

## **Elko Television District**

Board Meeting Minutes, November 9th, 2023  
6:00 p.m. at the Elko County Court House

### **Board Members:**

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

Absent:

**Others Present:** Albino Ortega representing KYUW-FM 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 October 12th, 2023 Meeting**

Kent LeBarts moved to accept the minutes from the September 14th, 2023 meeting. Dale Lotspeich seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

### **Approval of the Treasurer's Report and List of Currently Approved Capital Projects**

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.

### **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Albino Ortega's Outstanding Balance and His Refusal to Pay Finance Charges**

Albino Ortega stated that before the pandemic he paid his bills, but after the pandemic it was hard. Even though the pandemic is over, they are still not at even 50% of what they were doing before the pandemic. They are a small business, and he is just asking for a little more time to catch up.

Steve replied that they forgave a lot during the pandemic, but his payments have been sporadic. Steve just wants communication from him. This is the first email they have seen from him. Kent said they want the money of course, but that's not the issue. Kent doesn't want him to be in the hole so far that he can't catch up.

Dale Lotspeich moved to suspend the interest charges for 6 months and requested that \$150 minimum monthly payments be made and at that time will re-evaluate if they continue to waive the interest. Kent LeBarts seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

**Discussion and Possible Approval of Creating a New Contract with EIP and Discussion, Updates and Possible Action Regarding EIP Performing Grounding Inspections and Maintenance on Grindstone**

Steve noted that EIP never signed as a representative on the transfer of the lease. EIP wants to charge the TV District \$16,000 for the mobilization fee. The board discussed if they should have Nancy Porter draft an addendum or a new contract to have a duly assigned person from EIP sign it. Dale thinks we should direct Nancy to include appropriate language for notifications and installation standards and give Nancy the authorization to work with Steve to negotiate any fees we may be liable for. Steve asked Marisa to get with Nancy to draft an addendum. Kent re-emphasized that if he and Cenni had not been there and stopped EIP, they would have exceeded their legal boundaries.

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

*Eureka County TV District MOU, CC Communications Leasing Space at Fiber Hut, Anthem Broadband Leasing Conduit Space for Fiber, Rise Broadband Adding New Equipment on Grindstone, and Skyfiber Locating to Grindstone*

Tabled until next meeting.

*Contract Renewals for the Following: Coach USA, Elko Broadcasting Company, Nevada Department of Information Technology, Nevada Department of Transportation, and Premier Wireless Services*

Tabled until next meeting.

**Updates and Possible Action Regarding Upgrading the Foundation and Verizon Wireless Modifications on Grindstone and All Matters Related Thereto**

Tabled until next meeting.

**Updates and Possible Action Regarding Verizon Wireless Modifications on Lamoille, 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 Approval of Security and Network Upgrades for Peavey Building #2**

Tabled until next meeting.

**Discussion and Possible Approval of NDOT Contract to Lease Space in Peavey Building #2 Most Likely in Year 2025**

Tabled until next meeting.

**Updates and Possible Action Regarding Building a Site on Top of Elko Snowbowl and All Matters Related Thereto**

Tabled until next meeting.

**Updates and Possible Action on Preparation Work for Building a New Tower on Grindstone and All Matters Related Thereto**

Tabled until next meeting.

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

***Grindstone Grounding Issues, Creating a Power Policy, Link from Lamoille to Peavey for TV Channel or Security Use, Updates on New Peavey Generator, Updates on IP Stream Device to Connect to Fiber, Updates on Replacing Fence at Peavey, Updates on Purchasing Sitemaster, and Partnering with Elko County Soil Conservation Districts to Assist in Noxious Weed Management***

Tabled until next meeting.

**Repair Service Report and Site Updates**

Tabled until next meeting.

**New Business:** Dale got with the Fire District Chief and they are very interested in working with the TV District and setting up their equipment on TV District sites to get off the State sites. If the Chief can draft a letter to ENCHI in Wells to request fiber, they would get the county manager to sign off on the letter. Dale asked if he could be made duly assigned coordinator on this project.

**Old Business:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.**

**The next regular meeting will be held on December 14th, 2023.**