

MINUTES
Of the meeting of the
Eureka County Television District
June 24, 2016

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

Present: Dave Pastorino – President; Bill Leppala; Eldon Brown; Pete Edera and Jim Breitrick.

Call to Order

President Dave Pastorino called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Agenda

After reviewing the agenda, Member Edera made a motion to approve the agenda. Member Breitrick seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was adopted (5-0).

Member Edera led the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

Member Breitrick made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2016 meeting as presented. Member Edera seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was adopted (5-0).

Public Comment

President Dave Pastorino mentioned to the Board the passing of Eric Pastorino, current candidate for seat 4A. Dave also thanked the Board members for the sympathy card relaying everyone's thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Discussion/Action Items

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

Ham Radio Equipment: Department Assistant, Anne Kniefel, relayed to the board that Dale Scott would not be ready to answer any further questions until the Board's next scheduled meeting in July. Member Edera made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. Member Leppala seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was adopted (5-0).

Lander County TV District: Bart Negro with the Lander County TV District came forward and introduced himself. He made note that the building and tower on Argenta Rim currently housing all of Lander County TV District's equipment is old and in need of too many repairs. At this time it would not be feasible for Lander County to repair or reconstruct their site. They would like to propose that Lander County TV District enter into the Eureka TV District's infrastructure with the agreement that Lander County pay a portion of the maintenance cost. Dale Lotspeich with Eagle Communications added that the antennas on the Eureka County TV District's tower would need to be replaced so that channels could be broadcast to also accommodate the Lander County TV District's viewing area. Mr. Negro stated his only concern would be the potential loss of any licenses currently owned by the Lander County TV District. Mr. Lotspeich responded that those licenses belonging to them could easily be leased to the Eureka County TV District and with minor adjustments be re-licensed to better accommodate citizens in the viewing area. It was the consensus of the Board to have the Lander County TV District perform more

research related to an estimated cost of replacing the antennas and revisit this item when that information was available. Member Leppala made a motion to table the item. Member Breitrick seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was adopted (5-0).

RF Engineering Firm: Dale Lotspeich with Eagle Communications stated that Humboldt, Elko and other Counties have looked into hiring an engineering firm to help make decisions about frequency planning and technology updates coming down the road. He further explained that due to the FCC undertaking a spectrum auction that will reallocate 126 MHz of broadcast spectrum many TV channels will need to be relocated to a different channel and their licenses updated with the FCC. Mr. Lotspeich added that engineering/consulting firm, CSI Telecommunications, Inc., will be giving a presentation to the Elko TV District on their firm and other issues which pertain to TV Districts throughout the country. This presentation will be in Elko on July 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Member Leppala thought it beneficial for as many members of the Eureka TV District to attend this meeting as possible. He followed by making a motion to table this item until after the meeting on July 14th. Member Breitrick seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was adopted (5-0).

Informational Flyer: An updated channel list had not yet been received therefore Member Leppala made a motion to table the item until the next meeting. Member Breitrick seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was adopted (5-0).

Compensation to President: Member Edera made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Member Leppala seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was adopted (5-0).

GMRS: Joseph Moylan, a licensed General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) and Ham operator, wrote a letter proposing installation of a GMRS on Argenta Rim. The GMRS is a licensed radio service that uses channels for short-distance, two-way communications using hand-held radios similar to walkie-talkies. An FCC license is required to operate a GMRS system and any person of 18 years or older may apply for such license. Once the license is received any family member, regardless of age, can operate GMRS stations and units within the licensed system. Members of the Board agreed that this would be a great service made available to the public. Member Edera wanted to be sure, before approval, that Mr. Moylan would not be making profit from the proposed GMRS. Member Leppala made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Member Edera seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was adopted (5-0).

Updated Agreement – GRP Pan, LLC: The original Eureka County Television District Site License Agreement And Outbuilding Easement Granted by Eureka County signed back in 2014 with MDW Pan, LLP is in need of an update to reflect new owner and acquirer of MDW Pan, LLP's assets, GRP Pan, LLC. Member Breitrick made a motion to approve the updated agreement. Member Brown seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was adopted (5-0).

Presidents Report

President Dave Pastorino reported that technicians had been to Tank Hill to make some minor adjustments. During their trip to Prospect they noticed an antenna on the tower that had suffered severe damage due to ice and wind. This antenna would need to be replaced. An ice bridge would also need to be purchased to prevent damage to the new antenna. Dale Lotspeich with Eagle Communications noted that parts had been received to replace those failed on Argenta Rim. Next week technicians were scheduled to go up and replace those parts.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 15, 2016 @ 1:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Board members requested and observed a moment of silence in memory of Eric Pastorino.

Adjournment

At 2:10 p.m. Member Leppala made a motion to adjourn. Member Breitrack seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was adopted (5-0).

Respectfully submitted by:

Anne Kniefel, Department Assistant

Board Approved on July 15, 2016 by:

David Pastorino, President