

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

Board Members:

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

Absent: Dale Lotspeich

Others Present: Brian Riley representing himself, Paden Hilyard representing Eagle Communications, 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 July 11th, 2024 Meeting

Kent LeBarts moved to accept the minutes from the July 11th, 2024 meeting. Rick Jimenez seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Rick Jimenez 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. Rick Jimenez moved to accept the outstanding and ratified bills as read except for Premier Wireless. Kent LeBarts seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Partnering with Eureka to Disconnect the Service from White Cloud

Paden said this MOU is for sharing services from the switch data center. Phase 2 is to get two backups this winter or next year. Reno channels have been doing well on tests. Eagle has not had CC Communications go down in the last 6 months. And when they do go down, they get it fixed quickly. Reno channels can be backed up through Starlink. Steve said to disconnect White Cloud. Paden asked if he should disconnect both Salt Lake and Reno connections. With the equipment they have now, they can cover both connections.

Rick Jimenez moved to disconnect all White Cloud Services and continue with the TV District's fiber connection. Kent LeBarts seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Repair Service Report and Site Updates

Paden stated that Parker did some air conditioner repairs. They will be going up to Pequop and Peavey as well.

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

Paden said the State has started to move into Peavey Building #2 but they haven't started the equipment yet. He hopes to get the contract back soon.

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

Steve said Cenni will not be getting the \$327,000 invoiced for the Grindstone project. Charles did receive answers to his questions from the last meeting. Cenni explained the quote is for the tower foundation, ground ring, stacking the tower, and doing a raceway from the building to the tower. He went with 6" conduits underground for the raceway instead of an ice bridge because it's cheaper and will last longer. The ground ring is around the new site as well as the block shelter and tower. This quote also includes the second waveguide ladder on the tower in conjunction if another is needed. This quote excludes the shelter, shelter pad, generator, generator pad, and all electrical. The price of concrete is outrageous. The Anchor bolts and tower are ready. The manufacturer will hold onto it for a week until they start charging for storage. Charles asked what would be done first if the project was split up into phases. Cenni said the tower foundation would be done first. Kent asked if the tower could be delivered to the TV District building. Cenni replied that they would be paying for transportation twice.

Steve thinks it would be reasonable to approve \$150,000 to get the project started. This is the most sizeable project the TV District has undertaken. Steve wants to see copies of the receipts from the equipment and materials. Steve cautioned two county people are mad at the TV District, so the board needs to watch the pennies. Cenni said that \$150,000 will cover the main excavation and the rebar installation, with no concrete.

Charles Schaer moved to approve \$150,000 to start the New Grindstone Tower project with the stipulation that Cenni provide itemized invoices for all monies spent on the project. Kent LeBarts 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, 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 Action on Moving Old Ryndon Building to Spring Creek Middle School

Remove from the Agenda.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Removing Temporary Pole at Elko Airport Fiber Hut
Remove from the Agenda.

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

Updates and Possible Action Regarding AT&T Installing a Generator at Grindstone and All Matters Related Thereto
Remove from the Agenda.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Public Safety and Communication on TV District Sites
Remove from the Agenda.

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

Old Business: None

New Business: Paden is working on getting numbers for equipment replacements for the old Larcans through Anywave.

Public Comment: None

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

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