



ReadyFM Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 14th, 2026

Attendees:

Brian Benedum
Rick Hartman
Rich Hayes

Opening Prayer by: Rich

Secretary's Report:

Discussion Items

- Nothing to report

Motions:

- Accept –
- 2nd –
- Approved

Treasurer's Report:

Discussion Items

- Paid \$200 to RS Tax Services (Jill Spradlin) for her services in 2026 and Rick's 1099
 - \$150 for Services and \$50 for the 1099
- 2026 Licensing Fees:
 - SESAC – Paid: \$204.00
 - ASCAP – Pending
 - BMI – Pending
 - Total: \$204.00

Financial Reports (reports available online):

- Open Invoices
- Balance Sheet
- Profit & Loss

- YTD Financials compared to prior year

Motions:

- Accept – Rich
- 2nd – Rick
- Approved

Station Manager's Report:

Discussion Items

- Recently added some new music
- Planning to changing up the rotation a bit after basketball season
- Rebecca has been doing a great job on the board for basketball
- Facebook posts are now being done using AI graphics
- Post Season basketball - girls teams have good chance with the exception of Jonathan Alder

Motions:

- Accept – Brian
- 2nd – Rich
- Approved

Technical Report:

Discussion Items

- Added Girls basketball schedules to the website
- Removed Beyond the Barn from the website
 - Last show was January 2024.
- Set up 2026 Podcast Directories, pages, code, etc.
 - Will do Football and Basketball when season gets closer.
- Archived the 2024 podcasts and removed them from the website host.
- Submitted form for London's digital sign that will display our logo with 'Listen Anywhere – www.readyfm.com'
 - The form was designed for specific events with a date 2-7 weeks out. I put Public Awareness of the station– run anytime for the event, and didn't enter a date.
- There is a new Remote Studio software option available from Station Playlist
 - It allows a remote mic input to Station Playlist at the studio and the ability to control the tracks remotely.
 - This could replace Mixlr for receiving the remote stream
 - The cost is \$159.00/year, we are currently paying \$171.56/year for Mixlr, which renews in April.
 - This will be tested after basketball season.
- It appears that the ShoutCast server restart issue has been resolved.
 - The last restart was on December 8th which was the day that they had a maintenance window scheduled to fix a UI bug with CentovaCast which was causing the issue.
- The Remax Logo and address has been updated on their banner along with a new web link.
- Should we change hosting providers due to constant out of disk space issues?
 - We just purchased a year with Asura Hosting at \$99.00 in December.

- Bluehost (where we were before has a plan with 100GB of storage (we are currently at 26GB, but that is after I deleted the 2024 podcasts and we currently don't have a development website for testing).
 - This plan is \$16.99/month with a 3 year term so \$611.64 not counting the Domain Registration and Protection. Which is about double what we are paying now.
 - There is a promo on this plan for \$9.99/month for the first 3 year term which equals \$359.64 not counting the Domain Registration and Protection.
 - E-Mails are an add on at \$4.17/month , but I would recommend migrating our e-mails to Google accounts. We can keep the @readyfm.com since we have Google for Non-Profits.
 - There is also a 150GB plan intro at \$13.99/month = \$503.64 then \$20.99/month = \$755.64 which we can upgrade to if needed.
 - It was decided to proceed with migrating the e-mail accounts to Google and to purchase the 100GB plan at Bluehost for the web hosting.
- There has been an issue with the live stream over the past couple of weeks (maybe longer) where the stream is cutting out, but not for everyone at the same time.
 - The source is OK, since I'm receiving the stream from Mixlr and do not have any issues, so the issue must be related to the ShoutCast server hosted by Asura Hosting.
 - I looked at the server configuration and realized that, although the server supports ShoutCast Version 2 we were using Version 1. I opened a ticket to Asura Hosting asking what it would take to upgrade the ShoutCast server to V2.
 - They were vague about this being caused due to a migration, and said it was corrected. The Admin. Screens I looked at still appeared that we were on V1, but when questioned they confirmed that we are using V2.
 - Once the e-mails and website have been migrated the streaming server will be migrated to a yet to be determined hosting service. We are paid up to August with Asura for the streaming server.
- 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 – 453 down from 1,200
- Total Listeners – 48,057 down from 75,259
- Total Listening Hrs. – 2,415 down from 3,200

Motions:

- Accept – Rick
- 2nd – Rich
- Approved

Old Business:

Discussion Items

- Community Matters
 - Greg is interested in doing this again.

- Possibly focusing on City Council meetings and recaps
- Todd may also be able to do a show
 - If Greg chooses to cover the City Council, then Todd may do a more conventional Community Matters format (we don't want to have two similar shows).
- Research Grant Opportunities
 - This has been tabled until after basketball season
- Computer Replacement Plan
 - Microcenter PowerSpec B736 SKU#: 798645 - \$799.99
 - Production Computer – After Fair Parking 2025
 - Studio 2 Computer – After Fair Parking 2026
 - Table 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.
 - This has been tabled until after basketball season

Motions:

- Accept –
- 2nd –
- Approved

New Business:

- Next football season – promote the station by giving out footballs, shirts or rally rags at the football games
 - We could use the credited account we have at CK Signs
 - Will need to research the cost for this
 - Rich may volunteer to cover the cost.

Motions:

- Accept –
- 2nd –
- Approved

Closing Prayer by: Rick

Motion for Adjournment by:

- Accept –
- 2nd –
- Approved

Next Board Meeting:

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

Action Items: