

**ILLINOIS VALLEY PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**September 10, 2013**

**Minutes**

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

Absent: Wayne Baum, Jon Burklund, Dr. John Day, Dr. Jeffery Huberman, Linda Huddle, Jerry Kolb, Russ Trowbridge

Chairman Strupek called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and introduced new Directors Henry Holling and W. Eric Turner.

Minutes of the BOT 6/11/13 and Executive Committee 8/29/13 meetings were presented for consideration. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Rand, seconded by Mr. Turner and passed unanimously.

The July financials were presented by Ms. Button. A motion to accept the report as presented was made by Mr. Turner, seconded by Dr. Fischer and passed unanimously.

Mr. Strupek reported on activities of the AD Hoc Committee on Collaborations. He noted a new reality in the landscape of public broadcasting that is seeing significant reductions in State funding and a nebulous future for federal funding, and that stations will need to find alternative ways to support themselves in the near and long terms. WTVP and WILL AM-FM-TV in Champaign recognize that collaboration may well be the correct way to assure mutual survival. The Executive Committee met in closed meetings with representatives from the University of Illinois, licensee of the WILL stations, over the summer to negotiate a memorandum of understanding on joint management of all four stations.

An agreement was struck that would have the WTVP CEO jointly manage both WTVP and WILL on an experimental basis beginning in September 2013 and continuing for 120 days. The agreement would be reviewed after 90 days and the decision made to continue or not. If not, then the joint management would continue to the 120 day mark to allow for transition and completion of projects underway. No commitments were made regarding commingling of funds or sharing licenses. The intent is to find cost effectiveness through collaboration and not to combine entities. The University of Illinois has agreed to a joint employment arrangement with WTVP for Mr. Tomczyk's services in the interim, and his employment contract with WTVP was appropriately altered.

Activity reports were received without comment from the Pekin and Galesburg Friends of 47, as were staff reports from the Programming, Development and Production Departments.

In the President's Report, Mr. Tomczyk noted that an agreement has been reached with the Peoria Symphony Orchestra for the performance and taping of eight events in the studio over the coming year. The subsequent programs will be broadcast on WTVP. He then reported that the quotes for health insurance for employees have still not been received even though the new insurance year goes into effect November 1. The hold-up seems to be an uncertainty on the part of the insurance companies on the effect of the Affordable Care Act on existing policies. Finally, one of the recipients of the Sweetnam Estate has been late in getting paperwork back to the estate's attorney, but we anticipate receiving a check for \$242,000 over the next few days.

Mr. Strupek thanked Directors for attending and adjourned the meeting at 5:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chet Tomczyk  
President & CEO