

Minutes of the Butte Radio Club Monthly Meeting

Date: February 7, 2026

Location: Butte Library

Time: 10:30 AM

In Attendance:

Gene Bodenberger (N7ARO), Rob Sisson (KE7IYU), Verne Brown (KK6DIO), Zak Law (KJ7ZTE), Jack Hook (KK7IZN), Erik Bodenberger (KA7JMH), James Burk (KG7OMB), Steve Shannon (AI7KS).

Treasurer's Monthly Report:

BEGINNING BALANCE – The balance at the beginning of January 2026 was \$3066.22

REVENUE – We received \$150 in dues and \$0 in donations for a total of \$150 in revenue.

EXPENSES – Our expenses for the month totaled \$50 paid to MT LLC Svcs. LLC to act as our Registered Agent.

MONTH END BALANCE – \$3166.22

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report:

Motion Made: Steve Shannon

Seconded: Erik Bodenberger

Vote

Aye: Unanimous

Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Read by Steve

Any Corrections? None

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting with no corrections

Motion Made: Verne Brown

Seconded: James Burk

Vote

Aye: Unanimous

Old Business

Apply for grants from NorthWestern Energy, Town Pump Foundation, etc., once we have projects identified.

Transfer of title for trailer – No title found. Steve will file for a lost title and change the registration.

Repeater Site Improvements

RigRunner order status? (Steve)

Old Repeater Disposition – What’s the report back? (Jack)

PROPOSED REPEATER IMPROVEMENTS (James)

Summer upgrade suggestion:

1. Add 300 watts Solar,
2. 400-800 Ah of batteries and
3. A higher resolution pan-tilt-zoom remote controlled (PTZ) camera for the site.
4. Enhance the reliability of the microwave link to town; the link to James’ place isn’t reliable enough and the higher resolution camera and remote control might require greater bandwidth. James suggested a microwave link to Steve’s place where it would be connected to TDS. With additional high def cameras at Red Mountain, perhaps the news stations would like to have access to our camera views. Tom Hoffman has a camera that he has offered.

EMCOMMS (Verne)

Verne has been doing research and writing a draft. He has four pages so far. Steve is to add an EmComms page to the website and place Verne’s documents there.

CLUB ASSETS AT CLIFF’S HOUSE (Gene)

No contact.

MINUTES – READ DURING MEETING OR EMAIL PRIOR TO THE MEETING? (Rick)

No change

New Business

None.

Any other business for the good of the order:

None.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion Made: Steve Shannon

Seconded: James Burk

Vote

Aye: Unanimous