

1 **Northwest PEG-TV**

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3 Northwest PEG-TV Board of Directors Meeting
4 January 21, 2019
5 Minutes

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7 **Present for a quorum:** Joe Halko, Tim Stetson, Virginia Holiman, Tim Hurlbut, Bryce
8 Bachelder

9 **Unable to Attend:** Mike Curtis, Marilyn Grunewald, Michel Consejo

10 **Administrators:** Elizabeth Malone

11 **Visitors:** Wesley Kempton (arrived at 6:14 p.m.)

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13 **1. Call to Order**

14 Joe Halko called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. at Northwest Access TV.

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16 **2. Changes or Adjustments to Agenda**

17 None.

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19 **3. Programmers Report**

20 The Programmers Report for January 2019 highlighted The Swanton Arts Council, and
21 Did You Know which are both new shows. The report highlighted RiseVT working on
22 their Continuing Partnership. This segment was on healthy shopping in the community.
23 The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce sponsored a kid's carnival, ice skating, and
24 the annual gala for "Last Night." BFA Dance Performance was also highlighted in this
25 report.

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27 **4. Treasurers Report**

28 Mike Curtis was not able to attend but sent in an e-mail with the financials. The report
29 showed the general revenue from last year. Mr. Curtis explained management is doing an
30 excellent job keeping expenses within budget. The Net surplus (revenue) was impacted
31 and there is an increase in depreciation, interest and discretionary equipment purchases.
32 The 2018 balances would show an increase over the previous year. The Welden Theatre
33 charged a fee for the Northwest Nightmares, and it was booked under advertising.

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35 Tim Stetson made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report; Tim Hurlbut seconded the
36 motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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38 Bryce Bachelder made the motion to approve the checks issued in the month of
39 December; Virginia Holiman seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

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41 6:14 Wesley Kempton arrived. Mr. Kempton is interested in running for the open Board
42 seat and is sitting in to view how the Board operates.

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44 **5. Executive Director's Report**

45 Elizabeth Malone included unusual payments in her report. The pipe guards were
46 installed outside of the building. NWATV is still waiting on the Snow Guards to be

1 installed, currently they are using mats over the air conditioner. There was another leak in
2 the server room, Ms. Malone had the Clerk of the Works, architect and the contractor
3 come out and view the leak, and they have a suspicion as to why and how this leak is
4 happening. The building is very efficient, and it is very cheap to heat this building. The
5 remainder of the report was quotes from documents that were submitted to the FCC.
6 Elizabeth Malone appreciated the comments that were submitted and wanted to share with
7 the Board. The Cable Act of 1984- dealt specifically with Cable TV. This was the first
8 time the Legislative branch stepped in to regulate Cable. Since 1984 revisions have been
9 made- specifically to have local voice and expect the Cable companies to contribute for
10 public rights of ways. In 1996 they added conditions for internet service which has
11 always been separate. The big change was in 1996 when it allowed companies to own
12 multiple media formats- Comcast could purchase NBC. Most of the acts are to benefit the
13 Corporations. NWATV is waiting to hear back from the FCC and what their decisions
14 about the percentages of revenue will be distributed to the Access Centers. Elizabeth
15 Malone was asked to join a taskforce for Legislative work. Elizabeth Malone believes the
16 Access Centers will need to become more self sufficient in the future.

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18 Tim Stetson made the motion to accept the Executive Directors Report as presented;
19 Virginia Holiman seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.

20 21 **6. New Business**

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23 a. **February Board Schedule-** The February Board/Staff Retreat will be on
24 February 15th and will comprise of the regularly scheduled February Board
25 Meeting, and therefore the February Board meeting that was scheduled on
26 February the 18th will be cancelled. The next Regular Meeting will be on
27 March 18, 2019.
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29 b. **Transitional Business Model Taskforce Initial Meeting Schedule-** This
30 committee can meet before the Board meetings at 5:00 p.m. They will meet
31 in March and in April before each of the Board meetings.
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33 **7. Old Business**

34 Mike Curtis will be moving to Florida once his house is sold. Once he moves, the
35 Board will need to replace him with hopefully another person who has accounting
36 background.
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38 Marilyn Grunewald would like to take a leave of absence from the Board.
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40 **8. Approval of Minutes 12/17/2018**

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42 Page 3- Line 14- Add Tim Stetson to the Transitional Business Model Taskforce.
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44 Virginia Holiman made the motion to approve the minutes of December 17, 2018 as
45 amended; Tim Hurlbut seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-0.
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1 Welsey Kempton introduced himself to the Board. He is from Franklin, and lives there
2 now. He lived out of state and country for the last 12 years. Wesley is working in Saint
3 Albans. Wesley studied communications, to hopefully do broadcasting. He did broadcast
4 for University of Wyoming sports. Bryce Bachelder has worked with Wesley Kempton
5 broadcasting sports. Wesley Kempton wants to not only be a resident, but a community
6 member and have an impact while he is here.

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8 **9. Adjourn**

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10 Joe Halko adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

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12 Respectfully submitted,

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15 Brianne King, Board Recorder

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20 **Joe Halko, President**

Michel Consejo

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24 **Marilyn Grunewald, Vice President**

Virginia Holiman

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28 **Mike Curtis, Treasurer**

Tim Hurlbut

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32 **Tim Stetson, Secretary**

Bryce Bachelder