

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2011

The Iowa Public Radio Board of Directors held a telephonic meeting February 1, 2011. Participating in the meeting were Directors Art Neu, Tysen Kendig, Gloria Gibson, and Mary Grace Herrington. Also participating was board liaison Matt Sieren. It is noted that directors Runge and Madden discussed the same subjects earlier in the day but were unable to participate in this call.

Chair Neu called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm.

Discussion:

Herrington provided an update on the Des Moines building expansion proposal, stating that the owners of the building at 2111 Grand Avenue, Daryl Metzger and Rob Smith, evaluated IPR's request to consider a purchase of the building. Their decision was not to sell at this time.

Herrington continued, stating that the pending funding decisions at both the federal and state levels have prompted IPR to proceed cautiously with its expansion plans by exercising its option to rent the entire building, tabling construction of the proposed addition.

After some discussion, the board decided to table all expansion proposals until the organization has a better grasp of state and federal funding and its impact on the FY12 operating budget, which is typically presented in May. Herrington shared that waiting until May would also allow time to re-visit Iowa Public Radio's current space utilization at each of the university campuses, a request from Director Madden.

Herrington recapped the discussion, stating that Iowa Public Radio has identified the need to expand its offices in Des Moines, providing additional space for fundraising and news staff. However, given the state and federal funding uncertainty, all expansion proposals will be tabled for now. In the meantime, she will share this discussion with the building owners and compile the campus information.

Further discussion was tabled to the May board meeting.

Neu adjourned the meeting at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Sieren, Administrative Services Manager