

**Elko Television District**  
Board Meeting Minutes, May 7th, 2024  
6:00 p.m. at the Elko County Court House

**Board Members:**

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

Absent:

**Others Present:** Cenni Jimenez representing Premier Wireless, 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 April 9th, 2024 Meeting**

Dale Lotspeich moved to accept the minutes from the April 9th, 2024 meeting. Rick Jimenez seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

**Approval of the Treasurer's Report**

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

**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.

**Approval of Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Engagement Letter**

Dale Lotspeich moved to accept the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Engagement Letter. Rick Jimenez seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

**Discussion and Approval of Donating Old Ryndon Container to Spring Creek Middle School Ham Club**

Dale Lotspeich moved to donate the old Ryndon container to the Spring Creek Ham Club. Rick Jimenez seconded the motion. Kent and Steve abstained. The vote was unanimous.

**Review and Possible Approval of Updates to Contracts**

*Eureka County TV District MOU, CC Communications Leasing Space at Fiber Hut, EIP New Contract, NDOT Leasing Space in Peavey Building #2, Elko Fire District Possibly Leasing Space on TV District Sites and Contract Renewals for the Following: Albino Ortega, Elko County School District, Nevada Gold Mines, Skyfiber Video, Wells Rural Electric, White Cloud*

Tabled until next meeting.

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

Cenni said Verizon ran out of money already, but it is on the top of their list.

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

AT&T gave Cenni all the information needed for the new loading. They are currently drawing up a amendment to the lease agreement.

### **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Grindstone Inspection Report**

Cenni reported there was a lot of incorrect installation. A TV District conductor is being run alongside the propane tank owned by Verizon. It is not rated for being above ground. Steve said that needs to be put in conduit. Dale thinks it should be fixed to a standard that would provide the best protection. Cenni said the conductor would need to be replaced as well, it wouldn't be long enough to correct. Cenni will provide a quote for the next meeting.

Cenni pointed out last year that the red & white tower is missing cross-members, poles, and anchor nuts. Cenni feels it's in the best interest of the board to put up a sign to NOT CLIMB THE TOWER. Dale suggests with the fact that TV District is updating the infrastructure to send a letter to who owns equipment saying that we can't keep the current ice bridge since it needs to be updated and the tower has become a safety issue so we are thinking of condemning it. Dale wants to know what options they have for broadcasting. Steve said find out if the antenna is still active, if yes find out who is broadcasting and let them know that we are tearing down the tower. Rise Broadband and Radio 74 are up there. Marisa said Radio 74 is having financial issues. Dale said the TV District wouldn't mind footing the bill to move Radio 74.

### **Discussion and Possible Approval of Quote for New Grindstone Tower Steel**

Cenni said the foundation would still be poured to accommodate a 120' tower in case to add extra steel later. This tower has 2 waveguide ladders. They will have to tie the block building into this tower as well. Steve thinks since there is enough elevation on the mountain, the 100' would be best to save some money. Cenni said he has net 30 with Valmont. He could order it, and he could invoice us on 7/1/24. Tabled until the special board meeting.

### **Discussion and Possible Approval of Updating Grindstone Drawings and Adding a Utility Page Showing all Existing Underground Utilities**

Cenni already has some of the utilities marked and has a lot of the grounding done now. Cenni asked if the board would approve about \$2,000 to hire a contractor to map all utilities underground. He has drawings of grindstone, but throughout the next year, he would like to slowly update and add the utilities as well. Steve doesn't see a problem with that. Dale moved to authorize Premier Wireless to complete the updated grindstone drawings, adding a utility page to the drawings. Kent LeBarts seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

### **Discussion, Updates, Possible Approval and Creating a Priority List of Current and Future Capital Projects as Follows but Not Limited To:**

#### ***Grindstone Grounding Issues***

Cenni got the block building about 90% complete for grounding. The old tower is 100% complete. About 50% of the metal building is dug and ready for grounding. They have dug about 75% around

the generator building for grounding. The entry ports into buildings don't have an actual metal entry point, it's just a block cut out of the block building. They are installing a 6-port entry port with a new ice bridge going to the old tower. Once the old entry port is unused, he will put a new port going to the new tower.

***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 Replacing Fence at Peavey and Updates on Purchasing Sitemaster, and Possible Capital Projects: Fix Lighting at Pequops, Pour concrete at Paradise Dr to Control Weeds, Updating TV District Equipment on Various Sites***

Tabled until next meeting.

**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Removing Temporary Pole at Elko Airport Fiber Hut**

Tabled until next meeting.

**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Changing the DMA (Designated Marketing Area) for Elko County from Salt Lake to Reno**

Tabled until next meeting.

**Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Public Safety and Communication on TV District Sites**

Tabled until next meeting.

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

Tabled until next meeting.

**Repair Service Report and Site Updates**

Tabled until next meeting.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.**

**The next regular meeting will be held on June 13th, 2024. A special meeting will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.**