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IOWA PUBLIC BROADCASTING BOARD APPROVES FY 2021 STATE BUDGET REQUESTS

Meeting. The Iowa Public Broadcasting Board (IPBB) met on August 13, 2019, in Johnston. The meeting opened with the approval of minutes and election of officers for the year.

FY 2021 Budget Requests. For FY 2021, the Board is requesting an increase of \$150,000 for historical preservation of visual archives. The request would allow Iowa Public Television (IPTV) to restore, catalogue, digitize, and preserve video archives and allow educators, students, and the public access to footage from the last 50 years. The request includes \$50,000 to hire a consultant and \$100,000 for the addition of 1.0 FTE position. In addition, the Board is requesting \$1.5 million for technology and capital improvements projects.

STEM Teacher Externship. Teacher externships are full-time, six-week temporary summer positions in local businesses and agencies for secondary teachers of mathematics, science, and technology. Two science teachers presented their experiences working at IPTV this summer and their involvement with developing content for the Iowa science phenomena website project to be used by educators in Iowa. The website will provide content related to everyday science phenomena and allow Iowa science teachers and their students to upload additional content related to science phenomena in their parts of the State. The website is scheduled to be fully operational in fall 2019.

Iowa State Fair. As IPTV continues to celebrate its 50-year anniversary, multiple Fair activities were discussed including an anniversary-themed IPTV booth and involvement with the Sesame Street butter sculpture on display at the Fair.

Next meeting. The next meeting of the IPBB is scheduled for Wednesday, October 9, 2019.

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