

Elko Television District
Board Meeting Minutes, July 11th, 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: Brian Riley representing himself, 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 June 13th, 2024 Meeting

Dale Lotspeich moved to accept the minutes from the June 13th, 2024 meeting. Rick Jimenez seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Dale Lotspeich moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Kent LeBarts 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. Rick Jimenez seconded the motion; 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.

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

New Site on Top of Elko Snowbowl

Dale Lotspeich moved to accept the Elko Snowbowl lease as drafted by the City of Elko. Rick Jimenez seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Grindstone Grounding Issues, Building a New Tower on Grindstone, Updating TV District Equipment on Various Sites, 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, Updates on Purchasing Sitemaster, and Possible Capital Projects: Fix Lighting at Pequops, Pour concrete at Paradise Dr to Control Weeds,
Tabled until next meeting.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Quote for Building a New Tower on Grindstone

Dale mentioned the board was surprised by the price of the quote. Dale moved to accept the updated quote proposal of \$654,069 for the foundation, grounding, tower transport, assembly and stack, and cable raceways and ice bridge installation pending a Formal written estimate from Premier Wireless Services.

Charles questioned the reason for listing grounding on the quote, but Dale mentioned the grounding for the new tower hasn't been done yet. Charles also doesn't understand why there is a charge for molds for grounding when Cenni should already have those. Charles along with most the board has questions about some of these costs.

Dale moved to withdraw his motion. This item will be tabled until the next meeting.

Repair Service Report and Site Updates

Paden stated that since the last time he was at a meeting, some of the equipment was mis-configured but things are back up and working. A few air conditioners have gone down but Parker Solutions has repaired them and is doing some preventative maintenance. The Ryndon air conditioner should have been repaired last week. Cummins should be doing some preventative maintenance on the generators as well.

Rick asked if it was possible to put up a different message besides "Signal Lost". Paden replied that it cannot be changed. Paden recently upgraded his phone system and is going to make sure the voicemail doesn't has a limit.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding NDOT Plan on Peavey Hill and Updating Contract

Paden said they have started deploying the Network and Security in building #2. The door just got put on. NDOT has their T-25 equipment in and is working on putting a T-25 antenna on the tower. The only thing left is to update the attachments page for the contract.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Disconnecting the Service from White Cloud

Paden said the service from White Cloud can be disconnected at any time now. The only time it would go out is if Eagle Communications lost power. He is not sure when CC Communications will go into the Fiber Hut. Dale said it would be better to purchase a small generator for Eagle Communications for \$2,000 than to pay thousands each month to White Cloud. Right now there is not a back-up for fiber failure. Paden could possibly get an Anthem link, but he's not sure they are really reliable. It could also work over Star-link. Dale asked Paden to get a spec sheet for the next meeting if they partnered with Eureka to get rid of White Cloud completely. The equipment would be point to point from Eagle Communications to the TV District Fiber Hut or Lamoille Summit. The District would only need this until CC Communications get into the Fiber Hut.

Discussion and Possible Action on Moving Old Ryndon Building to Spring Creek Middle School

Tabled until next meeting.

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

Tabled until next meeting.

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 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.

Old Business: Dale mentioned the County is working on a draft proposal for public safety

New Business: Steve would like an agenda item in October or November to talk about board positions.

Public Comment: None

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on August 8th, 2024.