

Royalton Community Radio
Board Meeting
March 19, 2026
6:30-8:15pm

Board members present: Todd Tyson, Jim Rooney, Ralph Molinario, Jeremy Frost, Jenn Tabor, Morgan Haynes

Approved February's meeting minutes

Programming:

New shows: The Lonely Mountain, starts this coming Wednesday at 10pm (ReB Sundays 11pm), programmer: Rowan Royael. Folk music and spoken word. Cafe Chill will move to Friday 6am.

Potential shows: Grace (from Carlitas, also a new sustaining member) to bump Modern Jetset which could move to Wednesday 10am. Grace still needs to fill out her form. Ann Aiken, journalist from Herald, wants to do a talk show. Not sure she wants an entire hour of talking, could do half talk/half music. Will be on Word Stream. Jane Philbrick, potential talk show, Todd sent her form.

Word Stream will do a segment or more on Bookstock. Lots of authors on short list to interview. Rose does two shows, Todd does two shows.

Tech:

Monitor speakers need to be replaced. Good pair \$500. Looking at mixer for additional mics, another potential expense. Patrick Schlott to advise.

Translator application window should open end of the year by FCC. LP-FM translator has to be within 20 miles of the original antennae. Old tower previously owned by Wavecom, 1,700 feet up. Todd documented info, looks like there's a clear channel between range: 89.9-91.5fm. Cost 15k? Hire engineer, lease space on tower, need to supply power to tower. Already have a transmitter. Maybe translator doesn't broadcast 24/7 to save money on power?

Part15 broadcasts a few watts, could be a solution to reach a small town like Bethel, Chelsea. April 8th Prudential Board Meeting.

Ben Kananaka, tree guy. Walked around with water plant manager and talked about what trees to take down.

EC Fiber: two applications-one for each site, the station and the tower. Going to "get a team on it"

Treasurer:

Checking: 26,233.46

CD: 20,249.79

Paypal: 1,923.78

Phone bill up again from \$325.92 up to \$341.15

PayPal fees make it important to emphasize paying by check. No comparable alternative to PayPal at the moment.

2025 donators need our 501c3 info for tax deduction, Jenn will email.

Jenn's term as treasurer expires in May. Need replacement. Jenn to outreach potential candidates.

Marketing:

Two newsletters went out during Fundrive week, high open and click through rates.

Fundrive:

135 people donated \$8,829

Party expenses: (add shipping costs of tshirts to fundrive expenses)

\$1,000 total donation from Crossroads (from door and Scott)

Up to 16 sustaining members

Emergency Preparedness Grant:

Need to spend money and then get reimbursed. Looking at Tesla power wall. Leasing vs buying. Best deal that is also dependable. Adding backup power at the shed will effect green mtn power bill from water plant.

GMP: at peak load they can access the power in your Tesla battery. Can we find a dependable method that is not connected to GMP so that we have total control over the battery? Need to move on this asap.

This grant will also pay for the tree guy.

Solarfest Support:

Station will not be involved, not going to underwrite. Todd may help. Solarfest going through a rebrand/restructuring.

TGS Open mic:

April 8th will most likely be the last open mic.

Maybe WFVR wants to host an open mic in the future. Good outreach for the station.

Other Biz:

Milo at Summer Burger Nights at Flying Dog Farm, wants station to do a live broadcast from event.

Fledgefest confirmed our support (money and volunteers) for this summer. Goal is for the station to do a remote broadcast from the event.

Star Radio Hour first Saturday in May (5/2). Station to broadcast live as usual.

Todd will not be at Jennybrook. He can bring trailer. Candy wants us. Morgan, Jenn, Jeremy, Ralph going to volunteer.

Always looking for new board members, inside and outside WFVR.

Next meeting 4/16/26