

Elko Television District

Board Meeting Minutes, February 1st, 2024
6:00 p.m. at the Elko County Court House

Board Members:

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

Absent:

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

Proceedings

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

Public Comment: Paul Barnhart has lived here since 1976, but he has been gone the last 5 years. He commended the board and urged them to protect it for the County. He stated that when you go onto the website there is a pop-up that stays for 20 seconds. There is no way to close the pop-up, you just have to wait it out.

Approval of the Minutes January 4th, 2024 Meeting

Dale Lotspeich moved to accept the minutes from the January 4th, 2024 meeting. Kent LeBarts seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Marisa noted that Albino and Global One Media both made a payment in January. She also noted that there is not much budget left for capital projects. Due to the date of the meeting, no financial statements were provided.

Discussion and Approval of Property Tax Rate to Levy in Fiscal Year 2025

The board agreed to keep the current rate. Charles stated it's rumored that the panel wants to ask for 22 cents. Dale stated the County already has 44 cents of it.

Approval & Ratification of Outstanding Bills for payment

Kent LeBarts read aloud the outstanding and ratified bills. Dale Lotspeich moved to accept the outstanding and ratified bills as read. Kent LeBarts seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous. Since the rates of the audits have gone up, Dale would like to put it out to bid.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Lumen Fiber Connection for Salt Lake

Paden said choosing the option of Fiber Plus, on a shared circuit with Eureka at the 500mb circuit it would be about \$300 a month. Or if the board chose to do a dedicated circuit at a higher level of internet access it would be \$580 a month. There are options to upgrade in the future. Paden said the TV District only needs about 200mb. In the interest of cost, Paden recommends going with Fiber Plus and it doesn't require a 3-year contract like the dedicated circuit. Dale Lotspeich moved to approve installing the Fiber Plus circuit for 500mb for \$298.95 a month. Charles Schaer seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Repair Service Report and Site Updates

Paden said the generator door on Peavey won't stay closed. The door was destroyed by a storm. He managed to get it closed, but you would have to use a truck to get the door open. A new door is on order. The frame is fine. The lock is completely broken. A new lock set is about \$1,300.

One trip up the summit Paden reset a few pieces of equipment that wouldn't talk. He is experimenting with some different CAT6 cables to possibly minimize the size of the cable.

KSL had a piece of equipment fail, so they replaced it, but the installation didn't go as planned. It took them two weeks to get the equipment stable.

Review and Possible Approval of Updates to Contracts

Eureka County TV District MOU, CC Communications Leasing Space at Fiber Hut, Skyfiber Locating to Grindstone, EIP New Contract, NDOT Leasing Space in Peavey Building #2, and Rise Broadband Adding 2 Dishes

Tabled until next meeting.

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

Tabled until next meeting.

Anthem Broadband Leasing Conduit Space for Fiber

Charles asked if Anthem Broadband was going to lease conduit space. Paden said it was highly unlikely since they were already trenching at the airport and knocked out the Frontier circuit including 911. It looks like it is outside the TV District easement.

Kent stated there is a pole on the right-hand side with antennas still attached. He thought that pole was temporary until the Fiber Hut was put up. It looks like it's White Cloud equipment. Kent said to investigate getting rid of the temporary pole.

Updates and Possible Action Regarding Verizon Wireless Modifications on Lamoille & Grindstone, Lease Contract Changes and All Matters Related Thereto

Tabled until next meeting.

Updates and Possible Action Regarding AT&T Installing a Generator at Grindstone and All Matters Related Thereto

Tabled until next meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Creation of a Local Public Access Channel for Elko County

Tabled until next meeting.

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

Grindstone Grounding Issues, New Site on Top of Elko Snowbowl, Building a New Tower on Grindstone, Creating a Power Policy, Link from Lamoille to Peavey for TV Channel or Security Use,

Updates on IP Stream Device to Connect to Fiber, Updates on New Peavey Generator, Updates on Replacing Fence at Peavey and Updates on Purchasing Sitemaster
Tabled until next meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: Dale would like an agenda item added in November, December and January each year reminding the board to fill out their contribution and expense reports annually.

Public Comment: None

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on March 12th, 2024.