

FNRW Board Meeting Minutes
6:00 PM August 27, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Bob Kleinbrahm - Chairman
David Swager – Co-Chair
Kent Oster – Technical Expert
Marci Swager – Member at Large
Lisa Cunningham – Secretary
Sue Wilson – Member at Large

ABSENT:

Lana Dykstra – Member at large
Steve Allred – Technical Expert
Deirdre Mueller - Treasurer

The meeting started at 6:00 PM via Zoom. July meeting minutes were discussed, seconded and approved as submitted. Bob gave the treasurer's report and stated that the latest balance for our account is \$8234.86.

OLD BUSINESS

- Steve Allred purchased two refurbished link radios for a total of \$215.00 to keep on hand as replacements to be installed as needed for our system. He also found and purchased a Motorola repeater for \$556.63 that is the same model as our existing equipment. As a result, all the parts for our two repeaters and equipment are now easily interchangeable.

NEW BUSINESS

- Kent Oster of FNRW and Susie Jones from the FCC Board, discussed future fundraising opportunities for our respective entities. Susie along with Barbara Riley offered to cook a spaghetti dinner for an FNRW fundraiser event at the FCC. In addition, both Kent and Susie discussed the need for new audio/visual equipment that both groups could use. The FCC would like to hold movie nights at the Community Center as fundraisers and FNRW would like to have better equipment to use for our safety/information presentations. We also discussed showing a movie at our fundraiser spaghetti dinner. The Board agreed that by

sharing the cost to purchase the equipment, it's not only mutually beneficial for presentations, but particularly adds to FCC's fundraising capabilities at the same time. The equipment could be permanently mounted on the ceiling at the FCC. Dave offered to research projectors and connect with Susie regarding this project. The date for the spaghetti dinner TBD.

- Bob gave a report regarding the training session he did for the Lockwood group leaders. He spent roughly 3 ½ hours instructing them on how to program and perform diagnostics so that the Lockwood leaders could train and support their members on how to use their radios.
- Bob reported that due to their large membership and radio network, El Dorado County's CERA NRW had purchased eleven FCC business band licenses at \$10k per license to upgrade from individually purchased licenses. The intention was to link their repeaters together on the new business band. Unfortunately, they have found the process to be quite costly and restrictive. Furthermore, due to government budget cuts, the FCC no longer has specialists to guide them on the process, potentially forcing CERA to abandon the project entirely.
- Bob reported that the new TID radios have a scanner setting that can access various frequencies that broadcast useful radio traffic safety information. He offered to share with members how to access the scanner on their radios.
- Lastly, the Fiddler's Jam is on Saturday, September 20th. Bob will send out a Google Doc sign-up sheet to request volunteers to set-up, take shifts during the event to answer questions about FNRW, and take things down afterwards. Since a few of the Board members will be out of town or unavailable that day, we will reach out to the community to request more help.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.