



ReadyFM Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 13th, 2026

Attendees:

Brian Benedum
Rick Hartman
Rich Hayes

Opening Prayer by: Rick

Secretary's Report:

Discussion Items

- Nothing to report

Motions:

- Accept –
- 2nd –
- Approved

Treasurer's Report:

Discussion Items

- Paid Adobe Audition annual renewal - \$263.88
- Paid Madison County Chamber of Commerce - \$200.00
- Cancelled Mixlr and purchased Remote Studio – Net Savings \$20/year
- All Licensing fees have been paid for 2026
- I Texted Cindy Stout about Madison Health being 5 months behind. As of yet, we haven't received a check.

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:

- Added about 30 new songs.
 - Old Eagles songs
 - Bluegrass
- Contacted AD for first away Football game
- Waiting on info about the little league game – usually late June
- Graduation Parade
 - Got a lot of reactions to the post, but only one message
 - If we don't get more then we won't do it
- Promo video for football season
 - Rick's daughter is in Video Production and can do the video

Motions:

- Accept – Brian
- 2nd – Rich
- Approved

Technical Report:

Discussion Items

- Cancelled both hosting and Shoutcast plans from Asura Hosting.
- Cancelled Mixlr and purchased Remote Studio from StationPlaylist
 - Audio quality good
 - Remote can see and hear in real time the StationPlaylist screen and broadcast
 - Remote has the ability to edit/add tracks
 - Process changes:
 - Remote Broadcast menu item on website is now obsolete
 - Studio no longer needs to cue remote to start since they can hear live broadcast
 - Studio will continue the task of cueing spots and starting/stopping Automate
 - Remote will activate the mic and bring up the audio for live broadcast
 - Listen option should be muted during live broadcast to prevent slightly delayed re-broadcast from remote connection.
 - Option is available to do a live broadcast without a Studio operator – will need to record the broadcast locally.
- Live Stream Server Testing environment
 - Running local virtual machine with streaming software installed
 - Plan on using this to test software updates before applying to production

- Can't test due to CentovaCast license
 - All licenses are for one computer
- Should a 2nd license be purchased (\$60/year) for the test environment or download and install the Free Trial anytime testing is required?
 - Downloading free trial may become an issue, need to register each time and they may frown on multiple free trial downloads.
 - It was decided to go ahead and purchase a 2nd license for the development/backup server.
 - This still needs to be done.
- The live stream player disappeared again for a short period of time. The library I am linking to must have gone offline like it did once before. I did some digging and found another link to use. Hopefully this will eliminate this issue.
- Added our station to the Shoutcast Directory.
 - Currently not working because the stream is not a secure HTTPS connection and Google Chrome release and update that blocks any non-HTTP traffic that is not on port 80.
 - Centova does provide a secure stream URL, but Shoutcast is looking directly at the server port, so it's not a secured connection.
 - I'll need to figure out how to make the connection secure before our station will play in the Shoutcast Directory.
- 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 – 344 down from 958
- Total Listeners – 34,113 down from *2,812
- Total Listening Hrs. – 1,956 down from *369
 - *Partial month's statistics – only from new server

Motions:

- Accept – Rick
- 2nd – Rich
- Approved

Old Business:

Discussion Items

- Fair Parking – early planning.
 - I have updated and mailed the letter requesting the use of the parking lot.
 - We have received permission to use the lot again this year.
- Sign at High and Elm
 - Our logo is active on the sign
- 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
 - With the upcoming security boot key expirations we may need to upgrade the last two computers. Hopefully we will generate enough income from fair parking and sports sponsorships to do this.

Motions:

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- 2nd –
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New Business:

- New monthly sponsor ‘Steel City Sheds’.
 - \$50/month plan plus interested in the Football/Basketball season.

Motions:

- Accept –
- 2nd –
- Approved

Closing Prayer by:

Motion for Adjournment by:

- Accept –
- 2nd –
- Approved

Next Board Meeting:

Wednesday June 10th at Phat Daddy’s 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Action Items: