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NONCOMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL
BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed January 23, 1963

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Station location Mankato, Minnesota

Name of licensee MANKATO STATE COLLEGE

Gage Center Dormotory "A" Tower Ellis St., & Stadium Rd., Mankato State Univ., Campus, (PED791227BA 6-30-80)
Transmitter location x1300 Ellis Avenue, Mankato, Minnesota Mankato, Minnesota

Centennial Union Ellis Street & South Road, Mankato, MN. (PED791227BA
Main studio location x5th & Jackson, Mankato, Minn.

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPED-509 TPO:10watts	5-17-62	90.5 CH:213	---	Unl.	7-17 1-17-63
	Construction permit for a new FM Broadcast station				
BLED-377 HAAT:--	1-23-63	90.5mcs Ch.213	ERP:-- TPO:10w	Unl.	1-23 4-1-65
	Lic. to cover CP(BPED-509) which auth. a new Non.-Cml. Educ. FM Broadcast Station.				
BRED-230	3-15-65	Renewal of License			4-1 4-1-68
BRED-230(S)	3-29-68	Renewal of License			4-1-71
BRED-230(S)	3-25-71	RENEWAL			4-1-74
EBSA	5-15-72				
BRED-230(S)	3-28-74	RENEWAL			4-1-77
BRED-230	{L} 3-15-77	Renewal of lic.			4-1-80
BRED791204VI(S)	4-15-80	Renewal of License			4-1-83
BPED791227BA HAAT: 175' (L)	6-30-80 (H&V)	89.7 CP to chg. freq. Incre. and antenna system	3.0kw (H&V)		6-30-81 ERP,TL,SL RC

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name MANKATO STATE COLLEGE
MANKATO, MINNESOTA (P.O. John Hodowanic, Mankato State College, Mankato, Minn.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPED- 509 Rec'd 1-8-62	12-14-61	CP for a new non-com-ed FM broadcast station to be operated on:	~~Retd 1-15-62~~ ~~Not signed by officer~~	
Resub	1-19-62	Frequency - ~~88.1mc CH 201~~ 90.5mc CH 213		
R&F	1-24-62	TPO 10 watts Type Antenna Gates FM-22 (2 sections) Type transmitter - Gates BFE-10 B Trans. location - 1300 Ellis Avenue Mankato, Minnesota Studio location - 5th & Jackson Mankato, Minnesota Remote Control - Same as studio Atty. none Eng. Stephen C. Wolf, Mankato, Minn.	GRANTED:	5-17-62
AMENDMENT	4-3-62			
R & F	4-6-62	AMENDED to change frequency to 90.5mc CH 213		

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name MANKATO STATE COLLEGE
Mankato, Minnesota

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLED-377 R & F	11-20-62 11-23-62	Lic. to cover CP (BPED-509) which auth a new non-com Ed FM B/C station.	GRANTED	1-23-63
BRED-230 R & F	1/2/65 1/8/65	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-15-65
BRED-230 R & F DEC 21 1967	11-28-67 11-30-67	Renewal of license	GRANTED	3-29-68
BRED-230 R &F PN Recd. PRESS JAN 28 1971	12-22-70 1-4-71 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-25-71
BRED-230 , R & F PN PRESS	12-28-73 1-2-74 1-2-74 29 JAN 1974	Renewal of License	GRANTED	3-28-74

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name MANKATO STATE COLLEGE
MANKATO, MINNESOTA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRED-230 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	11-29-76 12-1-76 " JAN 28 1977	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	3-15-77
BRED791204VI PRESS JAN	9 1980	Renewal of License	GRANTED	4-15-80
BPED791227BA (C) PN RECD. ACCEPTED MAY 14 '80	3-31-80 CUT OFF JUN 16 '80	CP chg freq 89.7MHz#209; incr ERP: 3.0KW HAAT: 175.75' chg TL: Gage Center Dormotory "A" Tower Ellis St., and Stadium Rd., Mankato State Univ Campus, Mankato,Minnesota; SL&RC: Centennial Union Ellis St., and South Rd., Mankato,Mn., make chgs in atn sys 44 08 38 93 59 59	GRANTED COND'	6-30-80

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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.

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.