

## AIRWAVES

Sunday, June 28, 2009

Hello All:

Here is a quick update on your radio station:

- The tower was overhauled late this spring by Nolan Brothers. The tower climbers replaced two of the skirt wires and will replace the third. The replacement of the skirt wires improved reception. The skirt wires are the three cooper wires running up the outside of the tower. Nolan Brothers repainted the tower and replaced the STL Dish. The new STL Dish has eliminated the long standing problem of strong winds moving the STL Dish slightly causing the station to go off-air. The STL receives programming at the transmitter site from the studio.
- The radio station is now broadcasting in HD. This means that the station now airs two signals, the old analog and new digital signal. The digital signal is CD quality and offers a truly outstanding listening experience! While the installation is operational, work remains to be done. The ATU, which makes the digital broadcast possible, requires further tweaking and the engineers will return in July to make the final adjustments. The project is paid for in-full by a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Rasmuson Foundation administered by Alaska Public Broadcasting. Listening to the digital signal requires an HD equipped radio.
- The National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration's tower lease agreement with the station ends this month. The Shumagin Corporation responded to our request for permission to renegotiate the lease saying such was fine so long as the new lease with NOAA fell within the confines of the station's current land lease with Shumagin. NOAA is reviewing the proposed agreement discussed at the last Board meeting.
- The long awaited SIP Dish installation is moving forward. Microcom, an installer of large satellite dishes based in Anchorage, and Alaska Public Broadcasting's engineers have been working with us on the project specifics. A grant from the Rasmuson Foundation will provide close to eighty percent of the cost to purchase and install the

dish. The dish will enable the station to receive programming from the state radio network, APRN.

- Three new programs have joined the schedule. *Prairie Home Companion* now airs at 2PM on Saturday and *What'Ya Know!* at 7AM on Saturday. *Marketplace*, a thirty-minute Wall Street recap, is the third new program and it can now be heard weekdays at 1PM.
  
- TelAlaska expressed possible interest in space on the tower in order to provide cell phone service in Sand Point. The telecommunications company is studying the landscape and tower availability in Sand Point. The company will be back in touch with us in the near future.
  
- I am working with Alaska Public Broadcasting, Inc. engineers on a proposed engineering visit funded in part by the Region. The visit will include installation of the Emergency Alert System, NewsRoom4 on more computers and configuration of iMediaTouch Importer. NewsRoom4 will be installed on computers in the outer office in order to improve workflow. iMediaTouch Importer will enable iMediaTouch to automatically download programs from ContentDepot. The visit will connect several on-air features never configured.

The next Board meeting will be the Annual Meeting of Members set to take place at 7PM on July 2, 2009 at the radio station.

Sincerely yours,

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