



ReadyFM Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 9th, 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

- We've added Graceful Gowns as a Full Season sponsor, so that brings the total to 15 paid and 16 total sponsors this year.
- I texted Cindy Stout again about the Madison Health outstanding invoices. I didn't get a reply.
- New Sponsor Leads
 - AllScape Landscaping
 - Butcher Block Restaurant
 - Red Brick – Rich action item
 - Want to do it but want to wait until they get settled in
 - Greene & Sons – Rick action item
 - London Florist (under new ownership)
 - Tony's Bar and Grill

- Dwyer Chiropractic
- West Jeff Plumbing

Financial Reports (reports available online):

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

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Station Manager's Report:

Discussion Items:

- Had an issue with downloading the latest Gospel Country Countdown show. Rick had the password stored in the browser of the old computer and couldn't remember what it was. He will need to contact them anyway about another matter and will get an updated password then.

Motions:

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Technical Report:

Discussion Items

- For game 1, the Remote Studio connection was fine, but the Mic button would not stay engaged to send audio back to the station. We ended up doing the first half as a call in to the station, only to realize after the fact that the phone input does not go over the live stream. We were able to broadcast the 2nd half after I purchased a 1 month subscription to Mixlr for \$50.00 and re-setup the Mixlr settings for the remote broadcast.
- We used Mixlr to broadcast game 2. There was an issue with echoing audio at the start of the broadcast. A full re-boot on both ends fixed this issue. It briefly occurred again and re-starting the Mixlr player embedded on the website fixed the issue.
- After sending an e-mail to StationPlaylist support they replied that port 8559 needs to be open for the mic in addition to port 8558 for the connection. Rick and I re-tested everything during the week and was able to get the mic working.
- For game 3 we were able to use Remote Studio to do the broadcast. The initial soundcheck didn't work because Rick had the Listen button active while broadcasting causing an echo. They needed to move, so the soundcheck was never completed. After the move Rick could not get the Listen button to work anymore. It was returning an error that implied a closed port, but the connection and mic were working, so the broadcast could be done.
- Currently it is not possible to do a live streamed show, or record a show from the Studio mics. I evaluated the current configuration of the station equipment and came up with a solution to get

the mics and telephone input on the live stream. This required running the mics and telephone through the Mackie mixer board then to the Line In jacks on the computers and configuring the Line-In option in Station Playlist to get these inputs to go over the livestream. The output is going to the ProMix board then to the compressor, and then to the production computer. This configuration is still being tested. I was getting some static on the recording, but not over the air that I could hear.

- The production computer has been acting up and locking up repeatedly. Rick and I decided that it was time to replace the Production Computer. I purchased an ASUS desktop with an Intel i7 processor, 16GB of RAM and a 1TB SSD. The total cost was \$680.00. Additionally, an external DVD drive was required which was an additional \$25.00. This computer has been configured and is currently in use at the station. I have the old Production computer in case we need to get anything off of it.
- 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 – 979 up from 504
- Total Listeners – 50,384 up from 41,478
- Total Listening Hrs. – 4,715 up from 2,425

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Old Business:

Discussion Items

- 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
 - Purchased for \$700.00
 - 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
- There is a need for new microphones for station (3 mics and 1 crowd mic)
 - This will be discussed at future meetings once costs and available funding is reviewed.
 - Studio Mics (3) - Shure SM58 - \$99.00 ea.
 - Crowd Mic - ???

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New Business:

- Nothing to Report

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Closing Prayer by: Rick

Motion for Adjournment by:

- Accept –
- 2nd –
- Approved

Next Board Meeting:

Wednesday October 14th at Phat Daddy's 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Action Items: