

KGLP's Community Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2024

Attending: Be Sargent, Bill Bright, Antoinette Neff, Mildred Dunning; Rachel Kaub, Jo Ann Benenati
Convened at 3:05pm (and L.D. Lovett via ZOOM)

- Approval of Nov. 19, 2024 agenda & June 18, 2024 minutes: Bill 1st, L.D. 2nd.
- KGLP's current "Silent Campaign" goes until the end of 2024 (\$4,600 in since 10/20/24).
- The CPB is again threatening to reduce funding based on Non-Federal matching funds.
- KGLP's application for a repeater station on the Zuni Ridge, New Mexico, capable of reaching Ramah and beyond, was approved in Fall 2023. We have asked the Pueblo of Zuni for permission to either erect a tower on Zuni Ridge, Northeast of the Pueblo, or to place our antenna on one of their existing towers. CellularOne has a tower there, but would charge over \$1,000 monthly for rent. We hope to meet again with the Pueblo of Zuni's tribal council soon.
- All electrical upgrades at the Gibson Peak transmitter site are complete, and the backup system may go online as early as December 4th, 2024, weather permitting. Then the digital STL system can go online, and the old Moseley STL modules may be shipped out for refurbishment, and later use as a backup STL, to convey audio from the studio to the transmitter.
- KGLP's main transmitter has failed twice, in May and September, 2024, and while repairs were completed by the manufacturer, the board has approved the purchase of a superior transmitter from another manufacturer, which we have ordered for installation by next Spring, at the latest, helping improve our on-air signal and reliability.
- Weatherproofing of the outside wall at KGLP's transmitter site was completed this Fall.
- Another internet outage happened on April 30, just after our transmitter had failed.
- Heat Pump replaced a failed cooling system at KGLP's transmitter room this Summer.
- KGLP's transmitter remote control failed in April, and was replaced in June.
- Bill reiterated a need for more local news, whether with paid journalists or volunteers. Be reiterated a need for on-air Indigenous language classes, such as Diné Bizaad and Zuni. Rachel suggested continued outreach, and increasing Native American involvement at every level of KGLP, whether operations, the board, or community outreach, Also suggesting that shorter on-air segments, with more material online, as audio and video coursework, to supplement any on-air component. While KGLP staff could help facilitate such content, finding volunteers or even part-time paid producers with the knowledge to teach indigenous languages or produced news segments is the big ask.
- L.D. suggests that KGLP confer with UNMG Dean John Zimmerman on ways to get more involvement from faculty, staff, and students.
- Rachel mentioned that after the board inquired, that she told them that if they conduct a search for a new station manager, and hire such, that she would stay on, either FT or PT, until the new hire was secure with all operations and management needs at KGLP.
- Public Input: Jo Ann suggested that Gallup Public Radio's board bylaws include a stipulation that said By-Laws be reviewed annually, for any needed revisions. Rachel noted that the current By-Laws need to update UNMG's head as Chancellor, and need board attendance rules (such as whether absences are excused, and how many un-excused absences are allowed in a term or year, before the board must act to either get said director to resign or vote to remove the director from the board, so that quorum may be consistently achieved.)

Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm

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