Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2021, 5:30 p.m.
3913 Kachemak Way, Homer, AK 99603 (Videoconference via Zoom due to covid-19)

BOD Present (zoom): Robert Purcell (from Chitna), Nicole Arevalo, John Anderson, Wayne Aderhold
(Excused: Kyle Schneider, Sarah Richardson (stuck in Canada per email); absent: Mel Strydom)

Staff: Josh Krohn
CAB: none
Visitors: none

Quorum?: Y

1. **Called to order**: 5:38p
2. **Agenda & Approval**: Wayne A. moved to approve; Robt P. 2nd; Wayne added “Tsunami Coffee Table” (agreed: discuss under 9. New Business)
3. No visitors
4. **Minutes** of 7/29/2021 meeting: Kyle S. working on them – no action
5. **GM Report**: agreed, Josh gives “Cliff Notes” version:
   a. Covid protocol summary (update) – most volunteers “in” station; may change; keep distance
   b. EAS: National periodic test; we get alerts through KSRM – not great but continue to try to work with their signal
   c. APBI no longer exists; engineers (Steve Hamlin) now work for COAST. We are applying to FCC for waiver so KBBI becomes a “primary” (M-Net); some issues during last (“national periodic”) test but basically it worked.
   d. Tsunami warning: EAS box received alert from NWS, but “inaudible” so didn’t relay it. Emergency info was relayed (but not from primary source); errors noted & engineers in Anchorage working on it.
   e. Transmitter generator: still down; waiting on Koehler to provide information; many different models produced so parts not readily available; hoping to completely replace any questionable parts; neither Desperate Marine nor In Demand Marine available for work (too busy); Josh has some fuel system parts but not all; Wayne pointed out the quandary of having Josh technically “responsible” for lots of highly technical equipment that is both critical and usually “up & running” and no justification for keeping 3rd party repair entity(s) on retainer – an issue to keep in mind as generator has been “down” for some time now. Josh indicated willingness to remain as key individual responsible
   f. Q’s (Wayne A): roof replacement & solar installation – status? Josh: Waiting to hear from John Brandt/Homer Roofing – expecting start ~ August 21st; Alaska Solar now figures to do KBBI during 2nd stint: September 15th or beyond. Wayne noted alders (N. Side) needing trim-thinning; he went up a few days ago & trimmed away from roof interference; noted: Bro A gazebo needs additional sitework to reduce vertical exposure
(fall) from deck; Q&A (all): general discussion about professional help available in Homer.

6. No CAB report; nothing from John A. on CAB other than Salmonfest plan getting dropped due to Covid

7. Committee Reports: general note from Nicole for Chairs to get agendas out to everyone prior to meeting
   a. Governance: (John) – discussed Wayne’s suggestion to have a hiatus on meetings until after Retreat; regarding Strategic Plan meeting – encourage all BOD to get their input (ideas) into Robert ahead of time; (Robert): reviewed his idea of how Strategic Planning sessions should go – submit “goals” & “objectives” directly to Robert; he’ll compile a sheet with “bullets”, then each member can expand on them during the SP worksessions. Q: have we picked a date for Retreat yet? A: (John) No dates yet, but planning on two days; (Josh) Looking at Oct (1st or 2nd week) for Retreat; worksession before that … or have both in October; re College – not available; same at Islands & Oceans or any KPBSD facilities; other ideas: Kachemak City Hall; (Robert): 2 hour session going into lunch, then 2 ea 2 hour sessions afterward (= 6 hours/day); (Nicole) wants to meet with Robert to organize prior to 1st Session.
   b. Internal Affairs: no meeting since last – nothing discussed but Nicole asked Josh to advise her of any items to consider
   c. Public Outreach: no meeting since last. (Josh) Brew 2 Brew now cancelled due Covid. (Nicole) Laurie (Synergy Farms) talking with Loren B. and Jeff L. on ideas for Check the Pantry event (cooking demo with meal & Patrick/Grog Shop doing wines), including location. (Josh) Hoping for $5k to the station for each event, but ticket price is a consideration.

8. Old Business
   a. Strategic Plan review covered above (Governance Comm); John encouraged everyone to review Robert’s previously-submitted outline-guide as good basis for input from BOD.

9. New Business
   a. Tower relocation (now changed to “Signal Improvement”, see below): (Wayne) gave background on how the idea came about – as he was getting ready to revive the solar concept, he realized it was worth stopping & evaluating the idea before going further, ie is the land more valuable in some other way, provided there is a viable alternative for the tower (any possibility predicated on a firm alternative). (Robert) Said the idea reminded him of a fire station back East that generates steady income through lease of a land asset & then considered some “outside the box” thinking that includes KDLL. (Josh) Noted we don’t want to compete with KDLL. Also our transmitter equipment is in decent shape and technology hasn’t changed much. We do need to inspect the tower for major problems – no obvious problems noted; doesn’t even appear to need a paint job. Installation of FM translator(s) is an option worth considering. (Nicole) Thinks transmitter appears to be in fairly good shape. Also concerned with ecological consideration of the land at the transmitter. (Wayne) ? What were negatives regarding an FM concept when discussed previously? (Josh) “Range” is the biggest issue; sound quality is superior. (Nicole) Said the FM concept had come up in the past & was dropped. Vehicles now often come without AM radio. (Josh) Translator permits much
easier to obtain; estimate $5k for a translator install. (Josh) FM-HD was also on Staff list of ideas. Note that could simulcast 3 streams. (Wayne) Suggests keep this item (Transmitter) on all meeting & Staff lists – Nicole advised we will put under Old Business as a “recurring” item until we reach a conclusion. (Robert) Suggest calling the item “Expanded Capacity of Signal”, rather than “tower” (Josh) “Signal Improvement”

b. Tsunami Event (recent): (Wayne) Gave background – after recent event, Mayor expressed “disappointment with KBBI”; discussed with Josh. (Josh) Talked with Mayor for about an hour about it. Mayor apologized & is willing to do a Coffee Table. Next time we’ll get someone from City to talk & offer additional commentary. A community conversation is definitely in order. NOAA website crashed that night. Mayor’s comments not particulary salient to future conversation. Plan to have NOAA (Dave Snyder); KPB-OEM (Bud Sexton or Paul McBride or Brenda Ahlberg); City (Chief Kirko & Mayor Castner). Plan for factual as well as anecdotal information. (Robert) Josh is correct – KBBI is limited to reporting factual information during an event; Mayor off base in thinking KBBI could/should make interpretations. Each entity should be staffed “3 deep” during an emergency. (Nicole) Mayor should have talked to KBBI privately, not a public “shaming”. (Wayne) Noted there had been some pushback on Mayor that night and suggested that KBBI invite a designated City person (?PIO) to patch in during the event as often as necessary to provide additional “chatter”. (Robert) Will get with Josh as soon as he’s back in town to go over ideas for this event. (Nicole) Consider whether we (BOD) should push back for apology prior to next Council meeting (which is next week) (Consensus of BOD) No, let it ride for now. Confrontation would be counter productive.

10. Comments:
   a. Josh: thanks for time off & BOD & Staff support, particularly Strategic Planning
   b. Wayne: a) KPB Mayor’s rant about Covid-unwarranted & expect repercussions b) Jack Cushing still very interested in running for BOD c) appreciates Josh unfaltering good attitude ... also 2nd weed whack at Transmitter? (Josh is “in”)
   c. John: kudos to Josh; encouraged & encouragement on work toward Strategic Plan
   d. Robert: Josh – coordinate meeting time with him; talk more about “expanding signal” idea; will keep posted on chat with Chief Kirko (Josh): suggests early Monday mtg due to time planned off
   e. Nicole: apologies for missing July meeting but 10 days turned into 30 days for boat cook job & couldn’t pass; recommend get cost estimate for tower inspection (Josh said expect ~$15k minimum; Nolan Bros); Next meeting September 16th.

Adjourn @ 7:16p