters and goals of the new Development Committee which will be up and running after the first of the year. Executive Producer/Interim COO William Baker reported on satellite truck bookings, on-going local productions, and on the new regulations regarding closed captioning. Interim Program Director Stacey

Tomczyk provided highlights on some of the upcoming new programs and reported on the Downtown Abbey previews.

In the President's Report, Mr. Bresnahan reported on the continuing WTVP/WILL collaboration, the recently awarded grant for a consultant to assist in the strategic planning between the two stations, listed goals expected to be part of the new plan, and discussed the timeline of the project. Mr. Basquin inquired if there was a choice of consultants. Mr. Bresnahan replied in the affirmative and related the background of the consultant chosen. He went to report of the possibilities of combining Illinois Lawmakers with radio efforts already underway to create an informational hub.

Chairman Strupek remarked it is a transitional period for WTVP as it moves forward with the partnership with WILL. He thanked the staff and Board for their efforts and wished all a merry Christmas and Happy New Year. The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Maurice Bresnahan

President & CEO