

Elko Television District

Board Meeting Minutes, March 2nd, 2023
6:00 p.m. at the Elko County Court House

Board Members:

Present: Steve Guitar, Kent LeBarts, Charles Schaer, Rick Jimenez and Dale Lotspeich

Absent:

Others Present: Paden Hilyard representing Eagle Communications and Marisa Reeves representing McMullen, McPhee & Co., LLC.

Proceedings

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Steve Guitar

Public Comment: None

Approval of the Minutes February 14th, 2023 Regular Meeting

Dale Lotspeich moved to accept the minutes from the February 14th, 2023 meeting with the correction of Steve being Chairman instead of Rick. Kent LeBarts seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Dale Lotspeich moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Charles Schaer seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Approval & Ratification of Outstanding Bills for payment

Kent LeBarts read aloud the outstanding and ratified bills. Charles Schaer moved to accept the outstanding and ratified bills as read. Dale Lotspeich seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Review and Possible Approval of Updates to Contracts

Verizon Wireless Contract Revisions, AT&T Contract Revisions, Eureka County TV District MOU, CC Communications Leasing Space at Fiber Hut, Anthem Broadband Leasing Conduit Space For Fiber, and Rise Broadband Adding New Equipment On Grindstone

Tabled until next meeting.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Creating a Power Policy

Paden said the equipment hasn't shipped yet, but should soon. He can't access the site right now anyways. Grindstone has a lot of snow. He is going to do a running test for a few months. It will upload continuously to the cloud. The nice thing about the cloud is Marisa could log in to see how much to bill for power that month.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Modifying the Premier Wireless Service Contract Regarding Labor Costs

Repair Service Report and Site Updates

Paden said everything is working well. All air conditioners are working. Temperatures look great on the camera. He still hasn't finished swapping out the antennas at Ryndon because he got COVID.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Purchasing Updated and Additional Testing Equipment, Such as A Spectrum Analyzer and Site Master, For Various Sites

Lamoille, Grindstone, and Peavey have spectrum analyzers at the site. Steve thinks there should be one at Ryndon as well. Charles brought his site master, which also includes a spectrum analyzer, to the meeting. He stated a new one is about \$16,000. A refurbished one is about \$10,000. Charles stated that since the TV District is part of Elko County, they might be able to get the same equipment he has for the GSA price of \$12,000. It would be tax-exempt. Charles is going to verify if the district qualifies. This site master can do modulation analysis and is upgradeable, you just download the firmware from a website.

Rick said his company never left equipment at the site because it would be stolen. Paden recommended it not be left at the site as well. He mentioned the reason the analyzers were originally left at the sites was that they were extremely heavy. Paden said the readings are close, but the equipment has never been professionally aligned or calibrated. The units are over 20 years old. Rick suggested the equipment be calibrated yearly. Paden said the cost of doing so would be around \$1,000 with an additional \$300 to \$400 for shipping.

Paden suggested getting a full vector analyzer for \$7,000 if the board wants to keep the equipment there. Kent thinks if we get the equipment Paden should just keep it with him.

Dale Lotspeich moved to purchase the site master at the GSA rate of \$12,000 if the TV District qualifies. Charles Schaer seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Purchasing an IP Stream Device to Connect in Partnership with Eureka to Fiber from Reno

The quote would be to entirely replace the streaming system and partner with Eureka. There is already equipment at the data switch. Licenses are per stream. The TV District only needs 6 there, but that can always be adjusted. There are 9 channels built into a switch in case there is a need for more channels later. Doing this would allow the TV District to cut off White Cloud which would save \$2,700 a month from the Reno side alone. The cost would be about \$1,000 a month. Adding Sales Lake could be about \$200 a month. A direct connection from CC Communication in Elko would only be a couple of hundred dollars a month. KSL has been operating off Eagle Communication's internet for the past two months. This could fix some of the pixelation and sound-off on the video. There are a couple of channels that have a lot of de-sync, like Channel 8.

This quote covers the equipment, licenses, and network equipment. The premium support is optional tech support and firmware updates. The license will eventually be stripped to the actual hardware. The TV District will have to buy 30 licenses, but those can be split up a bit. Sale Lake will have 6 licenses, Elko will have 15 and then there will be 9 at the switch. Paden thinks we only have about a year to move the licenses, then they are set.

Charles Schaer moved to purchase the equipment for \$44,800. Dale Lotspeich seconded the motion. Charles amended his motion to proceed with the purchase with the caveat of a demonstration. Dale seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Current and Future Capital Projects as Follows but Not Limited To:

Servicing Adobe Summit Area, Updates on New Ryndon Tower & Generator, and Updates on New Peavey Generator

Tabled until next meeting.

Other Capital Projects

The perimeter at Peavey is about 100 feet, which would be all around the tower, building, and both generators. Paden showed a picture of the snow currently at Peavey. It would be good to get a survey done of the property in the spring to make sure the fence will be installed at the correct location. The last survey done was in 1981. Steve asked Marisa to relay to Cenni that they would like a quote for the fence and survey at the next meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comment: None

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on April 11th, 2023.