

W E H B

BC-126
June 1975

NON-COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL FM

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

OFFICIAL NO. 1000

Date first licensed 7-27-78

Call letters W.E.H.B.

Station location Grand Rapids
Michigan

Name of licensee GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Transmitter location 1607 Robinson Rd., Grand Rapids, Mich. {PED 4-23-76}

Suite 210-East Bldg., 1514 Wealthy St., S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan (SH-10-20-77)

Main studio location X410 Ethel S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich. {PED 4-23-76}

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period	
					From	To
BPED-1920 HAAT: 200' {L}	4-23-76 H&V	89.9mhz Ch. 210 CP for EDUC FM Station	ERP: 0.3kw Class-A RC	H&V RC	U	4-23-77
BPED-1920(1) EBSA	8-9-76 8-9-76	Call letters assigned				
BMPED-1474 (2)	4-7-77	MP (BPED-1920)				ext time to 10-23-77
BMPED-1523(3)	10-4-77	MP(BPED-1920, as mod)				ext 4-30-78
BSH-1920(4)	10-20-77	Mod of CP to chg SL/RC loc.				
BLED-1776 HAAT: 200' (H&V)	7-27-78 (H&V)	89.9MHz #210 Lic. (BPH-1920, as mod.) Station.	ERP: 300 watts (RC)	(H&V)		10-1-79
BRED790604UJ(S)	6-19-80	RENEWAL OF LICENSE				10-1-82

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters

W E H B
x NEW-EDUC-FM

Grand Rapids Public Broadcasting Corporation

Name Eastown-Community-Association--
Grand Rapids, Michigan (PO 410 Ethel S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-1,920 R & F NO FEE REQUIRED PRESS: PN REC'd:	10-11-74 10-30-74 NOV 14 1974 12-5-74	CP for New Educ. FM on: 89.9mhz. #210 HAAT: 202' (h&v) ERP: 0.3kw(h&v) Trans: GATES-FM-1B; Ant: GATES-FMC-1A, 1 section. TL: 1607 Robinson Rd., Grand Rapids, Michigan SL & RC: 410 Ethel S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 42° 57' 34" - 85° 37' 44" Atty---- Engr---	GRANTED COND'L	4-23-76
	12-16-74	PETITION TO DENY FILED BY WHW ENTERPRISES, INC.	Moot	Petition Dismissed as 4-22-76
	3-4-75	COMMENTS FILED BY WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY		
AMENDED Rec'd Filed Press AMENDED	5-22-75 5-27-75 5-27-75 JUN 20 1975 8-20-75	OPPOSITION TO PETITION TO DENY FILED BY EASTOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC. Sect. II, Financial Data and Programming: Chg. name to: Grand Rapids Public Broadcasting Corporation. F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C. Certified Articles of Incorporation.		

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call **W E H B**
Letters Unassigned

Name **GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION**
Grand Rapids, Michigan (8-30-77 1514 Wealthy ST. SE, Suite 210 E. Bldg. Grand Rapids,
Mich. 49507)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-1,920 (Con't. From Card #1) AMENDED	3-17-76	By-Laws of the Corporation.		
BMPED-1474 R & F PRESS APR 6 1977	3-9-77 3-24-77	MP {BPED-1920} ext time to 10-23-77 {NEW STATION} Atty. Samuel J. Buffone	GRANTED TO	4-7-77 10-23-77
BMPED-1523 R&F PRESS SEP 29 1977	9-11-77 9-15-77	MP (BPED-1920, as mod) ext time to 4-23-78 New Station Atty----	GRANTED TO	10-4-77 4-30-78
BLED-1776 R & F PTA: PRESS: JUN 5 1978	4-29-78 5-1-78 5-9-78	Lic. (BPED-1920, as mod.) for New Station. Antenna: PHELPS-DODGE CP-1000, 1 section (H&V) Atty: Samuel J. Buffone (Tigar & Buffone)	GRANTED	7-27-78

Name: GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Station Location: GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BRED 790604 UJ PRESS JUL 30 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED 6-19-80
BPED-800821AA ACCEPTED PN Recd JUL 1 1981	MAY 18 1981	Construction permit to chg. TL: 3815 E. Betline N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan; incr. ERP: .900 kW; decrease HAAT: 129.3' H&V and make chgs. in ant. system. 43 01 25 85 35 30	GRANTED: 9-15-81

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.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) 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 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). Prior to that move, 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.

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.

