



ELKO TELEVISION DISTRICT

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Board Meeting Minutes

May 14th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Elko County Courthouse

Board Members:

Present: Dale Lotspeich, Kent LeBarts, Brian Riley, Raymond Mowrey and Misty Atkins

Absent:

Others Present: Mike Murphy representing Diversified Consulting Services, Sam Ballard representing NNE Construction, Lori Gilbert representing Elko Broadcasting Company, Will Honjas representing Nevada Seismological Laboratory, Jennifer Paul representing Global One Media, and Ken Wiley and Marisa Reeves as employees of Elko Television District

Proceedings

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Dale Lotspeich

Public Comment: None.

Comments From the Chairman

Dale reported that himself, Brian and Ken attended the NTA convention. It was good technical information. Dale's notes are included in the meeting packet for review.

Approval of the Minutes April 7th, 2026 Meeting

Brian Riley moved to accept the minutes from the April 7th, 2026 meeting. Raymond Mowrey seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Brian Riley 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. Brian Riley moved to accept the outstanding and ratified bills as read. Raymond Mowrey seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Misty Atkins joined the meeting via Zoom.

Repair Service Report and Site Updates by Ken

Ken reported that Will with the Nevada Seismological Laboratory wants to install fire cameras that look for smoke and wildland fires or hazardous conditions. Ken recommends moving forward with installing the cameras.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Entering into an Agreement with Nevada Seismological Laboratory to Install Fire Watch Cameras on Peavey, Grindstone Potentially other Sites in the Future, Including Authorizing Communications System Supervisor to Approve Any Future Requests After Review by Infrastructure Committee

Will noted they have expanded over 30 mountain tops this year. The cameras are viewable on alertwildfire.org and alertwest.org websites. Alertwest has AI wildfire detection. They already have a camera on Lamoille. They are asking to put up cameras on Grindstone and Peavey. This will also help first responders. They will also provide access to the cameras for anyone on the TV District Board. Ken asked if the cameras feeds would be able to be broadcast for a TV channel. Will said most likely. Raymond Mowrey moved to approve the creation of an agreement to install the cameras and authorize Ken to approve any future requests for sites the TV District manages or owns at no charge to UNR Seismology. Kent LeBarts seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Repair Service Report and Site Updates by Ken - continued

Ken contacted NNE Construction and Ruby Dome. They offer various services that would be useful for future projects.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Hiring NNE for Various Future Capital Projects

Sam Ballard with NNE Construction stated they can provide any services you can dream of. They can do aerial and underground construction. Dale recommended getting quotes from them for projects to see if they need to be put out to bid. Sam noted the pricing sheet is a small sample of what they are able to do. Kent LeBarts moved to accept NNE Construction's proposal as an on-call contractor. Brian Riley seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

On-Call Engineering Report – DCS, Mike Murphy

Mike reported that the road to Grindstone is complete now. They just need to install the gates and snow markers on the road at the end of the canyon. They have also submitted the plans for the Grindstone Foundation. They have been stamped by the city building department. The permit should be issued soon and the fees were waived as discussed.

The Ruby Vista Building survey is complete. They should have the paving designs done in the next couple of weeks. As soon as they get water and sewer into the building, they can move forward with Anthem internet. They have not done anything on Peavey.

Repair Service Report and Site Updates by Ken - continued

Ken stated the installation of the Nimbra equipment at PBS Reno has really helped. There is secondary Fiber through Spectrum. Some experienced problems with Kolo primarily at Ryndon. Ken did send a formal request to NSHE and they approved it the next day.

Ken, Dale and Marisa met with the Elko County HR Manager. They talked about the Communications System Specialist series. Dale noted that TV District is not established with PERS. The TV District operates independently and is not part of the county umbrella. Amanda recommended the employee be employed by the county and for the TV District to reimburse the county for the payroll expenses, however the employee would be managed by the TV District.

Premier Wireless will install the Grindstone pad and the TV District will pay for the concrete. The NDOT peavey agreement is in final draft stages. Ken talked with a person at the NTA convention that reported they are working on all rural areas for LPTV licenses first.

Ken is looking at getting new Technalogix equipment. They produce an intercept card that goes in the transcoders. They can distribute information such as severe weather and other lifesaving information. Ken will provide more information at the next meeting. Lori Gilbert was intrigued with the emergency alert system. She suggests radio stations also be involved. Dale would like it to come across any channel anyone has on. He wants to focus on TV to reach people at home.

Brian Riley moved to approve the repair service report. Kent LeBarts seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee

Kent said there was nothing to report. Dale would like the budget committee to get with Ken to see how best to spend down some of the capital monies before July 1.

Infrastructure Committee

Ray said there is nothing new to report.

Translator/Programming Committee

Brian is working on advertising. He has idea for a TV commercial on YouTube. Dale has been in contact with a subject matter expert regarding creating a low power TV station. She might come in July to introduce herself.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Investment Policy

Marisa went over the policy as written. Kent LeBarts moved to approve the Investment Policy as written. Brian Riley seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous. Dale asked Marisa to put together an online policy manual.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Accounts Receivable Policy

Marisa went over the policy as written. Kent LeBarts moved to approve the Accounts Receivable Policy as written. Brian Riley seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Possible Approval of a Policy to Authorize Staff to Complete Construction and Equipment Projects as Long as Said Project(s) Have Been Budgeted and Formally Approved by the Board

Dale noted the practice in the past was that everything had to be brought before the board for approval. The employees are now tracking the financials. This policy allows the employees to complete projects as long as they have been approved by the board and are within budget. Brian Riley moved to approve the Capital Projects and Equipment Purchases Policy as written. Kent LeBarts seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Fiscal Year 2026-2027 LP Insurance Renewal

Marisa reported on the amount for the upcoming fiscal year. Kent LeBarts moved to approve the 2026-2027 LP Insurance renewal. Brian Riley seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Advertising Opportunities for the TV District Including, but Not Limited to, the Chamber Beer Festival, Chamber Annual Dinner, Radio Spots and Print Advertising

Dale would like to authorize an amount or have the budget committee come up with an amount. Dale thought no more than \$10,000. There could also be a giveaway. Kent LeBarts moved to approve \$10,000 for advertising and sponsoring. Brian Riley seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Possible Approval of NDOT Amendment

Kent LeBarts moved to approve the NDOT amendment. Brian Riley seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Verizon Proposed Lease and Plan Modifications on Grindstone

Ken said this is still pending. Verizon asked to install two microwaves free of charge for 8 to 10 years. The Infrastructure Committee denied that. Tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Agreement with Verizon at Grindstone to Perform 20 Foot Tower Extension to Bring the New Grindstone Tower to 120 Feet at Their Cost

Tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion, Review and Possible Approval of Updates to Contracts

Tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Public Comment: Dale will be in Colorado at the next meeting, but he will be on via Zoom and can still run the meeting unless something happens.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on June 11th, 2026.