

## **Elko Television District**

Board Meeting Minutes, March 28th, 2024

5:00 p.m. at the McMullen McPhee Office

### **Board Members:**

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

Absent:

**Others Present:** Cenni Jimenez representing Premier Wireless, Brian Riley representing himself, and Marisa Reeves representing McMullen, McPhee & Co., LLC.

### **Proceedings**

Meeting called to order at 4:56 p.m. by Steve Guitar

**Public Comment:** None

### **Review, Discussion and Action of Request for Proposals for Professional Audit Services for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Dale Lotspeich moved to accept the Audit Proposal from the current auditor, Anderson Bros. CPAs. Charles Schaer seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

**Public Comment:** Dale said he received an email from Curtis Moor stating they are trying to change the DMA so Elko is in the Nevada market. Dale's opinion is it would be best to work with Curtis. If we provide county services which is really our mission, we give the commission no ammunition against us. If we setup a capital plan it is less likely they will come back and demand some tax back.

Steve mention that the TV District should work on a priority Capital Project List. Cenni stated it will probably be about \$500-\$600,000 to put up the new tower on Grindstone, another \$500,000 for the grounding and then \$250,000 for NV Energy alone at SnowBowl. They will have to bore under the freeway, which may take up to two years to accomplish. Steve mentioned that equipment will also need to be updated on the various sites. The equipment on Ryndon and Wells was put in when Jon Karr's dad was on the board. We may need to build a site on Pequop because of the bandwidth. Wells was at one time considering a tax to be in the TV District boundaries.

Cenni mentioned that AT&T wants to do an upgrade on Grindstone as well as Verizon. Verizon is starting with their Lamoille upgrades little by little. The tower would be at 105% loading if AT&T did their upgrades. Steve said to tell AT&T they will have to wait until the new tower is built. Cenni recommended to drop the size of the tower to 100' to drop costs, but still to over-build the foundation so the tower could be expanded later.

Dale mentioned the board will need to discuss the tentative budget at the next meeting. Also, the Fire District may approach the board about potential sites they want to get onto. Dale would also like to see a regular agenda item for Public Safety and Communication on TV District Sites. They would also like to keep the agenda item of AdValorem taxes as a discussion.

**Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:17 p.m.**

**The next regular meeting will be held on April 9th, 2024.**