

ILLINOIS VALLEY PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

June 9, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Joe Strupek, Maurice Bresnahan, Elwin Basquin, Helen Barrick, Dr. Cynthia Fischer, Jeff Huberman (webex), Jerry Kolb, Allen Mayer, Justin McConnell, Stephen Morris, Rick Owens, Andrew Rand, Sally Snyder, Ashley Spain, Chuck Walker, staff – William Baker, Stacey Tomczyk, Luann Claudin, Margie Emerick, Mark Lasswell, Karen Button (webex), David Crouch (webex), Teish Ferrari (webex)

Guest: Jon Cecil

Absent: Bryan Chumbley, Dr. John Day, Henry Holling, Linda Huddle, Karl Stach, Eric Turner, and Russ Trowbridge.

Recognizing the presence of a quorum, Chairman Joe Strupek called the meeting to order at 4:04 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 moved for approval in block. These included the minutes for the Board of Directors meeting of 12/9/15, 3/10/15, Executive Committee meetings of 1/22/15, 2/26/15, 3/26/15, 4/22/15, and 5/28/15, and the Special Executive Committee meeting of 5/14/15. Motion for acceptance was made by Vice Chairman Andrew Rand, seconded by Ms. Snyder and passed unanimously.

Mr. Kolb presented the Treasurer's Report starting with the April 2015 financials. He stated that the balance sheet looked pretty good and was reasonably pleased with the station's finances at ten months into the fiscal year. Mr. Bresnahan commented station staff tightened belts on expenses and that the development team was examining several of the revenue lines. Motion to accept the April 2015 financials was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Ms. Barrick and passed unanimously.

Mr. Kolb then presented the FY 2016 proposed budget on behalf of the Executive Committee which recommended passage. He noted this was the first time station staff was involved in the process and that it is a conservative budget and would not be surprised if the station surpasses the revenue goals by the end of FY 2016. Mr. Bresnahan commented the actual amount of the FY 2016 Community Service Grant from CPB is tricky to estimate but the PBS dues are close to estimates. He went on to state that revenue projections for FY 16 are based on sound assumptions and while state funding continues to decrease, Illinois Public stations have banded together to hire a lobbyist to voice Public Media's concerns. Mr. Basquin asked if the new budget addressed the current vacancies in staff to which Mr. Bresnahan replied the FY 16 budget upgrades two part time positions to two full time positions which would eliminate the necessity for overtime in master control. Mr. Basquin then asked if the acting program director would be filled permanently to which Mr. Bresnahan replied it was not currently funded. Motion to accept the FY 16 budget as presented was made by Ms. Snyder, seconded by Dr. Fischer and passed unanimously.

In New Business Mr. Bresnahan read the resolution to elect Directors Brain Chumbley, Dr. John Day, Dr. Cynthia Fischer, Dr. Jeff Huberman, Joe Strupek, Henry Vicary and Chuck Walker. A motion for a

unanimous vote to elect all nominees was made by Ms. Snyder, seconded by Ms. Barrick and passed unanimously.

Next a slate of officers was present for election: Chairman; Joe Strupek, Vice Chairman; Andrew Rand, Treasurer; Jerry Kolb, Secretary; Dr. Cynthia Fischer, At Large; Henry Holling, At Large; Charles Walker, At Large; Eric Turner, President; Maurice "Moss" Bresnahan. A motion for a vote to elect the slate as presented was made by Ms. Snyder, seconded by Ms. Barrick and passed unanimously.

Since representatives from both the Pekin and Galesburg Friends of 47 groups were not in attendance, staff presentations followed. Assistant Development Director/Auction Director Luann Claudin reported on the results of the 42nd auction. She stated that over 1,500 items were donated, 70 items were placed in the on-line auction, and two new partnerships were created one with CIAO (Central Illinois Artist Organization) and the other with Limelight Eventplex. Ms. Claudin went to state that the addition of the on-line videos of the Gavel Breaker Girls brought a new awareness to the auction and of the volunteers.

Executive Producer/Interim COO William Baker reported the mobile unit would be retired after its next two productions, a telethon and HS football game. He then talked about two new local productions in development, one a talk show to explore various subject matters ranging from the arts, news, personalities, and celebrities. Yvonne Greer has agreed to host the series. The other, a nostalgic look at the Peoria area in the 1950's has a potential of a follow-up program with At Issue. He then reported on the continuing production collaborations with WILL and the Peoria Symphony Orchestra.

Interim Program Director Stacey Tomczyk reported on upcoming national programs including Jackie Robinson by Ken Burns, a Sherlock Christmas special, Crimson Field which is about a WWI field hospital and a three day live event from Monterey Bay focusing on ocean life. She then went on to congratulate Dr. Cynthia Fischer on being a "Love in Action" award honoree.

In the President's Report, Mr. Bresnahan gave an update on the strategic planning process between WILL and WTVP and expects to have a draft prepared for the board by September. Then he talked about the organizational goals staff developed for the upcoming fiscal year. He reported on the continuing debate and reasons for the upcoming spectrum auction and of possible effects on the station's channel allocation. He talked about the CPB grant the station received to study the implications of moving from high UHF to high VHF. Moving on, Mr. Bresnahan reported on the status of the Development Director search.

Mr. Strupek offered thanks to Mr. Bresnahan, the staff, the board, and Executive Committee. The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Maurice Bresnahan

President & CEO