“KSUT is a community supported public broadcasting organization serving the communities of the Four Corners, providing diverse and eclectic entertainment, education, news, and information while promoting multicultural awareness and understanding.”

**Attending:** In Person Robert Ortiz, Rick Gore, Buz Bricca, Tami Graham, Gary Skiba, Wade Griffith, Elwin Johnson (Wade and Elwin are candidates for a board position)

Phone: Bruce LeClaire, Kree Lopez

Not attending: Amy Barry, Eddie Box Jr.

Introductions were made for Wade and Elwin’s benefit. In their absence, Robert introduced Amy and Eddie to Wade and Elwin

**Call to Order** at 5:46 PM.

**Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Robert noted next meeting indicated at end of this agenda needed to be changed to Sept 9.

Gary moved to approve agenda with date change, Buz seconded. Unanimous approval.

**Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (May, June 2020)**

May Minutes: Buz moved approval, second by Gary. Unanimous approval.

June Minutes: Buz moved approval, Rick seconded. Unanimous approval.

**Board Candidates**

Wade Griffin and Elwin Johnston attended the meeting as prospective board members, to replace Sara Sheeler. Two additional candidates will attend the September 9 meeting.

Wade and Elwin introduced themselves and answered questions from the board about their interest in serving on the Board.
Executive Director Report

NOTE: COVID19 impacts, Media Center update, festival/special events, Four Corners Report and Tribal Radio Report are all in this ED update section.

Tami is working on a plan for the fall fund drive. Will be using both buildings in some way as all functions are unlikely to be completely moved to the Eddie Box Media Center before the drive. Final touches are being put on the EBMC.

2021 Budget planning under way, Fiscal Year starts October 1. KSUT is in good financial conditions, which is somewhat surprising given the impacts of COVOD. Membership income has shown no dip, and some unexpected grants have come in. Tami has successfully pursued multiple COVID related grants which have made a difference. While we will not get revenue from special events, we also are not paying some costs associated with those events.

Buz asked about the potential shared position with KDUR (Sarah Flower). Tami is optimistic that the details should be readily worked out, and we will know more by next meeting. Tami and Board agree that Sarah is doing a very good job.

Strategic Planning: The planned retreat was cancelled due to COVID, Tami is working with staff to complete a draft Strategic Plan revision for the Board, probably ready for the board in November or December. The new plan will launch some new programming and content.

We will likely do a focused Strategic Planning meeting with entire board, or potentially an ad hoc committee that would report back to full board.

Rob Ralls is retiring but will stay on as hourly employee.

Jill Davis will be moving to a full-time staff position.

Tami is looking into potentially hiring a Tribal Media Center Director. There is a grant in place that will supply most of the funding for that position.

Tami is working with Shelia Nanaeto on Native Lens. A request for short videos addressing dealing with COVOD is going out throughout Indian Country.

Robert asked about lease expansion for south side of Media Center for solar installation. Looks like that will go forward with a presentation to Tribal Council. Requires BIA approval, expectation is that it will be approved.

Rick asked whether the EBMC will be completed so that we would be able to broadcast from it by the end of this Fiscal Year, that would make financial reporting
simpler. Tami thinks we might be able to do so, but it’s not certain.

Refunds on festivals will be done soon. Some ticket purchasers have donated the ticket price to KSUT and some have decided to apply to the price to next year’s festivals.

Virtual Party in the Park planned for Saturday August 15, 4-6 PM.

There will be a “virtual festival” on Reservoir Hill in Pagosa Springs on September 4. There will be 2 bands who will play live with no audience.

3rd Quarter budget reports

Rick: the amazing thing is that we're in the black for the year. This is due to COVID related grants and the reduction of expenses for special events. Overall, things look good for the operating budget. We need to continue to take advantage of any and all grant opportunities.

Tami expects that there will be public media support in next COVID relief bill which she will monitor for opportunities.

Robert asked what the most important thing to focus on at this point. Tami felt it was 2021 staffing, due to changes that are already planned (see above), we need to be sure we're not overextending.

Tami is also working to ramp up major donors, there are still opportunities there. In the overall picture, Tami is not concerned about our ability to maintain adequate funding.

Projected expenses for the EBMC in August will be high, due to some bills coming due, including billing from tribe for about 60K, and for the solar array. End total will be about $2.468 million.

By October, we should have a final expense picture, we can then look at debt service and other projects.

Rick noted difficulty of using this year as a planning base for the future, it's unique due to COVID. Next year's budget will be closer to a 'steady state', we hope.

Committees

Nothing on development, tribal radio, or finance.

Bylaws: Gary and Rick noted the need to do minor editing Article II Section 12 (Leave of Absence).
Buz moved approval of the revised bylaws with the edit to that Section. Rick seconded. Unanimous approval.

Next meeting Sept 9 here at EBMC.

Buz moved to adjourn. Rick seconded, unanimous approval.

**Adjourned at 7:19 PM.**