KSUT Board Meeting
July 16, 2025

Attending: Wade, Robert, Susan, Mikki, Kirsten

Absent: Eddie, Mike,

Called to order 5:32 pm.

Agenda and Minutes

Tami requested the agenda be revised by the removal of the item regarding the Alpine loans. She then provided an update: One is a renewal loan agreement for up to $16,000. The other is for $225,000 to support the infrastructure grant. Kirsten made a motion to approve the revised agenda. Robert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

A minor correction to the minutes from the June meeting: Murkowsky. Kirsten made a motion to approve the revised agenda. Robert seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

ED Report

The recission package is before the Senate and it looks like it will be passed. 20% of our budget is impacted should the recission package pass. Tami said she and staff have prepared online messaging in anticipation. Wade suggested mentioning at Party in the Park? Tami responded that she would work on trying to find the right language.

Tami received a call from The Washington Post, NPR, and CPR for quotes to include in press releases they are prepping.

Tami added the membership revenue goal has been meet and she feels the community will step up with additional support. Once the decision is made, at least the final result will be known and we can move forward.

Due to/due from – staying on top of that to get to zero balance by January, if not sooner.

Great fundraising news. Regarding the ERT, the IRS was reached and said the file for the quarters that were paid is closed and it would be safe to go ahead and deposit the funds received. There is one remaining quarter for $80,000 that Think LLP is trying to get clarity on whether that amount will be paid. Currently the $60,000 received is in a money market account. If possible, the funds will remain in the money market to begin to establish a reserve.

FEMA being sued by CPB regarding the NGWS grant funds that have yet to be released.

Some good news amidst the bad: Tami mentioned the Press Forward grant.

There was a back-room deal to secure funding for Tribal-affiliated stations, however the funds would come from another program (Green New Deal). Native Public Media came out with a statement opposing this because it is not sustainable. If that proposal moves forward, Tami said she would be surprised if KSUT received any funds.

Native Lens Symposium – Robert attended and Kree (former Board member was on one of the panels. It was an excellent conference and well attended. Sundance was in the room and has shown interest in Native Lens possibly taking part in their annual (which is moving to CO from UT). There was a legal advisor to help answer questions and other film festival organizations were represented: Ridgeway film fest, Telluride Mountain Film.

Sheila out of town, so there is no Tribal Radio report.

Montzuma County tower (Toawoc) has been down for months now. Staff has been trying to get AT&T up to repair the tower. They are talking about sending a helicopter to repair. KSUT is asking for AT&T to reimburse about $4000 worth of equipment damaged by the failure.

Susie B has some health issues and will step back for a bit. Plans have been made to cover her blends. Kirsten has a suggestion for someone who can help cover - Holly Shure. Kirsten will share her contact info with Ken. Stacia offered to do a blend shift as a volunteer if needed.

Ken's report – the new app is going well—around 500 downloads. There are plans to record the regional news round up and put it on the app.

Robert asked if there is there a QR code to download the app? Wade mentioned he sent an email about a QR code to help drive donations as well.

Development Report – Tami is very encouraged as they have met or exceeded goals.

Wade and Tami met this week and she is already thinking through contingencies if the CPB funds are pulled. Tami said we should end the year strong and they are planning a major donor event before the end of the year. Foundations are stepping up and showing interest in helping to fill the CPB funding gap.

The lawsuit has stimulated donations and that should be a good thing for the next fiscal year. Tami plans to prepare a budget that is realistic for FY26 that doesn't involve staff reductions.

Susan asked if they have considered a match campaign. Tami said she thinks there's a lot of opportunity to increase donations with a match campaign.

Wade will work with Tami and go through the donor list to see if there are people he knows that can be cultivated for donations.

Review of board terms – Wade gave Susan a sheet that has more recent info that she will update (Tami to send the document to Susan).

Eddie Box III has shown some interest as a possible board member. Wade will look at the terms sheet Susan put together. Some discussion was held regarding possible candidates. No inquiries have been received thus far.

Wade will ask Jamie Matthews if she might be interested in a board position. There is a need to recruit community members with a financial background to fill Mike's position as Treasurer.

Party in the Park – Mikki, Susan, Robert and Wade will assist.

July 4th event attendance was about half. They sold about $7300 worth of beer. Still finalizing the numbers on the event.

Next meeting August 20th

Motion to adjourn by Susan; seconded by Mikki, unanimously approved.

Adjourned 6:24 pm.