



ReadyFM Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 18th, 2026

Attendees:

Brian Benedum
Rick Hartman
Rich Hayes
Todd Rickenberg

Opening Prayer by: Rich

Secretary's Report:

Discussion Items

- Nothing to report

Motions:

- Accept –
- 2nd –
- Approved

Treasurer's Report:

Discussion Items

- All licensing fees have been paid. ASCAP may have an issue with the account number changing. I think they accepted the check, but I'll know for sure when I get the bank statement at the end of the month.

Financial Reports (reports available online):

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

Motions:

- Accept – Todd
- 2nd – Rick
- Approved

Station Manager's Report:

Discussion Items:

- Basketball season is done
- Rick wants to focus on music and shows
 - There will be a new Bluegrass show
 - Todd Boyd hosting a new Community Interest show
 - Greg will help out Todd, but can't do his own show now.
- There is a need to improve Pelican case foam padding
- RDS system – Encoder to send artist info to cars – new \$300-\$400
- Change post season basketball for next season to only doing select games

Motions:

- Accept – Brian
- 2nd – Todd
- Approved

Technical Report:

Discussion Items

- Issue started last week with the Station Playlist stand-alone streamer
 - One channel was only putting out about 20%
 - This seemed to fix itself at the start of the Jonathan Alder game broadcast, but early Sunday morning it was back to 20%.
 - Switched to the integrated streamer, but this doesn't work well for live broadcasts. Will need to diagnose and fix before football season.
- Purchased and configured a Virtual Private Server from Bluehost for use as our streaming server.
 - All software has been installed and configured
 - Cut over to the new server early Sunday morning March 15th.
 - Streamed to both servers until Radio Garden was updated. Now fully on new server.
 - Will cancel Asura Hosting once everything is running on the new server.
- The plan was to evaluate the new software Remote Studio from Station Playlist after basketball season. This may allow us to eliminate Mixlr and send the broadcast directly to the station.
 - I checked on the renewal date for Mixlr (paying \$180/year)
 - The renewal date is April 10th but apparently we are now on a legacy package and I can't switch back to monthly or cancel for the summer without losing our current rate. The cheapest new rate is \$50/month or \$456/year
 - If Remote Studio will work then we will be paying \$159.00/year
 - We will need to evaluate Remote Studio before April 10th.
- 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 – 671 up from 519
- Total Listeners – 39,666 down from 44,299
- Total Listening Hrs. – 2,185 down from 2,433

Motions:

- Accept – Rick
- 2nd – Rich
- Approved

Old Business:

Discussion Items

- Updated the website with the new School logos for:
 - MP
 - Shekinah Christian
 - This has been done.
- 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?
 - Madison County Basketball
- Sign at High and Elm
 - Has anyone seen our logo?
- Community Matters
 - Greg is willing to help Todd, but does not have time to do the show himself.
- 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
 - 3rd Fiber Company option – Everstream Fiber (soon to be Bluebird Fiber)

- Henry gave permission to proceed.
- Tabled until after basketball season

Motions:

- Accept –
- 2nd –
- Approved

New Business:

- None.

Motions:

- Accept –
- 2nd –
- Approved

Closing Prayer by: Rick

Motion for Adjournment by:

- Accept –
- 2nd –
- Approved

Next Board Meeting:

Wednesday April 8th at Phat Daddy's 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Action Items: