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IOWA PBS MEETING — AUGUST 2025

Meeting. The Iowa Public Broadcasting Board (Iowa PBS) met for a regular meeting on August 27, 2025, at the PBS headquarters in Johnston.

Elections. The Iowa PBS Board unanimously re-elected Kevin Krause as president and Jason Giles as vice president of the Board for the next year.

FY 2027 State Appropriations Budget Request. Iowa PBS will be requesting a \$100,000 increase from the General Fund for FY 2027 to cover anticipated increases in general operating expenses including insurance and utilities.

Iowa PBS will be requesting \$3.0 million in capital funding for FY 2027 for replacement of two transmitters serving the Waterloo and Sioux City areas. Iowa PBS will also be requesting \$3.0 million for FY 2028 for replacement of transmitters serving the Red Oak, Fort Dodge, and Mason City areas. The capital requests are to help meet the anticipated Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licensee requirement to update the broadcast standard, often referred to as Next Gen TV, within the next three years.

Federal Funding. The Board and Executive Director provided information and discussed the impact of changes to federal funding from the [Rescissions Act of 2025](#) that will amount to an estimated \$3.5 million reduction of funds annually to Iowa PBS. Staff reductions and reductions in programming are anticipated.

Iowa State Fair Coverage. A review of Iowa State Fair coverage was provided to the Board including viewing data and social media results.

Next Meeting. Iowa PBS's next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the PBS headquarters in Johnston.

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