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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date First Licensed 4-5-22

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Call Letters WDZ

xSTEPHEN P.BELLINGER,JOEL W.TOWNSEND,BEN H.TOWNSEND, MORRIS E. KEMPER AND T. KEITH COLEMAN dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS(BAL-12-12-63 EFF 1-1-64) DECATUR, ILLINOIS

Name of Licensee:

x MID-STATES BROADCASTING CO. (AL 12-28-56; EFF: 1-1-57)
x W D Z BROADCASTING COMPANY (vol.Assign.Lic. & C.P. 12-10-35)
x James L. Bush

Transmitter

South of Decatur, Illinois (CP 2-23-49) (Lic. 1-10-50)
x north of Tuscola, Illinois (Renewal 6-2-39)
1 mile, 600 feet east of intersection of U.S. Highways 36 & 45, 2 miles
x No.45 and 36, Tuscola, Illinois (new designation Let.1-27-39)
x ~~Douglas County~~ on U.S.Highway #45, 2 miles N.of intersection of U.S.Highways
x1½ miles north on U.S.Highway #45, Tuscola, Illinois (MP-B 10-8-35) Lic.3-27-36

Location: x Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois (Star Store Bldg.)

Main Studio Location:

265 S. Park Street, Decatur, Ill. (Lic. 1-10-50)
X Corner South Park & North Franklin Sts., Decatur, Illinois (MP 6-23-49)
x 2nd Floor, Lincoln Bldg., Lincoln Square, Decatur, Ill (CP 2-23-49)
x 101½ North Main St., Tuscola, Ill. (Letter 11-3-46)
x Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois. (Star Store Bldg.)

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	PERIOD From	To
1-S-B-600T	.P.4-14-29	1080	100	-	not stated	
"	6-1-27	1080	100 6	to 6Local T	.6-1	7-31-27
Effec.date	of previous lic.		deferred	by G.O.13	6-15	8-15-27
1-R-B-600	8-8-28	Letter of extension			8-15	10-15-27
Extended by G.O.18					10-15	10-31-27
1-R-B-600	10-24-27	Letter of extension			11-1	1-1-28
Extended by G.O.21					1-1	2-1-28
" " " " 22					2-1	3-1-28
" " " " 23					3-1	4-1-28
" " " " 25					4-1	5-1-28
" " " " 27					5-1	6-1-28
" " " " 32					6-1	8-1-28
" " " " 35					8-1	9-1-28
Extended by Order - Docket No. 71					9-1	10-1-28
Extended by G.O.44					10-1	11-11-28
Allocation	11-11-28					
-R-B-600	10-31-28	1070	100	Daytime GO 41	11-11	1-31-29
-R-B-600	1-22-29	1070	100	" " "	1-31	4-30-29
-R-B-600	4-1-29	1070	100	" " "	4-30	7-31-29
-R-B-600	License extended by G. O.69				7-31	10-31-29
-R-B-600	10-5-29	1070	100	DaytimeGO#41	10-31	1-31-30
-R-B-600	1-8-30	1070	100	" " "	1-31	4-30-30
4-P-B-67	4-19-30	Authority to install DCC				
4-P-B-1105	4-19-30	Make changes in equip.			5-5-	8-5-30
4-R-B-600	4-25-30	Extended by G.	O. 87		4-30	7-31-30
4-R-B-353	7-25-30	1070	100	Daytime	7-31	10-31-30
4-R-B-600	10-24-30	1070	100	Day GO 41	10-31	1-31-31
G.O.108	1-28-31	Extension of License			1-31	4-30-31
4-R-B-600	4-28-31	1070	100	Daytime	4-30	8-1-31
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
4-R-B-600	7-8-32	1070	100	D	8-1	2-1-33
4-R-B-600	1-13-33	1070	100	D	2-1	8-1-33
4-R-B-600	7-11-33	1070	100	D	8-1	2-1-34
4-R-B-600	1-1-34	1070	100	D	2-1	8-1-34
B 4-R-600	7-18-34	1070	100w	D	8-1	2-1-35
B4-R-600	1-21-35	1070	100w	D (H)	2-1	8-1-35
B4-[illegible]	2-1-35	1070	100w	D	2-1	8-1-35
B4-P-8	8-28-35	1020 kc. 250w equip. eng.		D	7-28	1-28-36

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date First Licensed 4-5-22

CARD NO. 2

Call Letters WDZ

xSTEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND AND BEN H. TOWNSEND, dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS (AL 2-17-67 EFF: 3-1-67

xSTEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND and MORRIS E. KEMPER dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS (AL 4-29-66: 5-23-66)

Name of Licensee: (W D Z BROADCASTING COMPANY (Vol.Assign.Lic. & C.P. 12-10-35)

x James L. Bush

Transmitter Location:

Main Studio Location:

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	PERIOD From To
B4-R-600	7-9-35	1070	100w	D	8-1 2-1-36
B4-MP-226	10-8-35	Mod.C.P.8 approv. trans. site & ext. C&C dates			11-7 5-5-36
B4-APL-1	12-10-35	Vol.Assignment of License & C.P. to WDZ BROADCASTING COMPANY			
B4-MP-238	12-10-35	Chg.equip. & ext. C.& C. dates of C.P. 8			1-9 7-7-36
B4-S-600	1-21-36	Oper. without an a/f/m			1-21 2-1-36
B4-R-600	1-21-36	1070	100w	D	2-1 8-1-36
B4-S-600	2-25-36	Ext. oper. without an a/f/m			2-20 3-20-36
B4-L-298	3-27-36	1020	250w	D	3-27 8-1-36
License to cover C.P. to chg. frequency, power and move trans.; chg. equipment					
B4-R-600	7-17-36	1020	250w	D	8-1 2-1-37
B4-R-600	1-12-37	1020	250w	D	2-1 8-1-37
B4-S-600	4/16/37	Opr. 5 am to 6 am CST 4/16 to 5/15-in order to reach farmers in terr. surrounding WDZ who are in fields during summer mos. at 5 am.			
B4-S-600	5/18/37	Ext. opr. 5 am to 6 am CST 5/16 to 6/14 to reach farmers in terr. surrounding WDZ who are in fields by 5 am.			
B4-S-600	6/8/37	Ext. opr. 5 am to 6 am CST 6/15 to 7/14 -reach farmers in fields at that time.			
B4-S-600	C.A. 7/24/37	Ext. opr. 5 am to 6 am CST 7/15 to 7/31 reach farmers in fields at 5 am.			
B4-S-600	7/30/37	Ext. opr. 5 am to 6 am CST 8/1 to 8/30-in order to reach farmers in field by 5 a.m.			
B4-R-600	7-20-37	1020	250w	D	8-1 2-1-38
B4-S-600	C.A. 8/30/37	Ext. opr. 5 am to 6 am CST 8/31 to 9/29-reach farms in terr. surrounding WDZ who are in fields by 5 a.m.			
B4-R-600	1-29-38	1020	250w	D	2-1 8-1-38
B4-R-600	7-20-38	1020	250w	D	8-1 2-1-39
B4-P-1928	12-5-38 Eff 12-12-38	1020	1kw	D	2-12 8-12-39
Install new trans.; incr. power					

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Card No. 3

Date first licensed .....

Call letters W D Z

X STEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND and REYNOLD FISCHMAN d/b as PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS (Correction)

XSTEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND and REYNOLD FISCHMAN, d/b as DECATUR PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS (AL-9-26-68; EFF: 11-1-68)

Name of licensee W D Z BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location See Card No. 1

Main studio location See Card No. 1

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From—	Period To—
B4-R-600	1-24-39	1020	250w	Day	2-1	8-1-39
B4-MP-768	4-10-39	Mod.C.P. 1928 to install new trans. & ext. compl.			2-12	10-7-39
B4-L-943	5-22-39	1020	1kw	D	5-22	8-1-39
Lic.to cover C.P. to incr.power; install new transmitter.						
B4-R-600	7-12-39	1020	1kw	Day	8-1	2-1-40
B4-R-600	1-29-40	1020	1kw	Day	2-1	8-1-40
B4-Z-326	2-16-40	1020	1kw	Day	2-16	8-1-40
Mod. license for direct measurement						
B4-S-600	4-13-40	1020	1kw	Day	4-13	8-1-40
Mod.Lic. to add sunrise						
Order	6/12/40	Extension of License			8/1	10/1/40
Order	9-10-40	"	"	"	10-1	3-29-41
~~B4-S-600~~	~~9-25-40~~	~~Extension of license~~			~~10-1~~	~~11-1-40~~
NARBA REALLOCATION						
B4-R-600	3-24-41	1050	1kw	D	3-29	2-1-42
B4-Z-839	5-1-41	1050	1kw	D	5-1	2-1-42
Determine operating power by direct method						
B4-S-600	1-27-42	Extension of license			2-1	3-1-42
B4-R-600	2-10-42	1050	1kw	D	2-10	4-1-44
B4-S-600	11-6-42	1050	1kw	D	12-1	4-1-44
Mod. Lic. in accordance with Order #107						
B4-R-600	3-28-44	1050	1kw	D	4-1	6-1-45
B4-S-600	4-24-45	Extension of license			5-1	7-1-45
B4-S-600	6-26-45	Extension of license			7-1	9-1-45
B4-S-600	8-28-45	Extension of license			9-1	11-1-45
B4-S-600	9-25-45	Extension of license			10-1	11-1-45
Mod. accordance 107-A						
B4-R-600	10-10-45	1050	1kw	D	10-10	5-1-48
BR-600	4-8-48	1050	1kw	D	5-1	5-1-51
B4-P-4761	2-23-49	1050	1kw	Daytime	4-23	10-23-49
CP to change transmitter and studio site.						
BMP-4839 Gr. 6-23-49	Mod. CP (4761) to change type of T and change studio location.				4-23	10-23-49

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed See Card #1

Call letters WDZ

Card #4

Name of licensee PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS OF DECATUR, INC. (AL 2-27-74 EFF: 2-28-74)

Transmitter location

Main studio location

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From	Period To
BMP-4800	10-7-49	1050	1kw	Daytime	4-23	12-23-49
	Mod. CP (4761 as mod) for ext. of completion date.					
Letter	10-14-49	Auth. to opr. temporarily with main studios at the transmitter location at South of Decatur, Ill. and waiver of Section 3.30(a) of the Rules during program test period.				
Ltr.	12-12-49	Advising Commission that opr. resumed at regular studios.				
BL-3841	1-10-50	1050	1kw	Da time	1-10	5-1-51
	Lic. to cover CP (4761 as mod) to install new T and change to T and studio sites.					
BR-600	4-12-51	1050	1 kw.	Daytime	5-1	5-1-54
BR-600	4-21-54	Renewal of license			5-1	12-1-55
BRC-618 (1)	12-29-54	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 265 South Park Street, Decatur, Illinois				
BTC-1921 EFF:	4-6-55 6-9-55	Vol. trans. of control to Charles C. Caley, Frank C. Schroeder, Jr. and executors of estate of Horace L. Eohnes.				
BR-600	11-9-55	1050	1kw	Daytime	12-1	12-1-58
BAL-2543 EFF:	12-28-56 1-17-57	Voluntary assignment of license to: MID-STATES BROADCASTING CO.				
BTC-2617 EFF:	10-23-57 11-22-57	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of licensee corporation by Charles C. Caley thru purchase of stock from Frank C. Schroeder, Jr.				
BTC-2794 EFF: BR-600	[illegible]-26-58 7-21-[illegible] 11-5-58	Vol. transfer of control of licensee corporation to Frank C. Schroeder, Jr. 1050	1 kw	Day	12-1	12-1-61
BR-600	11-1-61	Renewal of license			12-1	12-1-64
BAL-424 EFF:	12-12-61 1-1-64	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen F. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend, Morris E. Kemper and T. Keith Coleman dba Prairieland Broadcasters				

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BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed .....

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Station location .....

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BZ-5219	5-13-64	1050kc	1kw	Day (RC)	5-13 12-1-64
	Auth. to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.				
BR-600	11-16-64	Renewal of License			12-1 12-1-67
BAL-5742 EFF:	4-29-66 5-23-66	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen F. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend and Morris E. Kemper dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS			
BAL-5964 EFF:	2-17-67 3-1-67	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen F. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend and Ben H. Townsend, dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS.			
BR-600	1-18-68	1050kc	1kw	Day	1-18 12-1-70
BAL-6460 EFF:	9-26-68 11-1-68	VOL. AL			
PSA	11-23-70		500 watts		
BR-600	1-29-71	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (L)			12-1-73
BZ-7854(1)	8-20-71	Direct Measurement			
EBSA BS-307(2)	6-12-72 3-29-72	To correct name			
BR-600(L)	11-28-73	RENEWAL			12-1-76
BAL-8091	2-27-74	VOL AL	EFF:	2-28-74	
Ltr.	10-21-75	Trans. now being installed GATES MW-1 (Main)			
BR-600(L)	1-19-77	Renewal of license			12-1-79
Ltr.	7-12-79	Chg. RC only to 260 E. Wood St., Dunur			
BR79080WY(L)	12-31-79	Renewal of License			12-1-82

STATION APPLICATION RECORD

No. 1.

APPLICANT: James L. Bush
(Star Store Bldg.)

ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois

Present Assignment: 1080 Kc. 100 watts.

Requested: 1080 Kc. 100 watts

CALL LETTERS: WDZ

FILE NO: 4-S-B-600 DATED: 3-28-27
T.P. issued 4-14-27 for 1080 Kc. 100 watts.

ACTION:
Lic. 6-1-27 for 1080 Kc. 100 w. 6 to 6 pm Local Time - Per. 6-1-27 to 7-31-27.

APPLICANT: James L. Bush
(Star Store Bldg.)

ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois

Present Assignment: 1080 Kc. 100 w. 6 to 6 pm Local Time

Requested: Renewal

CALL LETTERS: WDZ

FILE NO: 4-R-B-600 DATED: 7-29-27

ACTION: 8-8-27 letter of extension - 8-15-27 to 10-15-27

APPLICANT: James L. Bush
(Star Store Bldg.)

ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois

Present Assignment: 1080 Kc. 100 w. 6 to 6 pm Local Time

Requested: Renewal

CALL LETTERS: WDZ

FILE NO: 4-R-B-600 DATED: 9-29-27

ACTION: 10-24-27 letter of extension - 11-1-27 to 1-1-28

No. 2.

STATION APPLICATION RECORD

APPLICANT: James L. Bush
(Star Store Bldg.)
ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois

Present Assignment: 1080 Kc. 100 w. 6 to 6 pm Local Time

Requested: Renewal

CALL LETTERS: WDZ

FILE NO: 4-R-B-600 DATED: 1-9-28
Lic. 10-31-28 for 1070 Kc. 100 watts. Daytime only-G.O.41
ACTION: Period 11-11-28 to 1-31-29

APPLICANT: James L. Bush
(Star Store Bldg.)
ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois

Present Assignment: 1070 Kc. 100 watts Daytime

Requested: Renewal

CALL LETTERS: WDZ

FILE NO: 4-R-B-600 DATED: 12-6-28
Lic. 1-22-29 for 1070 Kc. 100 w. Daytime G.O. 41. Period 1-31-29
ACTION: to 4-30-29.

APPLICANT: James L. Bush
(Star Store Bldg.)
ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois,

Present Assignment: 1070 Kc. 100 watts - Daytime

Requested: Renewal

CALL LETTERS: WDZ

FILE NO: 4-R-B-600 DATED: 3-20-29
Lic. 4-1-29 for 1070 Kc. 100 w. Daytime G.O. #41. Period 4-30-29
ACTION: to 7-31-29

No. 3.

STATION APPLICATION RECORD

APPLICANT: James L. Bush
(Star Store Bldg.)

CALL LETTERS: WDZ

ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois

FILE NO: 4-R-B-600 DATED: 6-10-29

Present Assignment: 1070 Kc. 100 watts - Daytime hours

ACTION: G.O. #69, period 7-31-29 to 10-31-29.

Requested: Renewal

APPLICANT: James L. Bush
(Star Store Bldg.)

CALL LETTERS: WDZ

ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois.

FILE NO: 4-R-B-600 DATED: 9-25-29

Lic. 10-5-29 for 1070 Kc. 100 w. Daytime Hours..Period 10-31-29 to 1-31-30.

ACTION:

Present Assignment: 1070 Kc. 100 w. - Daytime hours

Requested: Renewal

APPLICANT: James L. Bush
(Star Store Bldg.)

CALL LETTERS: WDZ

ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois

FILE NO: 4-R-B-600 DATED: 12-18-29

Lic. 1-9-30 for 1070 Kc. 100 w. daytime hours. Period 1-31-30 to 4-30-30

ACTION:

Present Assignment: 1070 Kc. 100 w. - Daytime hours

Requested: Renewal

STATION APPLICATION RECORD

No. 4.

APPLICANT: James L. Bush
(Star Store Bldg.)
ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois

CALL LETTERS: WDZ

FILE NO: 4-P-B-1105 DATED: 1-20-30

Present Assignment: 1070 Kc. 100 w. Daytime hours

Requested: Authority to make some changes in equipment.

ACTION: C.P.granted Min. 4-14-30, issued 4-19-30 to make certain changes in equipment. Completion date 8-5-30.

APPLICANT: James L. Bush
(Star Store Bldg.)
ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois

CALL LETTERS: WDZ

FILE NO: 4-F-B-67 DATED: 3-1-30

Present Assignment: 1070 Kc. 100 w. Daytime hours

Requested: Authority to install Automatic Frequency Control.

ACTION: Granted Min. 4-11-30, ~~xxxx~~ Letter of Authority issued 4-19-30.

APPLICANT: James L. Bush
(Star Store Bldg.)
ADDRESS: Main Street, Tuscola, Illinois

CALL LETTERS: WDZ

FILE NO: 4-R-B-600 DATED: 3-21-30

Present Assignment: 1070 Kc. 100 w. Daytime G.O. No. 41

Requested: Renewal

ACTION: Renewal Lic. extended by G. O. 87 4-25-30 Per: 4-30 to 7-31-30

No. 5.

STATION APPLICATION RECORD

APPLICANT: JAMES L. BUSH

CALL LETTERS: WDZ

ADDRESS: Star Store Bldg., Tuscola, Illinois

FILE NO: 4-MP-B-85 DATED: 5/29/30

Present Assignment: 1070 kc. 100 W. Daytime

Requested: Mod. of C.P. to make changes in equip. and incr. max. power of equip.

Retired to files as per FRC ACTION: letter 7-22-30

APPLICANT: JAMES L. BUSH

CALL LETTERS: WDZ

ADDRESS: Same

FILE NO: 4-L-B-353 DATED: 6/18/30

Present Assignment: 1070 kc. 100 W. Daytime

(100 watts maximum power equipment)

Requested: License to cover 4-P-B-1105 issued 4/19/30.

Mod.Lic. granted Min. 7-25-30, issued 7-25-30 to cover C.P. for ACTION: change of equipment. Also serves as renewal,(see below) Period 7-31-30 to 10-31-30.

APPLICANT: James L. Bush

CALL LETTERS: WDZ

ADDRESS: Same

FILE NO: 4-R-B-600 DATED: 6-18-30

Present Assignment: 1070 Kc. 100 W. Daytime G. O. 41

Requested: Renewal

Covered by issuance of ACTION: 4-L-B-353 above.

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call Letters W D Z

Name James L. Bush

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
4-R-B-600	9-23-30	Renewal of license	Granted	10-24-30
4-R-B-600	12-10-30	Renewal of license Granted 4-24-31	G.O. 103 Term 4-30	1-20-31 8-1-31
4-ML-B-779	3-11-31	Daytime simultaneous operation with WCAZ	Withdrawn	4-10-31
4-R-B-600	5-22-31	Renewal of license	Granted	7-7-31
4-R-B-600	11-12-31	Renewal of license	Granted	1-12-32
4-R-B-600	5-20-32	Renewal of license	Granted	7-6-32
4-R-B-600	11-26-32	Renewal of license	Granted	1-13-33
4-R-B-600	5-24-33	Renewal of license	Granted	7-11-33
4-R-B-600	11-18-33	Renewal of license	Granted	1-16-34
4-R-B-600	5-15-34	Renewal of License	Granted	7-18-34
4-ML-B-1[illegible]	[illegible]-[illegible]-34	Modification of license to change frequency from 1370 kc. to 1020 kc. upon removal of WYX to Philadelphia, Pa.	Returned Repetition of application	12-12-34

Form 94

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters WDZ

Name James L. Bush

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
~~4-P-B-3320~~ See Resubmitted	7-2-34	Construction permit to make change in equipment and increase power from 100w to 250w Consideration under Rule 6 (g)	~~Rat. 7-10-34, just incomplete~~	
B4-P-8 Resubmitted	7-13-34	FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ~~Amended~~		
Amended	11-21-34	Requesting change of freq. from 1070 kc to 1020 kc. when KYW moves to Philadelphia	Granted	5-28-35
Amended	2-14-35	Re: Changes in equipment		
Amended	2-4-35	Re: Equip. T-site to be deter.		
B4-R-600	11-22-34	Renewal of license (H)	Granted Order of Grant	1-29-35 3-14-35
B4-R-600	5-21-35	Renewal of license	Granted	7-9-35

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters W D Z

Name W D Z BROADCASTING COMPANY
x James L. Bush

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B4-MP-226	9-10-35	Modification of construction permit (B4-P-8) for approval of antenna and transmitter site at 1½ Mi. N. of Tuscola on U.S.45 and 1 Mi. 600 ft., RFD, Tuscola, Illinois and extend commencement date to 30 das. after grant and completion date to 180 days thereafter.	Granted	10-8-35
B4-Mp-238	10-12-35	Mod. of C.P.(B4-P-8) as modified, for equip. changes, change freq. from 1070 to 1020 kc, increase power from 100w to 250w, move trans. from Star Store Bldg. Tuscola, Ill. to 1½ mi. N. of Tuscola, on U.S. 45, & 1 mi. 600 ft. RFD, Tuscola, Ill. to further request change in equip. and extend commencement date 30 days after grant and completion date 180 days thereafter. (Filed under name of WDZ BROADCASTING Company). Contingent upon granting of B4-APL-1, re: change equipment.	Granted	12-10-35
Amended	10-23-35			

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Name W D Z Brdcstg. Co. (Vol.Assign.Lic. 12-10-35)
x James L. Bush

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B4-APL-1	10-12-35	Voluntary assignment of permit and license from JAMES L. BUSH to WDZ BROADCASTING COMPANY.	Granted	12-10-35
B4-R-600 66	11-25-35	Renewal of license (Filed in old name)	Returned	2-5-36
B4-R-600	1-3-36	Renewal of License	Granted	1-21-36
B4-L-298	3-2-36	License to cover C.P.(B4-P-8) as modified for change in freq. equip. and move of trans.	Granted	3-27-36
B4-R-600 Resubmitted "	6-1-36	Renewal of license (Signature)	~~Returned~~ Granted	~~6-13-36~~ 7-17-36
B4-R-600	110-7-36	Renewal of license	Granted	1-19-37

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Name WDZ Broadcasting Company

FILE No.	DATED	APPLICATION FOR—	ACTION	
			NATURE	DATE
B4-P-1612	6-1-37	Construction permit to move transmitter from 1½ miles north on U.S. Highway No.45 Tuscola, Illinois to Site to be determined, Decatur, Illinois and studio from Star Store Bldg., Tuscola, Illinois to Site to be determined, Decatur, Illinois	ORDER OF Request of Applicant Min.	DISMISSAL 8-18-37
B4-R-600	6-5-37	Renewal of license	Granted	7-20-37

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B4-P-1928	8-21-37	C.P. to install new transmitter and increase power from 250w to 1kw.	Ex.Rept. I-611 Dock.4866 GRANTED Min.12-5-38 Effective	12-12-38
B4-R-600 Resubmitted	11-12-37 "	Renewal of license ~~(3b-incomplete)~~ " " "	~~Returned~~ Granted	~~12-14-37~~ 1-29-38
B4-R-600 Resubmitted	5-31-38 6-21-38	Renewal of license ~~(3b,18c,18g,22 - 4-22)~~	~~Returned~~ Granted	~~6-15-38~~ 7-20-38
B4-R-600	11-25-38	Renewal of license	Granted	1-24-39
B4-MP-768	3-1-39	Mod. of C.P.(B4-P-1928) to install new trans. and extend completion date 180 days after grant.	Granted	4-10-39

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B4-L-943	4-27-39	License to cover C.P.(B4-P-1928) as modified, to install new transmitter and increase power.	Granted	5-22-39
T B4-R-600	5-26-39	Renewal of license (old basis) (Unnecessary)	Returned	7-29-39
B4-R-600	6-2-39	Renewal of license (new basis)	Granted	7-12-39
B4-R-600	11-29-39	Renewal of license	Granted	1-29-40
B4-Z-326	2-1-40	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	Granted	2-16-40
B4-ML-969	2-22-40	Mod. of license to change hours of operation from Daytime to 5:00 a.m. to Local Sunset.	Returned Request of Attorney	3-29-40
B4-R-600	5/30/40	Renewal of license	Granted 1050kc, 1kw, D	3-24-41

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
B4-Z-839 rec'd	4-14-41 4-16-41	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement.	Granted	5-1-41
B4-R-600	11-21-41	Renewal of license and Forms 335	Granted	2-10-42
B4-R-600 Rec'd	1-20-44 2-1-44	Renewal of license Filed by Robert Irwin atty.	Granted	3-28-44
B4-R-600 Rec'd	2-15-45 3-1-45	Renewal of license Filed by Fred Albertson atty. Program material filed 8-17-45	Granted	10-10-45

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Name [illegible] BROADCASTING CO.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action: Nature	Action: Date
54-P-4761 Rec'd Filed	3-18-46 5-21-46 5-2-46	C.P. to change transmitter and studio locations from 4 miles North, 1 mile 600 feet East of the intersection of U.S. Highway 36 and 45, Tuscola, Ill. and 101 North Main St., Tuscola, Ill. respectively to ~~[illegible]~~ ~~determined~~, Decatur, Illinois. (Filed by Paul A. O'Bryan, Atty.)	Docket # 774S granted 2-23-49 after hearing. Decision and order Issued	
AMENDED Recd. Filed	2-5-47 2-6-47 2-14-47	AMENDED to specify transmitter location as South of Decatur, Ill. and studio location as 2nd Floor, Lincoln Bldg., Lincoln Square, Decatur, Ill.		

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-600 Rec'd.	2-20-48 3-1-48	Renewal of license (Thomas W. Wilson, Atty.)	GRANTED	4-8-48
BMP-4639 Rec'd Filed	5-26-49 6-3-49 6-3-49	Mod. of C.P. (B4-P-4761, which authorized change transmitter and studio locations) to change type of transmitter (GATES BC-1F) and change main studio location from: 2nd. Floor, Lincoln Bldg., Lincoln Square, Decatur, Ill. to: Corner South Park and North Franklin Sts. Decatur, Illinois. (Thomas W. Wilson, Atty.)	GRANTED	6-23-49

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Name WDZ BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-4776 Rec'd Filed	8-31-49 9-14-49 9-14-49	Modification of construction permit (BP-4761, as modified, which authorized installation of new transmitter and change in transmitter and studio locations) to change hours of operation from daytime to unlimited time, install a directional antenna for ~~night use~~ and change power from 1kw day to 1kw day and night. Thomas W. Wilson, Atty. (See amendment Card 16A)	Docket #9548 DENIED Order Issued.	 5-8-53
BMP-4800 Rec'd Filed	9-23-49 9-28-49 9-28-49	Modification of construction permit (BP-4761, as mod., which authorized installation of new transmitter and change in transmitter and studio locations) for extension of completion date from: 10-23-49 to: 12-23-49. (John P. Carr, Atty.)	GRANTED	10-7-49

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Name W D Z BROADCASTING COMPANY

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BMP-4776 (cont. from Card #16)			See card	16 for action
AMENDED Recd. Filed	12-17-49 12-19-49 12-19-49	AMENDED to change frequency from 1050kc to 610kc; change from using DA at night only to use DA both day and night (DA-1) and change DA pattern; make change in ground system and change transmitter location from: South of Decatur, Illinois, to: Hickory Point Township 6 miles NW of Decatur, Illinois. Dow, Lohnes and Albertson, Attys. Craven, Lohnes & Culver, Engrs.		
AMEND. Recd. Filed	1-19-50 1-20-50 1-27-50	AMENDED to make changes in DA pattern (DA-1)		

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BL-3841 Rec'd Filed	10-10-49 10-12-49 10-12-49	License to cover construction permit (BP-4761, as modified) which authorized installation of new transmitter and change in transmitter and studio locations. Thomas W. Wilson, Atty.	GRANTED	1-10-50
BR-600 Rec'd	2-20-51 2-26-51	Renewal of license, filed by John P. Carr, Attn'y.	GRANTED	4-12-51
BR-600 Rec'd Filed	1-4-54 1-14-54 1-14-54	Renewal of License Filed by Alfred C. Cordon, Jr., Atty.	Granted	4-21-54
BRC-618 Rec'd Filed	12-9-54 12-23-54 12-23-54	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 265 South Park Street, Decatur, Illinois. Alfred C. Cordon, Atty.	GRANTED	12-29-54

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Name MID-STATES BROADCASTING CO. (AL 12-28-56; EFF: x WDZ BROADCASTING COMPANY

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-1921 Rec'd Filed	3-2-55 3-2-55 3-2-55	Involuntary transfer of licensee corporation from Charles C. Caley, H. Dale Morgan, and Horace L. Lohnes (original stockholders) to Charles C. Caley, Frank C. Schroeder, Jr. and Estate of Horace L. Lohnes, deceased (Executors: Meredith M. Daubin, Raymond B. Harding, Thomas L. Schroyer and The Munsey Trust Company.) Thomas Wilson, Atty.	GRANTED EFF: On 5-23-55 time within which to consummate ext. to 6-20-55	4-6-55 6-9-55
BR-600 Rec'd Filed	8-17-55 8-23-55 8-23-55	Renewal of license Thomas H. Wall, Atty.	GRANTED	11-9-55
BAL-2543 Rec'd Filed	12-6-56 12-20-56 12-20-56	Voluntary assignment of license to Mid-States Broadcasting Co. Ralph L. Walker, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	12-28-56 1-11-57

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Name MID-STATES BROADCASTING CO.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BTC-2617 Rec'd Filed	10-10-57 10-11-57 10-11-57	Voluntary acquisition of poisitive control of licensee corporation by Charles C. Caley thru purchase of stock from Frank C. Schroeder, Jr. (3%) Robert E. Hodson, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	10-23-57 11-21-57
BTC-2794 Rec'd Filed	5-20-58 5-22-58 5-22-58	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Charles C. Caley and Harry E. Witherell to Frank C. Schroeder,, Jr. Ralph L. Walker, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	6-26-58 7-31-58
BR-600 Recd Filed	8-16-58 8-26-58 8-26-58	Renewal of license Robert E. Hodson, attorney	GRANTED	11-5-58

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STEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND, MORRIS E. KEMPER AND T. KEITH COLEMAN dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS

Name x MID-STATES BROADCASTING CO.
DECATUR, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BP-15,040 Rec'd Filed	8-14-61 8-14-61 8-14-61	Construction Permit to increase ~~XXXXXXX~~ power from 1kw to 5kw, install new transmitter (GATES BC-5P-2), and install directional antenna for daytime use(DA-D). Atty: Pierson, Ball & Dowd Engr: Lohnes and Culver	DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE Order-Docket No. 15003	5-29-63
BR-600 R & F	8-25-61 8-25-61	Renewal of License	GRANTED	11-1-61
BAL-1811 R & F	6-19-63 6-24-63	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend, Morris E. Kemper and T. Keith Coleman dba Prairieland Broadcasters Atty for assignee - Arnold, Fortas & Porter " " assignor - Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED EXT:	12-12-63 1-1-64

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Name Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel, W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend, Morris E. Kemper and T. Keith Coleman d/b as PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS
Decatur, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BZ-5219 Rec'd Resub R. & F.	 2-17-64 4-22-64 4-24-64	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.	~~RETURNED~~ ~~not DATED~~ GRANTED	~~6-16-64~~ 5-13-64
BR-600 Rec'd Filed	8-27-64 8-31-64 8-31-64	Renewal of license	GRANTED	11-16-64
BAL-5742 R & F (Form 316)	3-10-66 4-7-66	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend and Morris E. Kemper dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS	GRANTED EFF:	4-29-66 5-23-66
BAL-5964 R & F (Form 316)	1-11-67 1-19-67	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend and Ben H. Townsend dba PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS Atty - Putbrese & Fisher	GRANTED EFF:	2-17-67 3-1-67

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Name STEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND AND BEN H. TOWSEND, d/b as PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-600 R & F OCT 4 1967	7-28-67 8-17-67	Renewal of License	GRANTED	1-18-68
BAL-6460 R & F FEE PD:$30 - #453251 (Form 316) SEP 8 1968	8-20-68 8-22-68	Voluntary assignment of license to Stephen P. Bellinger, Joel W. Townsend, Ben H. Townsend and Reynold Fischmann, dba DECATUR PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS	GRANTED EFF:	9-26-68 11-1-68

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Name STEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND AND REYNOLD FISHMANN, d/b as ~~[illegible]~~ PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS
Decatur, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-600 R & F P.N. PRESS SEP 2 8 1970	8-24-70 9-2-70 9-2-70	Renewal of License Atty: Robert W. Healy AMENDED: 9-17-70 re: Ownership AMENDED 11-30-70 re: commercial matter AMENDED 1-15-71 re: commercial matter	GRANTED	1-29-71
Annual filing fee $104.00 paid 11-6-70 #642633.				
BZ-7854 R & F #1 019622550. AG-067	7-17-71 7-26-71 7-26-71	Direct Measurement Refunded		
DM Amended PRESS	8-2-71 8-13-71 AUG 1 9 1971	re: lic. name	GRANTED	8-20-71

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Name PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS OF DECATUR, INC.
XSTEPHEN P. BELLINGER, JOEL W. TOWNSEND, BEN H. TOWNSEND AND REYNOLD FISHMANN, D/B AS PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS
DECATUR, ILLINOIS

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File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BR-600 R & F PN PRESS	8-16-73 8-28-73 8-28-73 17 SEP 1973	Renewal of License Atty: Keith E. Putbrese AMENDED 8-30-73 re: Trans. logs submitted	GRANTED	11-28-73
BAL-8091 R & F BRE PD: $250 #277312 CODE 047 (Form 316)	1-21-74 2-7-74	Voluntary assignment of license to PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS OF DECATUR, INC. Atty - Keith Putbrese	GRANTED EFF:	2-27-74 2-28-74
BR-600 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-16-76 7-29-76 " SEP 24 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Ltr. 12-7-76 re: prog. logs Richard F.Kennedy,Atty. AMENDED 12-10-76 re: prog.	GRANTED	1-19-77

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Name: PRAIRIELAND BROADCASTERS OF DECATUR, INC.
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Station Location: DECATUR, ILLINOIS

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BR 790801 WY PRESS OCT 1 1979		RENEWAL OF LICENSE David M. Hunsaker, Atty.	GRANTED 12-31-79

RECORD OF APPLICATIONS REQUESTING FACILITIES OF [illegible]NG STATION WDZ

X MID-STATES BROADCASTING CO.

x W D Z BROADCASTING COMPANY

Licensee xJames L. Bush

File No.	Date	Call Letters	Name and Location of Applicant	Remarks	Disposition
4-P-B-2527	3-16-32	New	Walter A. Sommers, Prophetstown, Ill	To erect new station on 1070 kc. 5 watts, facilities of WDZ and WCAZ.	Returned 4-13-3[illegible] Unsat.Tr. and Rule 116.
B4-P-246	11-22-3[illegible]	W C A Z	Superior Broadcasting Service, Inc. Carthage, Ill.	C.P. equip. changes, change power from 10[illegible]w to 250w(daytime) Requesting fac. of WDZ.	Dismissed 2-12-35

FORM 108-M

Renewal Requested	Date Received	Designated for Hearing	Reason	Remarks

RECORD OF APPLICATIONS REQUESTING FACILITIES OF BROADCASTING STATION.....

Licensee

File No.	Date	Call Letters	Name and Location of Applicant	Remarks	Disposition

FORM 108-M

Renewal Requested	Date Received	Designated for Hearing	Reason	Remarks

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 one set is known to 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.