

Elko Television District

Board Meeting Minutes, September 14th, 2023
6:00 p.m. at the Elko County Court House

Board Members:

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

Absent: Dale Lotspeich

Others Present: Cenni Jimenez representing Premier Wireless, 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 August 10th, 2023 Meeting

Kent LeBarts moved to accept the minutes from the August 10th, 2023 meeting. Rick Jimenez seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report and List of Currently Approved Capital Projects

Marisa read the treasurer's report and discussed the total amount of potential capital projects, totaling slightly over the budgeted amount for 2024. Cenni stated he would complete the generator and ice covers for Peavey before winter. He might not finish the fence until after the snow. Cenni received a preliminary power route from NV Energy for Snowbowl. The only other invoice will be for engineering. Cenni stated they could wait on the Peavey fence until next year. He is 75% complete with the excavation. Cenni also stated there would be 5 months he won't bill for grounding on Grindstone because of winter. Kent LeBarts moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Rick Jimenez 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. Rick Jimenez seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Updates On FCC Notices and Possibly Keeping the FCC Lawyers on Retainer

Marisa stated that all the penalties have been paid. Paden has updated all contact information. All the coordinates have been updated as well. The board feels there is no reason to put them on a retainer since there shouldn't be any ongoing issues, however they would like to keep their contact information for the future.

Review and Possible Approval of Updates to Contracts

Albino Ortega

Marisa stated that Albino is in arrears over a year. He hasn't made a payment since May. The board asked Marisa to draft a letter to give him 30 days to make a payment or his equipment will be shut off.

Eureka County TV District MOU

Paden said they are finally seeing a little bit of progress with the District Attorney.

CC Communications Leasing Space at Fiber Hut, Anthem Broadband Leasing Conduit Space for Fiber, Rise Broadband Adding New Equipment on Grindstone, and Skyfiber Locating to Grindstone

No new updates.

Contract Renewals for the Following: Coach USA, Elko Broadcasting Company, Nevada Department of Information Technology, Nevada Department of Transportation, and Premier Wireless Services

No new updates.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Meeting with the City of Elko About the Lease Contracts for the Elko City Fire and the Ruby Vista Site

Kent and Steve had a meeting with the City about the Ruby Vista contract, which is just a renewal of the current contract. The city stated that the TV District was only paying \$1 for the Ruby Vista Site, however the City of Elko Fire was paying \$4,000 per year. Steve feels that the city will want to charge the TV District \$4,000 per year for Snowbowl, so it would be a wash. The city doesn't want a 3% annual increase. Cenni is waiting for the final drawings from NV Energy and needs to get the city up there to get actual boundaries. Marisa suggested changing the wording on the City of Elko Fire contract to add the List of Equipment as an addendum to add equipment easier later on.

Discussion and Possible Approval and Updates on Inspections, Repairs or Issues on TV District Sites and Towers as Follows, But Not Limited To:

Updates on Grindstone Foundation Analysis and Updates on Grindstone Grounding Issues

Cenni stated that the foundation failed. The concrete is only 2.5 feet thick. It is failing because there is not enough weight. They now need to do drawings to see how much it will cost to repair the concrete. Only the metal building is having issues as far as grounding. Cenni can do as much as he can until winter, and then he can wait until the next fiscal year to bill. Kent LeBarts moved to approve the quote of \$12,000 for engineering and drawings on the Grindstone foundation. Rick Jimenez seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Possible Approval of Grindstone Tower Retrofitting

Cenni said they should be getting the bolts soon.

Creating a Power Policy

Paden has been holding off because of the grounding issues. The power is in the metal building.

Annual Spring Inspections of All Sites and Partnering with Elko County Soil Conservation Districts to Assist in Noxious Weed Management

Tabled until next meeting.

Discussion, Updates and Possible Action Regarding EIP Performing Grounding Inspections and Maintenance on Grindstone

Cenni reached out to Everest to see if they were going to be making any modifications. He reminded them that their lease only includes the footprint of their tower. Everest did an inspection but won't

share the report with the TV District. Cenni will be going up on October 1st to fix NGM's microwave. Paden said Everest wants to do a one-time payment for the full lease, instead of paying each year.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Verizon Wireless Requests for Modifications on Lamoille and Grindstone Including Possible Rate Change to Contract

Verizon is waiting for the tower and foundation to be upgraded.

Updates and Possible Action Regarding AT&T Installing a Generator at the Grindstone Site and Possible Rate Increase on Contract

Cenni has not heard from AT&T. He is still waiting for their updated drawings.

Discussion, Updates and Possible Action Regarding Building a Site on Top of Elko Snowbowl and All Matters Related Thereto

Tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion, Updates and Possible Action on Preparation Work for Building a New Tower on Grindstone and All Matters Related Thereto

Cenni stated there is an antenna next to the tower. It was part of the old TV District's owned translator. Steve said if it's not connected to anything to get rid of it. Cenni wants to take down the red and white tower. Steve said if there is nothing on it, he can take it down.

Discussion and Possible Approval of NDOT Upgrading Grounding and Building Updates on Peavey Hill Building #2

Paden said NDOT is asking permission to make grounding upgrades. They will be installing 6 to 8 ground rods. They also want to level and secure Peavey Building #2 on a concrete pad. Half of the building is currently on some stack blocks and the other half on the tower foundation, so it's leaning. Paden said they might put up an ice shield, but they won't need it if the cables are installed properly. They are looking to start on Monday. Kent LeBarts moved to approve NDOT to do their upgrades. If any of the TV District property is damaged in the process, they would be responsible to pay for it. Rick Jimenez seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Changing the Frequency for Channel 20 on Peavey, Including Replacement or Change of Equipment if Necessary

Paden stated broadcasters are trying to move from VHF. By TV Translator law, since we are a secondary service to the primary station, Channel 10 can change whatever station they like and bump us. Paden is working on the engineering to change channel 20 to channel 19. It won't interfere with anything coming from Lamoille or Grindstone. We must file the displacement with the FCC. Since some of the TV District licenses are no longer in service, primarily on the Reno side, several of the microwaves will need to be updated. A re-coordination will need to be done through a coordinator, which will cost about a few hundred dollars per license. Each license that is no longer in service will also need to be canceled.

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

Updates on New Peavey Generator

They have trenched all the way and the generator is here in Elko. They will finish the project later this month.

Ryndon Generator

They are having issues with the generator and propane. Suburban Propane did not add any regulators. It blew a gasket in the generator. They also found a leak in the line. Cenni said it will probably be his responsibility to get it fixed. He won't bill us for it.

Link from Lamoille to Peavey for TV Channel or Security Use, Updates on IP Stream Device to Connect to Fiber, Updates on Replacing Fence at Peavey, and Updates on Purchasing a Sitemaster
Tabled until next meeting.

Repair Service Report and Site Updates

Paden stated he had to repair an IP device, but it is back for testing.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Public Comment: None

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on October 12th, 2023.