KSUT Board Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2025

Attending: Gary, Wade, Susan, Robert, Eddie, Mike, Mikki, Kirsten

Called to order 5:32 pm

Agenda – Gary made a motion to approve the agenda; Susan seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes – Correct to "K" instead of "M" in ED report. Robert made a motion to approve with this revision; seconded by Mike. Approved unanimously.

ED Report

- Due to/due from – zero balance on the weekly; plus, four monthly payments of $10,500 have been made.

- Development – best fundraising year on record! They are making big asks and people are stepping up.

- Wade – in terms of on-air programs, is the staff mentioning the impact of the potential loss of funding? Tami – yes, it was a topic during the fund drive.

- ERT – confusing (check rec'd on denied funds). Think LLP is preparing an appeal on the claims denied. The pending amount on the two claims is about $80,000. If Think LLP cannot resolve, there may be a need to pursue legal action. Perhaps contract with someone who would take the case on a pro-bono basis or would receive a percentage of recovered funds. This process could go on for years.

- FY 24 audit complete!

- CPB Grant – (Community Service Grant) – waiting on third payment. It has been "approved" and it should be coming through any time ($87,000).

- Tami, Robb Brantley, and Rob Rawls have been discussing alternatives if the NGWS grant funding is not released. There have been intermittent issues (Pagosa, Spring Creek); the transmitter sites' equipment is old. They are looking at capital grants to shore up these transmitter sites as an alternative. Tami will pursue a grant request from LPEA (among

others).

- CPB funding – Monday, a draft memo from White House will request a Congressional Rescission of previously approved CPB funding for fiscal years 26 and 27. The memo is expected to be introduced Apr 28. Tami will wait until the memo has been introduced before publicizing this to listenership. The Durango Herald is supportive of getting the word out about the importance of CPB funding and Tami will work with Wade to write a guest editorial. A congressional vote is expected around Memorial Day.

  Tami will attend a DC Fly-in the week of May 12 for scenario planning with NPR/PBS should federal funding go away. Discussion will include how that will impact programming fees. She plans to meet with Senators Hickenlooper and Bennet.

  Wade asked if she heard back from Linda B. regarding expanding SUIT board seat eligibility to first descendants. Tami has not heard from Linda, however, she received word that the Tribal Council Chairman has received the memo informing the Council of this decision.

  Tami said that although we don't have our mid-year numbers yet, if FY '26 and '27 funding is rescinded, there would need to be a significant fundraising campaign. CPB funds are 19% of our budget this year. Additional discussion included perhaps asking the Tribe to write a letter to Rep. Hurd regarding the importance of CPB funding to KSUT.

  Robert said it would be a smart move to let the Tribe know about the funding concern and the contingency planning. Perhaps make an appeal at Party in the Park and have an info booth to help drive support.

  It was suggested that elected officials be invited to come on air to show support for the stations and CPB funding (Hurd, Hickenlooper, Bennet). It is important that our audience understands the impact of losing funding.

  Tami said they have posted a piece on the website regarding the loss of federal funding. Wade suggested a web banner to highlight the threat.

- Golden High School – 11th time the seniors have made the trip. This year there were 22 students and four staff members. They got to see what the various arms of the Tribe do, learn Tribal history, and more. Part of the visit included time on air with Sheila.

- Public Media app – Tami reported it is coming along. With the app, both Four Corners and Tribal radio may be accessed. The app includes schedules, recordings, and archives. This should increase online interaction with a wider audience. There are plans to promote the app and Jess has already sold an ad. Tami said they are looking at push notifications or doing a special giveaway to those who have downloaded the app.

Open board seat - Bylaws revision – the Board discussed bylaws wording that was previously approved by the Board (March 2023) in addition to the updates regarding first descendants. Susan will update the bylaws with the proposed changes and send them out to the board to review.

May meeting – no May Board meeting; next meeting is June 18. Wade will be out of town in June, so Kirsten will chair the meeting.

Gary made a motion to adjourn; Robert seconded. Motion unanimously passed. **Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm.**