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Form BC 126 74372
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 Call letters WVAL

Station location Sauk Rapids, Minnesota

TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING, INC. (AL gr 6/17/77 EFF:
x HERBERT M. HOPPE tr/as TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING CO. (AL 8-1-63; EFF: 8-21-62

Name of licensee xCARL A. NIERENGARTEN AND HERBERT M. HOPPE d/b as TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING CO.

Transmitter location 0.2 mi. E. of Twp. Rd. #13,).38 mi. N. of Golden Spike Rd., Sauk Rapids, Minnesota (MP800616AW 1-6-81)
XXCounty Rd. #3, NE city limits of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota (BP 7-2-62

Main studio location County Rd. #3, NE city limits of Sauk Rapids, Minn.
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: nunc pro tunc	8-1-63 3-21-62	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 direct measurement of antenna power			
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(L)	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 .....

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December 1978

Authorization Record

File No.	Granted	Facilities	Expires
BR791204UZ(L)	3-25-80	Renewal of License	4-1-83
BMP800616AW	1-6-81	800khz -- 2.5kw DAYTIME Mod. of CP (BP20414) to chg. trans. location & type trans.	7-6-81
BZ801125AL(1)	12-19-80	DIRECT MEASUREMENT	4-1-83

Form BC-126 (Back)
December 1978

FORM BC-121
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

Call 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	Action 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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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W V A L

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	Action 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 XXXXXXXXXY 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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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WVAL

Name

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action 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 BAP-632; (3) dismissed as moot BMP-10,791 for extension (4) denied opposing petitions of WJOM. BY TELEGRAM, authorized program tests				

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WVAL

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

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action 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 1/8/65	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

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WVAL

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

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action 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 JAN 16 1968	12-26-67 12-28-67	Renewal of License AMENDED 4-23-68 re: commercial practices	GRANTED	5-29-68
BR-4372 R & F P.N. PRESS FEB 12 1971	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
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

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

Form BC-121
September 1969

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W V A L

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

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action 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 1976	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

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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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 XXXXXXX 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 & HARTSONFOR 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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800khz

Form BC-121
May 1976
4-64

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WVAL

TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING, INC.

Name xHERBERT M. HOPPE tr/as TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING CO.

SAUK RAPIDS, MINN.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action 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	~~12/24/76~~ ~~12/20/76~~ ~~5/13/77~~ 5-26-77 6-1-77 JUN 9 1977 10-12-77	Voluntary assignment of license to TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING, INC. Atty - Hogan & Hartson(William Reyner) Over	~~RETURNED - 3/29/77~~ ~~Rec. exhibits not filed~~ ~~RETURNED - 5/24/77~~ ~~dated wrong~~ GRANTED EFF:	 6/17/77

F.C.C. - WASHINGTON, D. C.

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800khz

APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: W V A L

Name: TRI-COUNTY BROADCASTING, INC.

Station Location: SAUK RAPIDS, MINESOTA

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

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

800 kHz

Call Letters: W V A L

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 (O)	JUL 29 1981	MP(BP20,414) for extension of time to 12-31-81 As Mod (For Chgs.) Atty.Gardner F.Gillespie(Hogan&Hartson)	

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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.