

BLACK RIVER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order – President, Dean Weurding, KE8TVR

Date: 04/14/2026

Time: 6:30 PM

Meeting Location: VBISD Conference Center, Lawrence, MI

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Introduction of members

Members Present: 11 members present

Secretary's Report – Ed Alderman KI8Z

- The March 2026 meeting minutes were emailed to members. There were no additions nor corrections. Motion by Jason, KE8VRW approve, Seconded by Aaron, KE8ZEX. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report – Jim Cady, N8JVC Absent)

- Dean, KE8TVR review a written report submitted by Jim showing a 03/31/26 Checking Account Balance of \$3,435.22 and \$20.00 in undeposited funds on hand.
- Dean also reported that \$50.00 donation for repeater operations and cash for sale of the TS 440 transceiver had been received.

Technical Committee Report – Aaron Wiedbrauk, KE8ZEX

- Aaron, KE8ZEX report that the Repeater Hotspot has been adjusted is now working well.
- Dean, KE8TVR has prepared a Logging information guidelines document for event operations in the communications trailer.

ARES/RACES/SKYWARN – Mike Greis, KD8GTX

- Mike reported March 2026 activity of 25 exercises & training sessions for 86 hours with 7 ARES members.
- Mike also provided a weather update and commented on recent (04/02/26) Skywarn net activity. He added that a Skywarn NWS spotter training is planned for Saturday 04/18/2026 at 2:00PM at the Kalamazoo ARC Office'

Old Business

- Aaron, KE8ZEX and Dean, KE8TVR reminded members that there will be a combined BRARC Michigan QSO Party participation/POTA activation on April 18th from noon to midnight. Set up time is 9:30 AM. An event handout was provided.

New Business

- ARRL Field Day will be held on June 27-28. 2026 and will be held at the Lawton High/Middle School.
- The newly formed BRARC Severe Weather Spotter group has teamed up with Van Buren County AUXCOMM as Van Buren SKYWARN. This group consists of spotters who have taken the NWS SKYWARN Convective Basics course within the past three years and are willing to participate following some basic net guidelines.

- A presentation related to Lakes and Lagoons On The Air (LLOTA) was presented by Jason, KE8VRW.
- Scott, K8JNO demonstrated a Three element 2 Meter beam that he recently constructed using carbon fiber arrows and piano wire suitable for portable use.
- The next BRARC Club Breakfast will be 04/25/26 at 8:30 AM at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant just west of Paw Paw on Red Arrow Hwy.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday May 12, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the VBISD Conference Center in Lawrence at 409 S. Paw Paw Street.

CLOSING The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.