

FNRW Board Meeting Minutes
6:00 PM July 15, 2026

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:

Steve Allred – Technical Expert
Deirdre Mueller - Treasurer

The meeting started at 6:00 PM via Zoom. June meeting minutes were discussed, seconded and approved as submitted. Bob gave the Treasurer's report and our current bank balance is \$10,462.32 with an additional \$250 to be deposited received from the sale of five TID radios that were sold last month.

OLD BUSINESS

- Due to the lack of new interest from attendees at past Fiddler's Jam events, the Board unanimously decided to not man a booth at the event; however, in lieu of the booth we'll hang our banner and have flyers available at the Fire Safety information tables.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bob initiated discussion regarding the status of the duplexer that we purchased. It's still being held in storage and he'd like to set a date for it to be installed at Cobble Ridge. Kent proposed that we ask Steve Allred to install and set it up, paying him \$300 for the job. A motion was made to spend \$300 for the duplexer install, seconded and approved. In addition, the Board approved other items already on hand to be used at the repeater shed, including a full size rack to hold the equipment and a larger fan.
- Next on the agenda was a discussion regarding new batteries, i.e. type, size and purchase prices. The Board unanimously authorized Kent to research the

purchase of two new Lithium Ion 12 Volt batteries, (400-480 AMP), one for Cobble Ridge and one for Red Mule, at a price not to exceed \$900 per battery. He will notify the Board members via email once he identifies the brand of batteries, cost, etc.

- Bob, Kent, and Dave have been troubleshooting signal strength issues for a few users, particularly on Tyler Road. They have identified a problem and, as a result, intend to upgrade the Cobble Ridge repeater by increasing the repeater volume and raising the antenna. Also, the grassy area around the shed has been cleared allowing for good access to the equipment shed, however, there is some poison oak encroaching over the solar panels. Kent offered to bring herbicide to clear that as well.
- In order to allow for multiple NET Control operators to perform the weekly NET Control, the Board agreed to provide mobile radios with power supplies and antennas for those who don't have adequate radios required for the task. These will be loaned to NET Operators who will then be added to a weekly rotation list identifying everyone's date to lead the NET. This not only allows for the controllers to manage their schedules, but also requires them to find replacements should they not be available on their assigned date. Dave offered to create the list of volunteers and assignment calendar for the members. Until the rotation calendar is set up, the current Controllers volunteered for the next month as follows: Dave on the first Wednesday, Bob on the second, Kent on the third with either Sue, Lisa or Marci on the fourth once the equipment issue is resolved.
- The Board unanimously approved to maintain a \$3000 balance in our operating account going forward. That being said, future fund raising efforts should be ongoing and continue to be identified.
- Bob announced that member Jackie Vaughn is a NET Control operator for the Lockwood group, helping them to maintain their weekly NET program. We thank Jackie for volunteering as this group is an important first line of defense for FNRW.
- Lisa will meet with Dave to discuss our monthly contribution to the Fiddler Newsletter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.