

FNRW Board Meeting Minutes
6:00 PM October 15, 2025

ATTENDEES:

Bob Kleinbrahm - Chairman
Kent Oster – Technical Expert
Lisa Cunningham – Secretary
Sue Wilson – Member at Large

ABSENT:

David Swager – Co-Chair
Marci Swager – Member at Large
Lana Dykstra – Member at large
Steve Allred – Technical Expert
Deirdre Mueller - Treasurer

The meeting started at 6:00 PM via Zoom. September meeting minutes were discussed, seconded and approved as submitted. Bob gave the treasurer's report and stated that the current balance for our account is \$8216.66.

OLD BUSINESS

- Discussions to purchase and install new audio/visual equipment to cost share with the FCC Board are still ongoing. Once a plan is agreed upon, both FNRW and FCC Board members will have an opportunity to vote to approve the installation design and equipment purchase.
- Bob would like FNRW to initiate a plan for a master emergency drill that would include other entities, i.e. Firewise, Amador Fire District, Sheriff's Dept., Boy Scouts, etc. He will contact the county representative, Kayla, for her help to coordinate the event.

NEW BUSINESS

- We were able to have a presence at this year's Fiddler's Jam thanks to Kent, Dave, Marcie, and Jackie Vaughn from the Lockwood Group, who contributed by taking shifts and helped with the set-up and take-down of our booth. Much appreciated!
- Our biggest fundraising opportunity is Giving Tuesday on December 2, 2025 at Drexel Hall in Jackson. Bob has already paid for (cost?) and secured a place for us to set up our table. Bob and Lisa plan to represent FNRW at the event. We also plan to have a volunteer represent FNRW at the FCC that day.

The Ledger Dispatch will be publishing information for the event one week prior. The Board voted to purchase space for \$130 that will include our logo and a short write-up about what we do. Sue volunteered to write and submit the article. In addition, this will add FNRW to the Ledger's list of participating non-profit organizations, allowing donors to review the list and plan their contributions in advance. Bob will also announce the event on the weekly Net as well.

- The Board discussed the importance of transparency regarding our budget and spending needs that are funded strictly by donations. Kudos to Steve who has been highly successful in purchasing our reserve equipment at a large discount. Kent offered to get the list of the purchases in order to promote our successes and our ongoing fundraising needs to the community. The Board also agreed to set and maintain a minimum balance of \$3000 in our account that would be available should some unexpected event occur.
- Although FNRW is under the FCC's by laws, we discussed having a formal mission statement that defines the Board's role as its own entity. Lisa shared some ideas to be discussed further at the next meeting.
- Lastly, opportunities to install another repeater in Sutter Creek were briefly discussed. There are potentially two sites to be investigated for their viability to send and receive strong signals. One of the sites proposed would be coordinated with Lindsey from the Lockwood group and the other site belongs to a friend of Sue's. Further information is needed to determine feasibility of this project.

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