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Form BC 126
June 1954

AM

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 12-29-80

Call letters W K W M

Station location Kentwood, Michigan

Name of licensee RICHARD L. CULPEPPER

Transmitter location On Grand River Drive, 0.3 mile N. of Bolt Drive, Ada, Mich. (BP-10-15-76)

Main studio location 3010 shaffer Rd., Kentwood, Michigan (MP 11-7-78)
X To be determined , Kentwood, Michigan

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To-
BP-20,010	10-15-76	CP for NEW Standard Station 1140khz 5kw DA-Day			10-15-77
BP-20,010(1) EBSA	12-20-76 12-20-76	Call Letter Assigned			
BMP-14,534 (2)	2-13-78	MP (BP-20,010) ext time to			5-1-78
BMP-14,588 (3)	5-16-78	MP(BP-20,010, as mod.) for ext. of time to:			11-1-78
BMP-781003AG (4)	11-7-78	SL/RC chg.			
BL-780906AE (L)	12-29-80	LIC. TO COVER BP-20,010 AS MOD. FOR NEW AM STATION			10-1-82

Form BC-121
September 1969

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters ~~NEW~~ WKWM

Name RICHARD L. CULPEPPER
~~GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN~~ (c/o 8018 Swift Road, Battle Creek, Michigan 49017)
KENTWOOD, MICHIGAN

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP- 20,010 Rec'd Filed $250-253786 AC-017 PN filed PRESS: OCT 7 1975 PN REC'd	11-17-73 ~~11-19-73~~ Amended 7-22-75 11-19-73 2-11-76	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station on: Frequency - 1140khz Power - 5kw, DA-D Hours - Daytime Transmitter - Gates, BC-5H Studio site - To be determined, ~~Grand Rapids~~ Kentwood, Michigan. Trans. site - On Grand River Drive, 0.3 mile N. of Bolt Drive, Ada, Michigan. Coordinates - 42° 56' 13" 85° 27' 20" PETITION FOR WAIVER OF RULES AND ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION FOR FILING filed. Atty. Lauren A. Colby Eng. E. Harold Munn, Jr. (OVER)	GRANTED Fee Req. $2,700 pd 002 11-12-76 635606	10-15-76

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BP-

Amended 7-22-75 re: chg. station loc. to Kentwood, Michigan & chg. SL to be determined Kentwood

Amended 6-23-76 re: new survey of community needs, finiancing, Sec. III

Amended 8-13-76 re: Letter of credit

Amended 10-8-76 community survey & programming

PHASE 1 REFUND ACTION

TRANS. CODE	DATE
500	80/01/29

AMT.	INITIALS
2,379.00	gv

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1140khz.

Form BC-121
May 1976

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WKWM

Name RICHARD L. CULPEPPER
Kentwood, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-14,534 R & F PRESS:	9-9-77 12-7-77 DEC 28 1977	MP(BP-20,010) for extension of time to: 4-1-78 (NEW STATION) Atty: Lauren A. Colby	GRANTED TO	2-13-78 5-1-78
BMP-14,588 R & F PRESS:	4-5-78 4-20-78 MAY 1 1978	MP (BP-20,010, as mod) for extension of time to: 10-1-78 (NEW STATION) Atty: Lauren A. Colby	GRANTED to:	5-16-78 11-1-78
	9-6-78	PETITION FOR WAIVER OF SECT. 73.188 OF THE COMM. RULES FILED BY RICHARD L. CULPEPPER THRU ITS ATTY. LAUREN A. COLBY		
BMP-781003AG PRESS:	OCT 1 1978	MP (BP-20,010, as mod) to specify SL as: 3010 Shaffer Rd., Kentwood, Michigan & operate transmitter by Remote control from the proposed studio site. Atty: Lauren A. Colby	GRANTED	11-7-78

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Form BC-121
May 1976
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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

1140khz

Call Letters WKWM

Name RICHARD L. CULPEPPER
Kentwood, Michigan

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-780906AE	9-6-78	Lic. to cover BP-20,010 as mod. for NEW AM STATION	GRANTED	12-29-80
R & F	9-15-78			
PTA				
PRESS				

APR 4 1979

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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.