

Catamount Access Television Corporation

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 22, 2024

1. **Tim Scoggins convened the meeting via video conference at 4:05 pm with the following members present; Dan Cross, Frank Barnes, Jack Rossiter-Munley, Asa Morin, Lisa Byer, Executive Director, and William Gardner – Operations Manager. Greg Van Houten and Sarah Krinsky were absent.**
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Tim Scoggins asked for approval of the Board Minutes of March 25, 2024.

MOTION: DAN CROSS MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2024, BOARD MEETING. ASA MORIN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION PASSED.

3. **FINANCE REPORT:** Lisa reviewed the financial reports for the month of March 2024 and answered questions from the board.
4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:** The Director's report was distributed to the board prior to the meeting for their review. Lisa provided an overview. There was a brief discussion regarding the pending heating and cooling upgrades for the facility. Dan Cross thanked Lisa and William for their due diligence in this project.

MOTION: DAN CROSS MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED WORK BY BENNINGTON COOLING AND HEATING TO REPLACE THE FURANCE AND INSTALL DUCTED HEAT PUMPS FOR THE TOTAL COST OF \$44,500. JACK ROSSITER-MUNLEY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR AND THE MOTION PASSED.

Lisa reported that the stand-only heat pump replacement for the service room cost came in at \$3780 versus the expected \$5000 and the work should be completed soon. She also noted that the regulatory advocacy is moving forward. The Streaming Bill S.181 left the Senate and is in the House, however it was placed in the wrong committee. Work is being done to move it to the correct committee. Lisa is working to create a list of individuals in the various districts that agree to be called upon at short notice when an action alert is issued to urge Representatives to support the bill.

Lisa noted that she and the staff have made decisions regarding the add-on services from CASTUS. The remaining issues involve the outstanding billing that she expects to be resolved soon. The CD at M&T Bank matured, and the funds were moved to an existing account. Lisa and William will research and report on the best options for reinvesting the money. They hosted a networking event for the Better Bennington Corp. last week. With 30 people in attendance, it was a great opportunity to have new folks visit the facility and share the current challenges facing our organization.

Lisa updated the board on the fiscal review process, explaining that it was much more involved and time consuming for William this year since we had to find a new accounting firm to prepare the year-end reports due to Steve Love's retirement. William added that he is pleased with the new firm and is happy to have the process completed. He is arranging for the accountant to meet with the board to present the reports. There was discussion regarding rescheduling the May meeting due to Memorial Day.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:** Frank Barnes complimented William and Mike's new program Talk of the Town. William shared more information and planned guests for more episodes.

MOTION: DAN CROSS MOVED TO ADJORN THE MEETING. FRANK BARNES SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MEETING ADJORNED AT 4:39PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Sarah Krinsky, Secretary