

ILLINOIS VALLEY PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

December 8, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Joe Strupek, Maurice Bresnahan, Helen Barrick, Bryan Chumbley, Dr. John Day, Jerry Herbstreith, Linda Huddle, Allen Mayer, Stephen Morris, Rick Owens, Andrew Rand, Sally Snyder, Ashley Spain (WebEx), Russ Trowbridge, Chuck Walker
Staff –William Baker, Luann Claudin, Jerry Kolb, Mark Lasswell, Stacey Tomczyk, David Crouch (WebEx)

Absent: Jeff Huberman, Elwin Basquin, Dr. Cynthia Fischer, Henry Vicary and Eric Turner.

Recognizing the presence of a quorum, Chairman Joe Strupek called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM. President and CEO Maurice Bresnahan then gave a quick overview for the meeting.

In the first order of business, the minutes of several meetings were collectively moved for approval. These included the minutes for the Board of Directors meeting of 9/15/15 and the Executive Committee meeting of 10/22/15. Motion for acceptance was made by Mrs. Snyder, seconded by Mr. Chumbley and passed unanimously.

Mr. Kolb presented the Financial Report. The October 2015 financials were presented and Mr. Kolb commented that the net income was \$103,076 better than plan year to date, but noted that part of that difference was due to favorable depreciation resulting from an overestimated budget amount for depreciation. He stated that the balance sheet remained consistent with the exception of prepaid expenses and deferred revenues which are affected by WTVP Travel and the timing of receipts versus the actual travels.

Mr. Kolb then presented the audit report for the fiscal year ended 06/30/15. He commented that it was a clean opinion and that no adjustments were made to the financials as originally presented to the board. Motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Mayer and passed unanimously.

Then Mr. Bresnahan gave the President's Report, which included:

An update on the FCC spectrum auction. He discussed an analysis performed by Public Media Co. for the station that concluded that it was unlikely that the auction will come to the Peoria market. Regardless, the station will be subject to repacking. The financial ramifications of this repacking were discussed. He then presented a recommendation from the Executive Committee to participate in the auction with a preference for a move to a high VHF channel. Motion to adopt the recommendation was made by Mr. Rand, seconded by Mr. Herbstreith and passed unanimously.

The Joint Production Project between WILL and WTVP. Projects are beginning to be identified, with initial funding being made for marketing trailers. These projects could possible evolve into programs for Nova, National Geographic or another major network.

The new Illinois Regional News Collaborative. This project is being made possible by a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). The collaboration, led by WILL, will include most of the public media stations in downstate Illinois, including WTVP. Funding is included for WTVP to perform production work for the collaborative.

The Strategic Plan. He said that a meeting had been scheduled for 1/07/16 to continue detailing a work plan for the balance of the fiscal year and beyond.

The Ray LaHood/Judy Woodruff event. The event was a success, with nearly 100 people attending and netting over \$18,000 for the station. Special thanks to Dr. Fischer, Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Spain for serving on the event committee.

WQPT Project. WTVP is finalizing a new contract with WQPT to provide traffic services to complement the current master control services. This strengthens the relationship between the stations and should streamline workflows internally.

Mr. Herbstreith gave a brief report of the Pekin Friends of 47 group, including the group working a shift during the recent pledge event and plans for the next bowl-a-thon scheduled for March 5th.

Mrs. Huddle gave a brief report of the Galesburg Friends of 47 group, including that the group is looking forward to volunteering at the upcoming Auction.

Assistant Development Director/Auction Director Luann Claudin reported on events during the period, including the LaHood/Woodruff event, pledge events and the annual volunteer recognition event.

Executive Producer William Baker reported on Consider This, our new production with Yvonne Greer as host. He also reported on the continuing production collaboration with Peoria Symphony Orchestra, sharing a clip of PSO guests Quartetto Gelato.

Interim Program Director Stacey Tomczyk reported on the wide assortment of upcoming offerings before presenting a clip of the new show Mercy Street, a drama about a hospital during the Civil War.

Mr. Strupek offered thanks to Mr. Bresnahan, the staff and the board. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Maurice Bresnahan

President & CEO