

Minutes of WJFF Community Advisory Board

Meeting February 29, 2024 virtually via Google Meeting

Present: Dick Riseling, Aaron Hicklin, Neal Hitch, Samantha Mango, Jill Carletti, Steve Yaccino

Absent: Franklin Trapp, Douglas Shindler

BoT Liaison: Peter Madden, absent

Public: LJ Ruell, Steven Gosch, Trey Talley, Kaitlyn Danielson

Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm by Neal Hitch, Chair

This special meeting, or “meet up” as we called it, was called in order for members of the public to hear a little bit about what CAB does and why current CAB members have chosen to participate on the community advisory board. Each AB member introduced themselves and discussed why they feel supporting WJFF is important. The Four members of the public who attended the meet up also introduced themselves and talked a little bit about how they are connected to public radio and our regional community.

Trey Talley grew up with parents who listened to Public Radio in the car and has grown to appreciate how he was exposed to a global perspective through public radio programming. Now he makes his kids listen to public radio. He works for the Delaware Highlands Conservancy.

LJ Ruell is a design instructor at Sullivan County BOCES. He has been driving an hour to work every day and listens to WJFF on his commute. He has been volunteering at the station helping with the remodel of the old house next to the station.

Steven Gosch also works for the Delaware Highlands Conservancy. His internet connection was poor and his introduction very broken up.

Kaitlyn Danielson is an artist and musician. She is design director for a local entity and is a teaching artist at Bethel Woods She has been drawn to a jazz program on Friday mornings.

Neal Hitch discussed plans to begin discussion on Strategic Planning at the March meeting and welcomed members of the public to come. Next steps for joining CAB consists of a nomination from the Nominating Committee and an acceptance of the nomination. Nominations will be submitted to the WJFF Board of Trustees.

Motion to adjourn made at 6:34 seconded by Steve Yaccino. Motion carried.