“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.”

Call to Order @ 5:33 PM


Approval of Meeting Agenda

Moved by Buz seconded by Gary. Unanimously approved.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (May 2020)

Tabled pending changes to clarify some of budget info, to be approved at July meeting.

Rob Rawls, KSUT Four Corners Station Manager (attending as rotating monthly staff member)

New transmitter on Ute Mountain, KZNM. This is one of 2 license that were donated to KSUT. Spent approximately $80,000 on construction. Work continued until it snowed which prevented further work until this spring. Now on air, broadcasting into Cortez, Montezuma County, Towaoc, parts of NM, UT and AZ.

Work continuing on Eddie Box Jr Media Center. A little behind due to coronavirus slowdown. Some furniture being custom built by Aaron Rogers (rave reviews of his work by Rob and Robert). Current protocol for visitors is that temperature taken at entry, wear mask. No other restrictions, so board members are welcome to stop by and check out progress.

4-5 staff members are working in the new building now.

Some things still being finished, including furniture for 2 on air studios. The 50-foot tower (which will hold several antennas) and we will need a crane to erect it.
Some cove lighting to be installed, a few other odds and ends.
Rob left meeting at 6:03 PM

Executive Director Report

COVID-19 Impacts and Media Center Updates

Tribal radio is gradually moving to the new building. Tribal members are under some additional coronavirus restrictions. Tribe is doing quite a few tests, expect that once results are in things may loosen up so more individuals can be in the new building at one time. Entire staff will be tested, need to ensure that all staff are following tribal protocols.

The station is back to regular schedules on the 4 Corners signal. Staff is keeping a close eye on any requirements, with regular cleaning/disinfecting.

Grants update

Received a number of coronavirus related grants, didn’t get approved for a State of Colorado COVID-19 Response Fund grant.

Some grant funds going to Native Braids, Adam is keeping the quality of production top notch. Interviews will start again soon, should be on air in a couple of months. Past interviews are on the website now.

Native Lens project is developing with Rocky Mountain PBS, working on funding. 1-5 minute video submissions will be sought. Deals with how COVID19 has affected day to day life. Will be a call for submissions soon.

Audit (Update)

Tami, Rick Gore and Rob Brantley meet with F. Zink personnel. After that call, KSUT folks felt that the extra cost $8,500 was justified, but that was partly due to a low estimate at the start. Talked more about how staff can provide better info to FZA at front end to minimize costs.

Robert asked if there was any one outstanding item that caused cost increase. Rick replied that it was not any one thing, just more time than expected on various items. Some miscommunication on both ends, need to do more on front end. There has been a lot going on at KSUT in the last 2 years (capital campaign, construction of new building, taking on festivals) which complicated the audit. FZA doesn’t view up front estimate as binding on them. Things should go more smoothly next year, partly because Rob Brantley will have been around for the full year.

Festivals/Special Events (Update)
No real updates. Waiting to make decision on Party in the Park and 4 Corners folk festival, not optimistic that either will be able to go forward.

Had virtual festival last Friday. Available on Pagosa Folk Festival page. Raised about $3,400 via virtual tip jar, learned a lot about how to do events that are broadcast.

Lots of comments from all over the world from listeners.

**Four Corners**

Rob covered most earlier and in his report.

**Tribal Radio**

In packet from Shelia.

Kree and Robert noted that KSUT has been important with cancellations of Bear Dance and other activities.

**Committees, Activities and Updates**

**Development Committee (Buz, Kree, Bruce)**

Have not met.

**Tribal Radio (Amy, Buz, Robert)**

Have not met.

**Finance (Rick, Amy, Tami)**

Nothing to add, covered above.

**Ad Hoc (Executive Committee) Bylaws review – Meeting update**

Did review, suggested changes sent out yesterday (6-9-20). Intend to adopt changes at the July meeting. Some minor additional changes will be made and sent out in time for review before July meeting.

**Board Member Vacancy**

Sara’s departure from board opens a position. An announcement seeking candidates went out in the Drum and will be going on air and on the website this week. Sara’s replacement could be tribal or non-tribal. Will finish out Sara’s term (through September 2021). Board should let potential candidates know; they should contact
Tami. All Board members should be thinking about others who might be good members in the future.

Rick asked if any terms are expiring this September. Gary and Tami will track down. Looks like Robert and Bruce’s both expire in September 2020.

Per bylaws, we need to be sure that Tribal Council is informed of board changes. Rick noted if we have any other vacancies coming this September, we should look for multiple candidates. Rick suggested we use the election of officers at the first meeting of the new fiscal year as a reminder to send the required information to Tribal Council. Section 3B will be modified to indicate that.

Revisions will be made and distributed shortly.

Next Meeting Date (July 10, 2020 – hopefully in Eddie Box Jr. Media Center)

Move to Adjourn by Buz seconded by Kree. Unanimously approved.

ADJOURNED at 6:58 PM.