

**REDWOOD COUNTY TELE-NETWORK  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Tuesday, June 16, 1998  
Valley Supper Club, North Redwood, Minnesota  
7:00 PM**

**Minutes**

**6:00 p.m. - Dinner  
7:00 p.m. - Meeting**

Directors Present:	Dennis Fultz	Tracy
	Gary Simondet	Redwood Valley
	Leon Plaetz	Wabasso
	Bruce Johnson	Walnut Grove
	Blair Anderson	Cedar Mountain
Superintendents Present:	Rick Ellingworth	Redwood Valley
	Steve Kjorness	Walnut Grove
	Joel Whitehurst	Cedar Mountain
Others Present:	Rod Wrege	Director SWTC
	Jerry Parker	Program Support Specialist SWTC

- 1.0 Call to Order  
The meeting of the Redwood County Tele-Network Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Dennis Fultz.
- 2.0 Opening Remarks  
All members were introduced.  
New officers will be elected at the next meeting.
- 3.0 Agenda Approval  
Motion by Gary Simondet, second by Leon Plaetz, to approve the RCTN Board of Directors Agenda. Motion carried.
- 4.0 Review of December 16, 1997 Minutes  
Motion by Leon Plaetz, second by Gary Simondet, to approve the December 16, 1997 RCTN Board of Directors Minutes. Motion carried.
- 5.0 RCTN Operations
  - 5.1 Operation Budget and Claims of Account

Rod Wrege presented the Operating Budget and Claims of Account. Motion by Gary Simondet, second by Bruce Johnson, to approve the Claims of Account as presented. Motion carried.

5.2 1998-1999 K-12 Class Schedule

Rod Wrege and Jerry Parker presented the 1998-99 class schedule. The final date for registering students was April 1. Districts will be charged for the number of students registered at that time. If classes are available students may be added after that date.

5.3 RCTN Operations -- Rod Wrege, Forrest Fosheim, Jerry Parker

The studio in Redwood Falls is complete. Jerry Jones is in the process of doing router upgrades at all sites to increase Internet capacity. SWTC will be forced to move. The building in which we are now housed will be closed. We do not know for sure when this will happen. Rod has investigated the cost of moving. If we stay in Windom, which would be the least expensive move, it would cost approximately \$100,000.

5.4 METC/Legislative Update, E-Rate Report

Rod Wrege is working with the Legislature to get funding for fiber backbone from Jackson to Marshall. Rod will be meeting with METC to submit funding needs for the future. Rod has requested a minimum of one T1 to each school. Rod has received information that E-Rates will be available for recurring costs for schools and libraries.

5.5 FY 1998 ITV Levy Fund Balance

Rod explained the RCTN ITV Levy Fund Balance available to each District.

5.6 FY 1998-99 Preliminary Operating Budget

Rod Wrege presented the Preliminary Operating Budget for FY 1998-99. Motion by Bruce Johnson, second by Gary Simondet, to approve the Preliminary Operating Budget as presented. Motion carried.

5.7 RMIC Contract

Rod presented the Regional Management Information Center (RMIC) Agreement for approval. This is a contract with SW/WC Service Cooperative for FY1998-99 Finance Services for the amount of \$1025.00. Motion by Leon Plaetz, second by Gary Simondet, to approve the RMIC Contract. Motion carried.

5.8 RCTN Future Considerations

Rod informed the Board that we need to be thinking about the future. The lease with Redwood County Telephone will expire in the year 2000. Do we want to upgrade the studios to digital at that time? Rod also discussed the viability of continuing with the RCTN joint powers agreement.

6.0 Other

There were no other items.

7.0 Miscellaneous

7.1 Next RCTN AAC Meeting

The next AAC meeting will be determined at a later date.

7.2 Next RCTN Board Meeting

The Fall Board of Directors meeting will be determined at a later date.

8.0 Adjourn

Motion by Gary Simondet, second by Blair Anderson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jerry Parker, Program Support Specialist.