



ReadyFM Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 18th, 2026

**** Did not have quorum, so this was an informal meeting ****

Attendees:

Brian Benedum
Rick Hartman

Opening Prayer by:

Secretary's Report:

Discussion Items

- Nothing to report

Motions:

- Accept –
- 2nd –
- Approved

Treasurer's Report:

Discussion Items

- Bluehost Hosting Service:
 - Paid 3 year plan for: 384.81 – Will renew in Jan. 2029 for \$611.64
- 2026 Licensing Fees:
 - SESAC – Paid: \$204.00
 - ASCAP – Paid: \$462.00
 - BMI – Paid: 421.00
 - Total: \$1,087.00
- I wrote off the Madison County Cornhole League as bad debt.

Financial Reports (reports available online):

- Open Invoices
- Balance Sheet
- Profit & Loss
- YTD Financials compared to prior year

Motions:

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Station Manager's Report:

Discussion Items

- Regular season is winding down and will be starting playoff games
 - We will do a make-up West Jeff playoff game on February 24th since we had to cancel one of their broadcasts.
- Rick plans on updating the music scheduling/rotation after basketball season to add more variety

Motions:

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Technical Report:

Discussion Items

- Modified Studio Import/Export task start times to keep the published schedules in sync between the on-air and internet broadcasts.
 - This adjustment seems to have fixed the issue with Studio 2 not getting the schedule for the first hour.
- Added the Girls Basketball last game scores and records to the home page
- Completed the email migration to Google Workspace in preparation for the website migration.
- Website migration to Bluehost is complete
 - A few hiccups as the domain was transferred, but no significant outage.
- The migration of our Live Stream server to a new host has a couple options.
 - I was unable to find a US based hosting provider that seemed reputable. The best I could find was Shoutcast, which is based in Europe and costs 50 Euros/year (about \$60.00). It required 'pre-roll' ads.
 - Another option is for us to host our own server. Instead of having to maintain an additional computer at the station and dealing with the limited bandwidth of the cable service and potential power interruptions. We can purchase a Virtual Private Server from Bluehost. This is a cloud based computer that can be scaled if needed. I spent the last month testing the software required and what hardware requirements it would take. Below is the cost breakdown for the Virtual Private Server and the CentovaCast software license.

- Self-hosting option using Bluehost VPS (Virtual Private Server)
 - 4.99/mo (for 36 months) - \$179.64 (\$59.88/year)
 - CentovaCast - \$60.00/year
 - Total Yearly: \$119.88
 - Currently paying: \$69.99/year
- Rick and I discussed it and decided that the Virtual Private Server was the best option since it would give us full control over the stream and not be limited with bandwidth or shared services. The additional cost from what we are paying now is about \$50/year.
- I created a new PayPal account and set it up as a charitable organization.
 - The organization shows up as Madison Area Youth Center, not ReadyFM though.
 - When I get time I plan on calling PayPal to see if this can be changed.

Traffic Report:

- Total Visits – 519 up from 453
- Total Listeners – 44,299 down from 48,057
- Total Listening Hrs. – 2,433 up from 2,415

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Old Business:

Discussion Items

- Sign at High and Elm
 - Has anyone seen our logo?
- Community Matters
 - Greg is interested in doing this again.
 - City Council meeting recaps
 - Todd may also be able to do a show
- Next football season – promo footballs or shirts or rally rags?
- Research Grant Opportunities – after football season
- Computer Replacement Plan
 - Microcenter PowerSpec B736 SKU#: 798645 - \$799.99
 - Production Computer – After Fair Parking 2025
 - Studio 2 Computer – After Fair Parking 2026
 - Tabled for now – we can revisit this if there are issues with the existing computers
- Researching switching internet providers:
 - Current Spectrum Internet with land line & Cell phone –
 - 400Mbps Internet with land line \$162.56/month
 - Cell Phone \$27.00/month
 - Total: \$189.56/month
 - Omni Fiber –
 - 500Mbps with land line for \$120.00/month
 - Cell phone through Verizon Unlimited Plus - \$60.00/month

- Total \$180.00/month
- Henry gave permission to proceed.
- Tabled until after basketball season

Motions:

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New Business:

- Updating the website with the new School logos for:
 - MP
 - Shekinah Christian
- Since we broadcast multiple games a week for basketball season we should think about re-naming 'ReadyFM Game of the Week' on the website.
 - The leading suggestion so far is:
 - ReadyFM Game Broadcast?

Motions:

- Accept –
- 2nd –
- Approved

Closing Prayer by:

Motion for Adjournment by:

- Accept –
- 2nd –
- Approved

Next Board Meeting:

Wednesday March 11th at Phat Daddy's 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Action Items: