

**Truth Has a Voice Foundation  
Board Meeting Minutes**

January 22, 2025

Time: 5:30 p.m.

101 North F St. STE 201

And via ZOOM

Call to Order at 5:36 PM by President Kate Garwood

Members in Attendance: Kate Garwood, President; Joe Jordan,  
Treasurer; JoAnne Allen, Secretary;  
Directors Merrell Bergin, Tonya Wyles, and Maisie Ramsay;  
Jan Wondra Managing - Editor/Publisher

**Approval of Agenda –**

Agenda amended to add December fund balance report  
Motion to approve amended minutes by M Bergin, T Wyles 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Passes Unanimously with addition of December fund balance report

**Approval of Minutes**

October 17, 2024 Special Meeting  
Motion by J Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> T Wyles  
Passes Unanimously

November 21, 2024  
Motion by M Bergin, 2<sup>nd</sup> T Wyles  
Passes unanimously

**Treasurer's Report**

- Financials--November, 2024,

PL is looking good for the year,  
Fundraising is 187% of budget Fiscal YTD  
There will be no Google News Initiative award this year so funds  
on hand must last until 2024 NewsMatch received late March,  
then continue until Christmas in July Fundraiser

Floyd and Michelle will be getting a raise.

- Fund Balances December 2024

As of December 31 there is \$11,900 in local bank

All payables have been covered.

Media liability insurance is \$3,000 due in March

INN funds of \$2,336 dedicated to outreach will come back to THAVF in HCB and transferred to separate HCB account by M Bergin.

NewsMatch - \$19,071 was raised of which \$17,071 will certainly be matched with a possible \$3,000 sweetener for Rural News providers.

Of 186 donations received from 150 unique people the average donation was ~ \$130

EIDL loan – All payments in 2024 went toward interest and none went toward principal. Same was true for 2023

Managing Editor/Publisher Report – Jan Wondra – see attached

BV Chamber of Commerce – Jan will meet with Liz Morgan about concerns with Civics Bee and the value the BV chamber and the Civics Bee brings to AVV and that AVV is reconsidering our membership.

Summary annual report for partial year 2024 will be created by Jan

March 18 is our 7<sup>th</sup> birthday – A mini-fundraising campaign is planned annually to commemorate birthday and provide interim funds

## **Old Business**

- Donor policy – Kate, assisted by Merrell will send out a preliminary draft for discussion at the next meeting. Jan will send copy of previous email to help provide rationale.
- Transition to New Bank – Paperwork will be presented to TBK bank on Monday, January 29, 2025 with signature by Secretary, J Allen. Scope of powers with amended resolution - see attached

Motion to amend the document and provide a resolution in the paperwork to further define the signers per account

Motion by M Bergin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M Ramsay

Passes unanimously

### **New Business**

Motion to Adjourn at 7:02 PM

Next Meeting: February 26, 2025, 5:30 PM

/S/ Kate Garwood, President\_

/S/ JoAnne, Secretary

Approved: February 26, 2025