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IOWA PUBLIC BROADCASTING BOARD MEETING — APRIL 2020

Meeting. The Iowa Public Broadcasting Board (IPBB) met on April 8, 2020, by conference call.

Easements Approval. The city of Johnston is working to develop a Pioneer Parkway walking trail, which will be constructed partly on land owned by Iowa PBS. The city of Johnston requested a temporary construction easement and easement for public access. The easements were reviewed by the Attorney General's office and includes language stating that Iowa PBS will still own the land and that the city of Johnston is fully responsible for the trail and maintenance of the trail. The easements were approved by the Board.

Federal Funding in Response to COVID-19. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting will receive \$75.0 million in emergency funds as part of federal legislation in response to COVID-19. The funding will be distributed to noncommercial TV and radio stations across the country with an emphasis on supporting rural stations that may be affected by a decline in public pledge and corporate sponsorship support. The formula for distribution of the emergency funding is pending, and Iowa PBS is waiting to know if it will receive any of the emergency funding based on its rural station classification.

COVID-19 Response and Support. Governor Reynolds has asked Iowa PBS to provide the press conference [video](#) of ongoing news conferences from the State Emergency Operations Center. Iowa PBS is also providing programming and support statewide. Several programs have begun production to historically document COVID-19 responses across the State. Multiple special informational programs have been aired and are available on iowapbs.org. Iowa PBS has provided multiple online educational resources including the following:

- [Virtual Learning Camp](#) for educational skills and activities.
- Daily special [programming](#) for grades 6-12 in the subject areas of science, history, and English language arts.
- Parent [resources](#) to use to talk with children about COVID-19. Information on healthy habits, educational games, and activities are also available.
- Educational [activities and resources](#) that are available to download and print at home.
- At-home learning [resources](#) for families and children.

Operation Costs. As Iowa PBS provides programming support in response to COVID-19, identified unbudgeted costs include purchased satellite time and increased staff and production costs to provide daily programming.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the IPBB is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2020.

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