BLACK RIVER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING
MINUTES

Call to Order: President, Anthony Gettig, N8VOX
Date: 10/13/26
Time: 6:30 PM
Meeting Location: VBISD Conference Center, Lawrence, MI
PLEDGE OF ALLEGAINCE
Introduction of Members
Number Members Present: 10

Secretary's Report – Hank Bostic, WV8BIN

- The September 2026 meeting minutes were emailed to members. There was one correction to WV8BIN call sign under New Business. Motion by Dean KE8TVR, to approve, Seconded by Aaron, KE8ZEX. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Dean Weurding, KE8TVR

- Dean provided a printed report showing a 9/30/26 Checking Account balance of $11,948.70 and an undeposited amount of $50. Asset Accounts have a balance of $7,184.04; No Payables; Overall Total is $19,182.74. Motion by Scott, K8JNO to approve, Seconded by Ed, KI8Z. Motion carried.

Technical Committee Report – Aaron Wiedbrauk, KE8ZEX

- Scott, K8JNO reported that the antenna will be raised possibly by the next club meeting.
- Aaron, KE8ZEX reported that he has received a set of keys to the repeater site from Scott, K8JNO.
- Dean, KE8TVR reported that he checked with Midway Storage in Mattawan on the cost to store the club trailer at that site. The cost will be $500 per year for outdoor storage with no power. Other sites to be checked for storage of the trailer were brought up by Anthony, N8VOX who will check with his brother about storage at a location Paw Paw; Dean, KE8TVR mentioned the Lawton Lion's Club; Rudy, K8SWD mentioned someone with a barn; and Scott, K8JNO will check with the City about storage at the antenna site in Bangor.

RES/RACES/SKYWARN – Mike Greis, KD8GTX (absent)

- Mike provided a printed report by email reporting September activity included 32 training sessions and community events for the month and 0 emergency operations for a total of 41 hours with 7 ARES members.

Old Business –

- Repeater project update – the tech committee reported they went to the repeater site in Bangor and inspected the tower and coax cable which is in good shape. We may want to purchase a multiplexer.

New Business –

- Club President Anthony, N8VOX, would like to change the meeting format so that business is transacted every other month, making more time for amateur radio content, presentations, and activities during the club meeting time. Discussion around this topic resulted in plans, starting January 2027, for odd months to be business meeting and presentation and even months to be presentation only with the possibility of change to format as needed. Per club bylaws, only one business meeting is required per year. Scott, K8JNO suggested that reports be emailed to club members by officers on the months there is no business meeting.
- Dean, KE8TVR, provided information on purchasing a 10m band pass filter from DX Engineering to complete the set of band pass filters the club currently owns. The cost is $235.99. Ed, KI8Z made a motion to purchase the 10m band pass filter, Seconded by Scott, K8JNO. Motion carried.
- Anthony, N8VOX, brought up having a potluck dinner for the December 8th meeting at the VBISD Conference Center and invite spouses and family. Dean, KE8TVR stated that there is a full kitchen onsite that might be used for a fee. Anthony, N8VOX will check on this.
- Winter Field Day will be held January 23 – 24, 2027. Dean, KE8TVR offered to use his space again for this event.
- Dean, KE8TVR provided training on Winlink 101 the basics of using this system.
- The next BRARC Breakfast will be on Saturday, October 24th at 8:30 AM at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant just west of Paw Paw on Red Arrow Highway.

Next Meeting –

- Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the VBISD Conference Center in Lawrence at 409 S. Paw Paw Street.

Closing – The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.