

**MINUTES**  
Of the meeting of the  
Eureka County Television District  
**March 11, 2016**

The Eureka County Television District held a public meeting at the Eureka Court House.

Present: Dave Pastorino – President, Bill Leppala, Jim Breitrack and Eldon Brown.  
Pete Edera was absent.

**Call to Order**

The President called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

**Agenda**

After reviewing the agenda, Member Breitrack made a motion to approve the agenda. Member Leppala seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was adopted (4-0).

Member Leppala led the Pledge of Allegiance

**Minutes**

Member Leppala made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2016 meeting as presented. Member Brown seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was adopted (4-0).

**Public Comment**

None

**Discussion/Action Items**

Ham Radio Equipment: Dale Scott came to introduce himself as one of a few Ham radio operators in Nevada. He added that a few years ago the State put Ham radio packets in all hospitals across Nevada as phase one of a project designed as a backup system in case of an emergency. Phase two of this project entailed installing packet equipment on the mountain tops allowing radio connection between all the hospitals. Mr. Scott added this system was not a replacement of current systems in place and only a backup in case of an emergency. President Dave Pastorino added that White Pine Emergency Systems (WPES) already has a Ham radio packet installed on Prospect Peak and recommended Mr. Scott contact Joe Christiansen with WPES to ensure that there is no interference or override that may occur. This item would be on the next agenda.

Eagle Communications Contract: Leslie Lotspeich with Eagle Communications introduced herself and apologized for Dale Lotspeich's absence due to having outpatient surgery a day earlier. She discussed with the Board the status of the previous years' contract. This contract is effective from May 2015 through April 2016. She added that during the past 11 months Eagle Communications has been able to begin working on necessary corrective changes to certain FCC licenses which the Eureka County TV District holds. Some of these necessary changes more time however all changes should be complete by the end of the calendar year. Mrs. Lotspeich noted completion of the remote monitoring system for Tank Hill and Prospect Peak. These sites are able to be monitored by the Eureka TV District via the internet on a regular basis. She also went on to discuss aspects and changes to the proposed contract for the upcoming year. Member Leppala inquired about adding a feature to the remote monitoring

system to allow notification in the event of a power outage. He also stated that since this remote monitoring system is now in place the contract should be adjusted accordingly to reflect fewer trips to the sites to check equipment. Mrs. Lotspeich responded that she would discuss with Dale Lotspeich the requested changes and modifications to the contract and an updated proposed contract would be presented at the next scheduled meeting.

Eureka Restoration Enterprise: Amanda Pearce and Garney Damele came to the Board to introduce themselves as members of the community trying to preserve the main street and downtown area of Eureka. They are looking for donations to support events which would encourage the rejuvenation and preservation of downtown Eureka. President Dave Pastorino stated that the TV District was unable to donate at this time.

Expenditures: Member Breitrick made a motion to approve the expenditures. Member Leppala seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was adopted (5-0).

2016 NTA Convention: Department Assistant, Anne Kniefel, stated all members were registered for the upcoming NTA Convention.

### **Presidents Report**

President Dave Pastorino conveyed some additional information about the power outage on Argenta reported at the last meeting. The cause of the power outage was unknown, however after the backup generator kicked on it never ceased in turn causing the propane tanks to empty. He added that these tanks would not be filled till the snow melted enough to allow a propane truck on the site.

Mr. Pastorino added that technician, Bob Pearce, would be retiring from his current position with the Lander County TV District but continue as a technician for the Eureka County TV District. As a result of his retirement Mr. Pearce will be urging Lander County TV District to merge into the Eureka County TV Districts building and tower.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 8, 2016 @ 1:00 p.m.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Adjournment**

At 1:19 p.m. Member Breitrick made a motion to adjourn. Member Leppala seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was adopted (4-0).

Respectfully submitted by:

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Anne Kniefel, Department Assistant

Board Approved on April 15, 2016 by:

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David Pastorino, President