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June 1954

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

12-31-68. Authority "on-the-air" station identification:

"Sauk Rapids-St. Cloud"

Date first licensed 9-17-64

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TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING, INC. (AL gr 6/17/77 EFF:

Station location Sauk Rapids, Minnesota

X HERBERT M. HOPPE tr/as TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING CO. (AL 8-1-63; EFF: 8-21-62

X CARL A. NIERENGARTEN AND HERBERT M. HOPPE d/b as TRI-COUNTY

Name of licensee BROADCASTING CO.

0.2 mi. E. of Twp. Rd. #13, .38 mi. N. of Golden Spike Rd.,
Sauk Rapids, Minnesota (MP800616AW 1-6-81)

Transmitter location X County Rd. #3, NE city limits of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota (BP 7-2-62

County Rd. #3, NE city limits of Sauk Rapids, Minn.
Main studio location X Same as transmitter.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To
BP-14639	7-2-62	800kc	250w	Day	9-2 3-2-63
		CP for a new standard broadcast station.			
BP-14639 (1)	8-27-62	Mod. of CP(BP-14639) to assign Call Letters.			
BAP-632 EFF: munc pro tunc	8-1-63 8-21-62	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Herbert M. Hoppe tr/as Tri-County Broadcasting Co.			
BL-9909	9-17-64	800kc	250w	Day	9-17 4-1-65
		Lic to cover CP(BP-14-639 as mod) which auth a new standard broadcast station and specify type trans as ITA-AM-250A.			
BR-4372	3-4-65	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			4-1 4-1-68
BZ-5950 (1)	5-26-66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power.			
BZ-6096 (2)	9-16-66	Authority to determine operating power by <u>direct measurement of antenna power</u>			
BR-4372(L)	5-29-68	RENEWAL			4-1-71
Comtel	12-16-70	PSA	250w		
BR-4372(S) EBSA	6-15-71 6-12-72	RENEWAL			4-1-74
BR-4372(S)	3-28-74	RENEWAL			4-1-77
BP-19,917	5-19-75	800khz	250w	Day	5-19-76
		CP to make chgs. in ant. sys.			
COMTEL	10-15-75	PSA	239 watts		
BL-14,050(I)	3-8-76	Lic. to cover BP-19,917 for changes			
					4-1-77
BR-4372(S)	4-18-77	Renewal of License			4-1-80
BAL-9007	6/17/77	Vol AL EFF:			
BP20414	10-29-79	800khz	250w	Daytime	10-29-80
		CP to incre. power to 2.5kw			

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BROADCASTING STATION HISTORY RECORD

First licensed

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Station Location

Name

Transmitter Location

Main studio location

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BR791204UZ(L)	3-25-80	Renewal of License	4-1-83
BMP800616AW	1-6-81	300khz -- 2.5kw DAYTIME Mod. of CP (BP20414) to chg. trans. location & type	7-6-81 trans.
BZ801125AL(1)	12-19-80	DIRECT MEASUREMENT	4-1-83

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Letters new **WVAL**Name **CARL A. NIERENGARTEN AND HERBERT M. HOPPE d/b as**
TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING CO.
SAUK RAPIDS, MINNESOTA (P.O. Sauk Rapids, Minnesota)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-14, 639 Rec'd Filed	1-4-61 1-24-61 1-24-61	Construction Permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency - 800kc Power - 250w Hours of operation - Daytime Trans. location - County Rd. #3; N. E. city limits of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota Studio location - Same as transmitter Eng.- Charles Niles & Assoc., Minneapolis, Minn.	GRANTED	7-2-62
BMP-10,791 R. & F.	2-6-63 2-11-63	Mod. of CP (BP-14,639 which auth. a new standard broadcast station) for extension of completion date from 3-2-63 to 4-2-63.	DISMISSED AS MOOT, MEMO OPINION & ORDER	8-1-63.

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NAME CARL A. NIERENGARTEN AND HERBERT M. HOPPE d/b as
TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING CO.
Sauk Rapids, Minn.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
		PETITION TO REVOKE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT OF STATION WVAL, SAUK RAPIDS, MINNESOTA	filed	
		3-1-63 by Scharfeld and Baron for WJON		
		MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO OPPOSE PETITION TO DENY AND TO REVOKE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT		
		filed 3-14-63 by Patrick & Roycroft for WVAL		
		OPPOSITION TO "MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO OPPOSE PETITION TO DENY AND TO REVOKE		
		CONSTRUCTION PERMIT" filed 3-15-63 by Scharfeld and Baron for WJON		
		OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO REVOKE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND TO DENY APPLICATION	filed	3-22-63
		by Roycroft for WVAL		
		REPLY TO "OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO REVOKE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND TO DENY APPLICATION"		
		filed 3-29-63 by Scharfeld for WJON		
		PETITION TO DESIGNATE FOR HEARING APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF UNAUTHORIZED TRANSFER OF CONTROL		
		AND TO DENY PROGRAM TEST AUTHORITY FILED XXXXXXXXXX 6-28-63 by Baron & Scharfeld for WJON		
		OPPOSITION TO "PETITION TO DESIGNATE FOR HEARING APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL etc" filed 7-11-63		
		by Roycroft for WVAL		
		REPLY TO OPPOSITION filed 7-19-63 by Baron for WJON		

SEE CARD #2a for ACTION ON PETITIONS

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
		MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER AND NOTICE OF APPARENT LIABILITY adopted		8-1-63 re
		(1) forfeiture of \$100 for violations Section 310(b); (2) granted application EAP-632;		
		(3) dismissed as moot BLP-10,791 for extension. (4) denied opposing petitions of WJOM.		
		BY TELEGRAM, authorized program tests		

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x CARL A. NIERENGARTEN and HERBERT M. HOPPE, d/b asName TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING CO.
Sauk Rapids, Minn.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BAP-632 R & F	3-21-63 3-25-63	Voluntary assignment of construction permit to Herbert M. Hoppe tr/as Tri-County Broadcasting Co. Atty. Hogan and Hartson	GRANTED EFF: nunc pro tunc	8-1-63 8-21-62
BL-9909 R. & F.	3-12-63 3-20-63	Lic to cover CP(BP-14,639 as mod) which auth a new standard broadcast station and specify type trans as ITA-AM-250A. Atty- Hogan & Hartson		
AMENDMENT R&F	7-27-64 7-31-64	AMENDED to change applicant name to HERBERT M. HOPPE tr/as TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING CO. BAP-632 gr. 8-1-63	Granted	9-17-64
BR-4372 R & F	12/29/64 1/3/65	Renewal of license Atty. Hogan and Hartson	GRANTED	3-4-65
BZ-5950 R & F	3/23/66 3/28/66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power. Attys: Hogan & Hartson	GRANTED	5-26-66

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Name HERBERT M. HOPPE tr/as TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING CO.
Sauk Rapids, Minnesota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BZ-6096 R & F	7/5/66 7/12/66	Auth. to determine operating power by direct meas. of antenna power.	GRANTED	9-16-66
BR-4372 R & F	12-26-67 12-28-67	Renewal of License AMENDED 4-23-68 re: commercial practices	GRANTED	5-29-68
JAN 16 1968				
BR-4372 R & F P.N. PRESS	12-29-70 1-4-71 1-26-71	Renewal of License AMENDED 3-2-3-71 re: commercial matter AMENDED 6-7-71 re: commercial matter	GRANTED	6-15-71
FEB 12 1971				
BR-4372 R & F PN PRESS	12-29-73 1-2-74 1-2-74 18 JAN 1974	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-28-74

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Name HERBERT M. HOPPE tr/as TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING CO.
Sauk Rapids, Minn.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP- 19,917 Rec'd Filed \$100-404426 AC-056 APR 4 1975	3-17-75 3-20-75 3-20-75 3-20-75	Construction permit to make changes in antenna system. Atty: William S. Reyner, Jr.	GRANTED	5-19-75
BL-14,050 R & F \$100#483465 PTA PRESS NOV 5 1975	9-19-75 10-3-75 10-6-75 10-14-75	Lic. to cover BP-19,917 for changes Atty: William S. Reyner, Jr.(Hogan & Hartson)	GRANTED	3-8-76
BP- 20,414 Rec'd Filed \$300-583921 AC-001 PRESS NOV 17 1977 (Major)	6-6-76 6-23-76 6-23-76	Construction permit to inc. power to 2.5kw, chg. type trans. install DA. Atty: William S. Reyner, Jr. Eng. E. Harold Munn, Jr.	'Major Environmental Act. under Sec. 1.1305 of the rules. GRANTED	10-29-79

BP-20,414

Amend

Rec'd 12-20-77 re: Engineering Statement

4-5-78 PETITION TO DENY FILED BY FREDERICK H. WALTON, JR., ESQ. (TO DESIGNATE APPL. FOR HEARING ON THE ISSUE OF INTERFERENCE TO KFGO WITH KFGO MADE A PARTY.

4-14-78 PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME ~~KXKEXXY~~ TO 5-22-78 (FILE RESPONSE TO PETITION TO DENY) FILED BY Gardner F. Gillespie, Esq.

Amend R & F 4-11-78 re: affidavit

5-22-78 PETITION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME FILED BY HOGAN & HARTSON FOR WVAL (RADIO)

6-21-78 PETITION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME FILED BY TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY (WVAL) THROUGH ITS ATTORNEY GARDNER F. SILLESPIE

7-24-78 PETITION FOR FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME FILED BY TRI-COUNTY B/CING CO. THRU ITS ATTY. GARDNER F. GILLESPIE

8-21-78 OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY FILED BY TRI-COUNTY B/CING CO. THRU ITS ATTY. GARDNER F. GILLESPIE

8-22-78 PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FILED BY COMM. PROPERTIES, INC. THRU ITS ATTY. FREDERICK H. WALTON, JR.

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TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING, INC.

Name XHERBERT M. HOPPE tr/as TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING CO.
SAUK RAPIDS, MINN.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4372 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-29-76 12-2-76 " JAN 6 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	Granted	4-18-77
BAL Rec'd Also see WHMH-FM FORM 316 Resubmitted BAL-9007 R & F (RESUBMITTED) PN FILED	12/21/76 12/20/76 5/13/77 5-26-77 6-1-77 JUN 9 10-12-77 1977	Voluntary assignment of license to TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING, INC. Atty - Hogan & Hartson(William Reyner) Over	RETURNED Rec. - exhibits not filed RETURNED GRANTED EFF:	3/20/77 5/21/77 6/17/77

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

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Name: TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING, INC.

Station Location: SAUK RAPIDS, MINNESOTA

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR791204UZ PRESS DEC 27 1979		Renewal of License (Main & Aux. Ant.)	GRANTED 3-25-80
BMP800616AW PRESS (0) JUL 23 1980		Mod. of CP (BP-20,414) to chg. TL to: 0.2 mi. E. of Twp. Rd. #13, 0.38 mi. N. of Golden Spike Road, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota & chg. type Trans. MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION UNDER SECTION 1.1305 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES. 45° 36' 18" 94° 08' 21" Atty. Gardner F. Gillespie (Hogan & Hartson)	GRANTED 1-6-81 Con'd

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

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Name: TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING, INC.

Station Location: Sauk Rapids, Minnesota

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BZ-801125AL R & F PRESS	11-25-80 JAN 2 1981	DIRECT MEASUREMENT Atty: Gardner F. Gillespie (Hogan & Hartson)	GRANTED 12-19-80
BMP810706AK (0)	JUL 29 1981	MP(BP20,414) for extension of time to 12-31-81 As Mod (For Chgs.) Atty. Gardner F. Gillespie (Hogan & Hartson)	

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 a few sets of microfiche 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.

