

Eureka County Television District

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BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY TELEVISION DISTRICT OPEN MEETING

Minutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Eureka County Television District held a meeting August 17, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in Crescent Valley Town Center Boardroom – 5045 Tenabo Avenue, Crescent Valley, NV 89821.

I. Call to order (For Possible Action) at 1:19 by President B. Leppala

- a. Roll Call-Establish Quorum 4 Members Present – Member Edera Absent
- b. Pledge of Allegiance Led by Member Brown
- c. Approve meeting agenda as presented or make changed as needed. Approved as presented by Member Brown, seconded by Member Breitrack (4-0)

II. Public Comment and Discussion

Pursuant to NRS 241.0200 (c) (3) this time is devoted to public comment. However, no action may be taken under this item until the matter has specifically been included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. *Member Breitrack told the Board that he has moved his personal antenna and is getting great reception now. President Leppala asked Board members if they receive calls from the public regarding reception problems. Member Brown said he has and that his means of resolving is to have them call Eagle Communications. President Leppala said he has investigated some of the complaints and has found that the majority are due to individual antenna problems or power problems.*

III. Approval of minutes from previous meetings (For Possible Action)

- a. July 13, 2018 Approved with a motion from Member Brown, seconded by member Moylan (4-0).

IV. Discussion/Action Items

- a) Update on progress of repack of channels for Prospect Peak rebroadcast. Following the sale of the frequencies by the FCC, Eureka County Television District will no longer be able to use these frequencies for TV rebroadcasting. *Dale reported that the necessary forms have been submitted to the FCC as needed. About 1/2 of these have already received a construction permit. This is the first step in being able to change the signal frequency. Things are appearing to be moving along, although slower than anticipated.*

Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate physically handicapped persons wishing to attend the meeting; please call 775-738-4055 in advance so that arrangements may be made. This agenda was posted in the following locations: Eureka Post Office; Eureka Annex Building; Eureka County Court House and Crescent Valley Town Center.

- b) Discuss, Approve, or Deny equipment needed for channel repacking. *Two bids were presented to the Board for approval. One bid was for 66,635.00, the other bid was for 187,575.50. The Board voted to approve the bid for 66,635.00 with a motion from Member Breitrick, seconded by member Brown. (4-0) approved. Member Breitrick asked if the equipment would be in place this year. Dale told the Board it would be even though the shipping was slower than hoped for. The tentative plan is to use another temporary antenna if necessary.*
- c) Discuss, and update the Board on the fiber project by Sky Fiber.
On August 14, personnel from Eagle Communications, Eureka County, and Eureka County School District sat down to discuss and formalize language for the fiber project. The County and School District asked that the TV District join them in future projects for joint operations. Member Breitrick said that he was pleased with this as they have wanted to work harmoniously with the county entities for years now.
Dale told the Board that Sky Fiber would not be granted use of the county infrastructure to be used commercially. They may use this to provide the service to the TV District, but not to sell additional band width to private use. Eagle Also learned that Sky Fiber was not offering a true dedicated point to point fiber but was asking for an additional rent for “use of their rack”. The County reiterated that they would not grant use of their fiber lines for commercial use. The Board discussed agreeing with this position and stated that this change was not what they had approved at the earlier meeting.
Dale told the Board that Sky Fiber had bid the same for Elko County. M. Meers said the same proposal was offered to the County at an earlier date. The County response was to deny a partnership between Sky Fiber and Eureka County. Dale said that Elko County TV Board had responded the same way. President Leppala said that he believed this was a change in contract that would make the previous agreement null and void. At the time of the bidding, Sky Fiber was the only respondent. Did they try to take advantage of the Eureka County TV Board? This action was making the Board upset.
Dale said that if the original contract is OK then all the MOU’s would be OK, but if not, all the MOU’s would be null and void. Dale will be going to a meeting next week to determine the status of the MOU’s. He will report to the Board the results of the meeting.
Dale was asked if Eagle had a possible plan or direction if the agreement with Sky Fiber went sour. Dale told them that he knew of another company from Twin Falls that offered a better contract with Elko County and may be willing to work with Eureka County. Member Brown asked about the history of the Twin Falls Company. Dale said he had worked with them previously and believed that what they offered was what they were willing to give.
- d) Discuss, Approve or Deny request by Eureka County and the Eureka County School District to partner in a fiber project to ensure fiber delivery to the Tank Hill site. Once the fiber delivery hub is established for the TV District at Tank Hill, then the Air Fiber link will be from Tank Hill to Prospect and not from the Eureka County Courthouse to Prospect. Concerns have been raised about mounting microwave dishes on a historic building.
Sky Fiber was told that they would not be granted permission to place a dish on the courthouse. Motion made by Member Breitrick, seconded by Member Moylan (4-0) approved
- e) Expense Report

Eagle Communications: \$4500.00 (August)

Any additional bills received after the posting on August 14, 2018. Additional bills presented were to Cummins Sales and Service for 238.91 for batteries for Prospect Peak, 238.91 for batteries for Argenta Peak, 1062.00 for Preventive Maintenance on Argenta Peak, 1706.00 for Preventive Maintenance for Prospect Peak, and 526.00 for Preventive Maintenance for Tank Hill.

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Bills were approved by a motion from Member Brown and Seconded by Member Breitrick (4-0) approve.

V. Maintenance Report (For Discussion Only)

- a) *Mary's Mountain Dale reported that in the next 30 days, Eagle Communications will be making another trip to Mary's Mountain to do some maintenance work.*
- b) *White Pine County Feed and Programming Eagle Communications found the MOU for the White Pine feed. We will check on the microwave feed when we do the PM.*
- c) *Argenta Peak Dale reported that Cummins quote to fix the generator was more than a 1000 dollars. Eagle told them not to proceed. We will do this when we complete the fall PM. The part needing to be installed is a \$90 dollar part.*
- d) *Tank Hill No reported issues*
- e) *Prospect Peak The new equipment is coming. Tower work will take place once the equipment comes. President Leppala asked if any additional equipment was needed to mitigate icing to be proactive at the site. Dale told him it has good ice shields already. Icing is primarily a public safety issue regarding their equipment.*
Dale told the Board that the BLM will be making site visits Aug 21 and 22 to review the sites. These are often beneficial because it allows another set of eyes to view the sites for improvements or changes needed. He will be going with the officer involved to view the sites.

VI. Discussion and possible approval of additional work, equipment & improvements at various sites – (Possible Action Item) *No additional work is needed at this time.*

VII. Old Business (Discussion Only) *No Old Business*

VIII. New Business (Discussion Only) *No new business was presented.*

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No public comment was brought before the Board.

X. Adjournment *Motion to adjourn was made at 2:23*