

W D T B

BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed

Call Letters .W.D.T.B.....

Station Location ..Dimondale, Michigan

NameDIAMOND BROADCASTERS, INC.

Transmitter LocationOn Spruce Rd., 0.2 mi. S. of Rossman Hwy., Dimondale, Mich.

Main studio locationTo be detemined, Dimondale, Mich.

Authorization Record

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1170khz

DIAMOND BROADCASTERS, INC.

Call

WDTB

Letters new

GILLEN-L.-DUBOSE,-ERNEST-L.K.-BOONE,-TERRY-B.-TYLER,AND-ROBERT-JOB-WILLIAMS-d/b-as-

Name - BDM-BROADCASTING

Dimondale, Michigan (PO: 4415 Chadburne Dr., Lansing, Mich. 48910)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-21,151 Recd PRESS	2-28-78 JUL 12 1978	CP for anew AM station: 1170khz, 1kw, DA, Day TL: On Spruce Rd., 0.2 mi. S. of Rossman Hwy., Dimondale, Mich. 42 36 30 84 40 24 SL & RC: To be determined, Dimondale, Mich. Trans: RCA BTA-1S MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION Engr: Harold Munn, Jr.	GRANTED	6-20-79
Amend. R&F	6-12-78	Environmental stmt.		
AMENDED	8-16-78	income tax statement and partnership agreement		
AMENDED R&F	2-27-79	Change name/ of applicant to Diamond Broadcasters, Inc.		
	MAR 28 1979			

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

1170KHz.

Call Letters: W D T B

Name: DIAMOND BROADCASTERS, INC.

Station Location: DIMONDALE, MICHIGAN

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BP801104AP PRESS (O)	NOV 26 1980	Construction Permit to Replace Expired Permit (BP-21,151). Atty. Lauren A. Colby	GRANTED 3-11-81
BMP810601AW PRESS (O)	JUN 26 1981	Mod. of CP (BP-801104AP) To make chgs. in Ant. Sys. & chg. TL to: On Grovenburg Road, E. side, 0.68 mi. N. of Holt Road, Lansing, Michigan. MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES. 42° 39' 01" 84° 34' 44" Atty. Lauren A. Colby	GRANTED 7-14-81

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form – 3" by 5" filing cards – for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only one set is known to exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

