



ELKO TELEVISION DISTRICT

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Board Meeting Minutes

June 11th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Elko County Courthouse

Board Members:

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

Absent: Misty Atkins

Others Present: Mike Murphy representing Diversified Consulting Services, Cenni Jimenez representing Premier Wireless Services, 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 mentioned that Ray will facilitate a meeting with Jon Karr and Dale to discuss Jon's feelings regarding the one penny property tax.

Approval of the Minutes May 14th and 27th, 2026 Meeting

Kent LeBarts moved to accept the minutes from the May 14th and 27th, 2026 meetings. 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. Kent LeBarts seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Repair Service Report and Site Updates by Ken

Ken reported that outages have been minor. A UPS failed on Lamoille, and another one is already on order. A quote from Technalogix for the equipment on Lamoille has been received. The equipment should be delivered at the end of June. The Grindstone pad is currently being worked on by Cenni. The Grindstone New Tower extension should be in by next weekend. Cenni will be putting up the new dishes for the Lamoille Verizon upgrades. DCS will provide oversight on the project. Kent noted that Elko County has not bladed the Lamoille road as of yesterday.

Mike met with Brian from Quantum Electric regarding the Grindstone Power project. The TV District will purchase major materials such as concrete mounts and conduit. Each building will have a 200-amp circuit. Cenni provided a quote and list of materials for the Grindstone Ice tray and Antenna project. Ken is waiting for a second quote before proceeding. The site cleanup at Ruby Vista is progressing well. The lease agreement for the City of Elko Fire will be changed to \$1, and our rent of the Ruby Vista property will be amended to match the term of the City of Elko Fire lease.

On-Call Engineering Report – DCS, Mike Murphy

Mike made several trips to Grindstone to get the quotes straightened out. He went out today to form the foundation for the pad. Hopefully, they will pour concrete next week. They are making good progress on Ruby Vista. He had a meeting with City staff. He got them to understand that we must work together on this. He tried to get them to understand the placement of the pump. The sewer pump operation will be in the agreement; the TV District will power it and maintain it. A stand-by generator will eventually be installed at Ruby Vista anyway. He convinced the city that water is not good to put in front of the building, so they finally agreed to put it in the backyard. He talked about the handicapped parking. It straddles the right-of-way line. Mike stated he can't move the building, and there is no other place to put it. The city offered more property on the side to move the handicapped parking there. If he designs it, the city will buy the pipe for the water that is sitting near the drain by the property. Cathy said she will wait on the inter-local agreement until everything is smoothed out. The City of Elko Fire Chief said they have the problem of not getting equipment fixed. He is going to work to get permits submitted before July 1st, so it can be under the old codes since the new codes start next fiscal year.

He will try to get up to Peavey. The Ranch did install the two gates that were purchased; they are in the frames. John did a nice job. He built cross braces on each side.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee, Infrastructure Committee, and Translator/Programming Committee

Nothing to report

Discussion and Possible Action on Grindstone Generator Replacement and Upgrade to Run the Existing and New ETVD Buildings After July 1, and Move Old Generator to Ruby Vista Site for Use

It was not budgeted for a separate generator for the two new buildings. The current generator can run the site as it is right now; it is 10 years old. However, it has taken a lightning hit. Ken was thinking of purchasing a separate outdoor generator next to the new building, but it would be expensive and less reliable. It would not have its own building. Then maintenance would need to be done on two generators. Paden is working with Cummins for a 100kw generator and upgrading the transfer switch and electrical. This would be a new, modernized generator. By having one generator, the whole site goes down if it fails. However, there are more costs associated with two generators. He will have more information for the next meeting.

Someone spray foamed inside the Generator building, so it's impossible to mount anything on the wall. With fires in mind, that foam would act as an accelerant. It may be possible to frame out two inside walls and run everything new and install it on the new walls. It would be a combined effort from Cummins and Eagle Communications on the maintenance project to get this done. It may be needed to rent a stand-by generator for a few weeks or months during the project.

With the generator upgrade, it will be necessary to purchase two 1,000-gallon propane tanks. There should be a couple of yards of leftover concrete when the ice tray pillar is poured. It won't be on the capital budget; it can be categorized as repairs and maintenance. A small Conex building with a roll-up door can be purchased. Part of the Quantum quote includes the transfer switch. The old Grindstone generator will become the backup generator at Ruby Vista.

Raymond Mowrey moved to authorize Ken to upgrade the Grindstone generator with a new generator and move the existing generator to the Ruby Vista site. Brian Riley seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous.

Discussion and Possible Action on Premier Wireless and Complete Management Updates on Grindstone and Verizon Lamoille

Cenni stated on Lamoille that he is still waiting for Verizon to start the project. It may be in June or July, then they said it might not even be this year. He is trying to push it to get done this year since it is pausing 5 other sites from being updated.

He completed the structural analysis on Grindstone with the new loading, the Rad center they want, and after the tower is extended. It is about 28% capacity, including the waveguide ladder. Cenni recommends redoing the engineering once Verizon does all their updates and allow AT&T to stay for any upgrades. AT&T wanted to make upgrades on Grindstone. Cenni asked for their loading, but they haven't messaged back.

Review and Possible Action Regarding Spring Site Inspections

Cenni reported on Pequop. For the fascia, Ken will get Montrose to evaluate it.

On Peavey, some attention is needed to the grounding. The buildings look good. The tower and foundation looked great. The fence gets buried by snow, and it's broken. If the TV District doesn't want to repair the fence, he recommends ripping it out and putting a wire cage around the ladder. Ken agrees.

On Ryndon, the foundation and building look good. The building needs four caps, which could let rodents get in or cause water damage from leakage. Weeds are a big issue, and he would advise pulling and spraying them. There is an abundance of old dishes and antennas that need to either be taken to Ruby Vista or stacked neatly. Ken asked if they could be taken to Pacific Steel. Cenni recommended checking with Paden as to what the equipment is and disposing of what isn't needed.

He has Grindstone and Airport left to inspect, but they are completed and will submit reports for them next week.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Grindstone Ice tray and Dirt Work

Ken is trying to keep the quote under \$50,000 with the TV District purchasing the materials. He should have NNE's quote next week. 120 feet needs to be filled in. Cenni may have some other options. Tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Amendments to City of Elko Fire Department and Ruby Vista Lease Agreements

Ken noted that the structure is agreed upon, but he wants to wait a little longer. Tabled until the next meeting.

Old Business: Marisa sent Ken the paperwork for the name change to the Elko County Communications District. Ken wants to get Nancy and Tyler Ingram involved to see if the name change would be worth it and what it may expose the TV District to.

New Business: Ken updated the board that Eagle has installed a high-speed data link between central dispatch and the Elko fiber hut. It is a 60 GB link and is maintaining the data link at about 2.5 GB/s, which is phenomenal. There is a 5 GB backup if the other side fails. The 5 GB is running at 500 GB/s. It takes 200 Mbps for TV right now. Scott with NSHE will be back next week to finish up that circuit.

Elko fire had a paging radio at Jarbidge installed at the firehouse. It is possible in the next week to get the Paging system onto the system, and central dispatch will have the ability to page up to Jarbidge. Ray will be up next week to test the system.

Public Comment: None

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on July 9th, 2026.