

Elko Television District

Board Meeting Minutes, December 8th, 2022
6:00 p.m. at the Elko County Court House

Board Members:

Present: Rick Jimenez, Kent LeBarts, Misty Atkins, and Dale Lotspeich

Absent: Steve Guitar

Others Present: Cenni Jimenez representing Premier Wireless, Paden Hilyard representing Eagle Communications, Crystal Koppe representing Koppe Co., and Marisa Reeves representing McMullen, McPhee & Co., LLC.

Proceedings

Meeting called to order at 5:58 p.m. by Rick Jimenez

Public Comment: None

Approval of the Minutes November 10th, 2022 Regular Meeting

Kent LeBarts moved to accept the minutes from the November 10th, 2022 meeting as written. Misty Atkins 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

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

Verizon Wireless Contract Revisions

The dish has been removed. Cenni said they wanted to place their dish at the same location, but they don't have a line of sight. They would have to go up about ten feet but there's no room. Their original proposal had the antenna up higher. The tower has been updated by AT&T at the base, so they determined they were still within the capacity of the foundation. Cenni thought it might be beneficial for the district to discuss adding a new tower up on Grindstone. Dale doesn't think a new tower is necessary when there is another tower 100 feet away on the same mountain, even though it's a different Lessee. The TV District's primary purpose isn't to generate revenue, so why spend so much money on a new tower? Cenni said Verizon needs to rip the main line out and change to fiber. Cenni thinks the TV District should do its own structural analysis. Dale agrees and said that Verizon should pay for that.

Dale moved to give Premier Wireless authorization to negotiate the loading and make a recommendation on behalf of the board so that it comes in under maximum load and report at the next meeting. Kent seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

AT&T Contract Revisions

Steve had Paden order the equipment for the power study, he will put it in when the snow melts. When they have the air conditioners on, he expects the usage to go up. They are currently at a 200 amp service. NV Energy has increased the rate by about 9 cents per Kw/hr. He thinks the TV district should charge 11 cents, or possibly even up it to 13 cents. This would include a margin for repairs that the TV District would most likely have to make in the future. The TV District's electrical cost is about \$400/mo. Misty thinks we should charge 13 cents because there have been several increases by the energy company, so if there's another increase the TV District won't have to change the rate. We need to add an agenda item about setting a power policy. Paden said they could set a specific one for Verizon since they are coming up for renewal.

Eureka County TV District MOU

The connectivity is going to happen this spring, or as soon as the snow melts.

CC Communications Leasing Space at Fiber Hut and Anthem Broadband Leasing Conduit Space For Fiber

No new updates

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Rise Broadband Unauthorized Equipment, Site Access and Adding New Equipment on Grindstone

They have not replied to any of the emails since it was stated they need to remove the unauthorized equipment on Grindstone. Dale said to send a certified notice in the mail giving them 10 days to remove it.

Discussion, Updates, and Possible Action on Installation Inspections for the Following Tenants:

SkyFiber and City of Elko Fire

The City of Elko Fire said someone was sick and then stated there were unsafe climbing conditions. They have until the end of this week. Dale thinks if they are safety issues, the TV District should fix them and then send them the bill. The board would like to add an agenda item to discuss what the consequences are if the standards aren't met. Misty thinks if the fixes aren't done, Cenni should do the work, and then the TV District will charge the client.

Misty Atkins moved for Cenni to make the necessary repairs immediately for Skyfiber and make the repairs for Elko City fire if they haven't finished the repairs by the deadline and then bill them for those repairs. Kent LeBarts seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Removing ETVD Dish Pointing to Mary's Mountain on Grindstone

Steve already approved removing the dish. Cenni said there is now another six-foot dish that needs to be removed. But due to the dish being made of plastic, he can't use rope, or it will crack. Cenni will provide a quote later, but the removal won't happen until spring.

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

The state said it would be roughly \$3,600 a year to lease space at the NDOT at Wells for redundant links. The fiber costs are still being worked on. NSHE won't recognize us as a government body. It wouldn't hurt to get a letter of support from the County Commissioners office to show that we are a government

entity. Paden might have to talk with Nancy Porter. Paden is still working with Vislink to see if the microwave can be updated to do a microwave link between Lamoille and Peavey on our current frequencies. That would be about \$55,000 to go that route. It would be a one-time cost instead of recurring. The state would be the most reliable recurring cost since it would be on a guaranteed circuit.

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

Right now the TV District is paying \$4,300 through White Cloud. To share connectivity in Reno, it would be about \$1,400 a month. On the Elko side, it would only be around \$300 a month for Salt Lake. So in total, it would be less than half the current expense. Yearly maintenance would probably be around 10%. It might even reduce costs for the current MOU. It could potentially eliminate the data switch.

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

Old Lamoille Tower Overloading / Structural Upgrade

Cenni said this is complete. It is at 95% loading right now. All SL8s have been removed from the top.

Updates on New Ryndon Tower & Generator

They are still waiting on the generator. The Antennas are set to ship in a week. Paden is planning the week after Christmas to swap them out. Rick said we need to get a notice out in Ryndon at the store and mailboxes.

Updates on New Peavey Generator

The generator won't be here until next spring.

Servicing Adobe Summit Area

Tabled until the next meeting.

Repair Service Report and Site Updates

There haven't been any major failures. The Grindstone camera was taken out by a lightning strike. The camera is still alive. He will be installing timers for the lights at all the sights. Cenni turned the lights off that should have been turned off. Everything is going well with Peavey and Pequop. He did have to repair a network switch on Lamoille because the power supply quit.

Old Business: None

New Business: Add an agenda item to discuss the NTA convention.

Also, add an agenda item about upgrading the emergency phones for the sites. Paden prefers to have working phones to be able to call between sites and call 911. Rick said to get a quote.

Public Comment: None

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on January 12th, 2023.