

Elko Television District

Board Meeting Minutes, August 11th, 2022

6:00 p.m. at the Elko County Court House

Board Members:

Present: Steve Guitar, Kent LeBarts, Misty Atkins, and Rick Jimenez.

Absent: Dale Lotspeich

Others Present: Paden Hilyard representing Eagle Communications, Cenni Jimenez by phone representing Premier Wireless, Charles Schaer 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: Charles Schaer was very upset about the tv channels being out at Ryndon. He asked if there had been a posting about the Ryndon tv channels being down during the switch from the old to the new tower. Steve said he posted it on FaceBook. Charles told the board he wants to see more notice. He would like to see flyers, FaceBook posts, posts on the website, and more. He said he wouldn't mind picking up the flyers to be put out at Ryndon. Charles wants the board to let him know if something goes on in Ryndon so that he can let the community know.

Charles also thinks the TV District should have spares of all their equipment and antennas. He thinks everything should be a turn-key site, meaning to wait until all the equipment is received and then build. He works for the Federal Aviation Administration. Paden replied that the antennas are very specialized. They are not for a wide range of channels, so it would be very difficult to keep spares on hand. Charles thinks the board should have a 5-year building plan. The board tried to explain that currently they are working on a lot of repairs to the sites since nothing had been done to maintain them.

Approval of Minutes July 14th, 2022 Regular Meeting

Misty Atkins moved to accept the minutes from the July 14th, 2022 meeting as written. Kent LeBarts seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Marisa explained that money had to be moved from the Raymond James account to pay for bills. Kent LeBarts moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written. Rick Jimenez seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Approval & Ratify Outstanding Bills for payment

Misty Atkins read aloud the outstanding and ratified bills. Misty Atkins moved to accept the outstanding and ratified bills as read. Kent LeBarts seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Review and Possible Approval of Updates to Contracts

Radio 74 Internationale New Contract

Kent LeBarts moved to approve the contract as written. Rick Jimenez seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Verizon Wireless Contract Renewal

Verizon wants a rate reduction on both sites and to lock in the rate for 5 years. The board told Paden to counter offer with a TV District standard contract with a 3% annual rate increase.

Eureka County TV MOU

Paden said they will be discussing this at their meeting tomorrow. The equipment has been working very well.

AT&T Contract Update,

Tabled until the next meeting.

Repair Service Report and Site Updates

Paden said the fiber dropped out and there were outages everywhere. Century Link also had a failure.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Donation to Civil Air Patrol

The CAP contacted Paden last week to volunteer to do some cleaning at the TV District Building. Steve thinks a minimum donation of \$4,000 would be good. Kent feels that is a little high. Cenni suggested having them also go to Grindstone and Lamoille to pick up trash. Rick thinks the donation should be \$3,500. Kent LeBarts moved to donate \$3,700 to the Civil Air Patrol for cleanup at the TV District Building. Rick Jimenez seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Possible Approval of a Link from Lamoille to Peavey for TV Channel or Security Use Including, But Not Limited to, Building a District Owned Site in Deeth

This is still going slowly. They are waiting for the equipment.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Purchasing an IP Stream Device to Connect in Partnership with Eureka to Fiber from Reno

Tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Old Lamoille Tower Foundation

Cenni stated they decided to get soil samples closer to the foundation, and now the foundation is passing in the high 90s. So now the only problem is the tower. The labor price would stay the same from the prior quote, however, materials have gone up eight percent. The lead time is also about 10 weeks. Currently, the tower is 147% overloaded. Replacing the cross members would bring it down to 95%. Kent LeBarts motioned to order material to replace the cross members. Misty Atkins seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

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

Correcting Old Lamoille Tower Overloading, Servicing Adobe Summit Area, and Updates on New Peavey Generator

Tabled until the next meeting.

Updates on New Ryndon Tower & Generator

A Ryndon antenna just failed, there isn't a spare. It's a VHF antenna and low band. Therefore channel 8 is out. Paden is going to check with Eureka to see if they have any spares to borrow.

Old Business: Cenni inspected the Fire Department installation. He found about 15 butterfly clamps on the ground. No butterfly clamps are allowed. Steve said to notify them about this.

Paden stated that he still has the Rise Broadband certified letter in his truck. He will get it in the mail asap.

There hasn't been any update from the Sherriff on the break-in. The building repairs are all going well. All the cameras are in, the security system is in, and the new gate has been installed.

The new gutters were damaged in shipping, so they had to wait for new ones to arrive. They will be installing them next week.

New Business: Verizon wants to add 2 6' dishes and remove a 4' dish on Grindstone, however that tower is at capacity on old standards. It would definitely be over capacity using new standards.

Marisa relayed a message from Crystal to notify the board that the website is finished. She is just waiting on approval from the board before she makes it 'live'.

Public Comment: None

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on September 8th, 2022.