

LRPA Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 26, 2021
11 AM via Zoom

Present: Trish Stafford, Chair (Member-at-Large); Jeanne Beaudin, Treasurer (representing Belmont); Ron Cole (Member-at-Large); Dale "Chan" Eddy (representing Gilford); Jack Landau (Member-at-Large); Grace McNamara, Station Manager

Absent: Nancy LeRoy, Secretary (Member-at-Large); Ken Curley (representing Northwood); Bob Hamel (representing Laconia); Joe Jesseman (Member-at-Large); Phil Warren (representing Meredith)

T. Stafford called the Zoom meeting to order at 11:05 AM and called roll (see attendees above). As there was no quorum, all items needing votes were placed on file until the February 2021 board meeting.

J. Beaudin gave the financial report. Current expenditures are tracking at \$37,255.92, which is slightly down from last year. LRPA's current account balance is \$72,807.35. LRPA's savings account balance as of 12/31/20 is \$20,105.52. The station continues to be on solid financial ground.

G. McNamara gave her station manager's report including these highlights:

- Belknap County's Executive Committee proposed a reduction in LRPA's 2021 work agreement from \$7,500 to \$3,750. This recommendation will be finalized at an upcoming Belknap County Delegation meeting. As such, LRPA will no longer provide a camera person and equipment to record meetings at the County Complex but will instead remotely record meetings over Zoom then upload those meetings to the County VOD page, hosted by LRPA.
- LRPA's final NERF grant report has been submitted through the GOFERR (Governor's Office) portal. LRPA's grant of \$4,184.25 helped to offset the cost of a new field production system.
- Shane Selling of SOS Tech has completed equipment upgrades for Meredith (new digital HD fiberoptic transmitter and receiver) and is finishing upgrades for Gilford (new meeting room cameras, a new switcher and meeting streaming capability).
- LRPA is finishing a remembrance and memorial video for the NH Veterans Home in Tilton.
- Alan MacRae, a Belmont resident and founding LRPA board member, has expressed interest in joining the board. This will necessitate a review and possible changes to the bylaws concerning board membership and terms. After some discussion, it was agreed that Grace will email the full board for their feedback, leading to a discussion and vote at the February board meeting.

There was no Old business on the agenda. Under New Business, G. McNamara discussed an opportunity that has been presented to LRPA: the possibility of moving the station to a new location. This proposal offers separate office space with its own entrance as well as shared, professional studio space and the ability to share resources such as equipment and operators. There would be no rent or monthly expenses for LRPA outside of our Atlantic Broadband bundle. After discussion regarding the cost of moving the Meredith-LRPA feed and the fiber drop, the board recommended that Grace continue exploring this opportunity and report back at the February board meeting.

With no other business on the agenda, T. Stafford adjourned the January 2021 LRPA board meeting at 12:19 PM. The next LRPA board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 via Zoom at 11 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Grace McNamara for Nancy LeRoy on 1/27/2021