

Eureka County Television District

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BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY TELEVISION DISTRICT MEETING Minutes

I. Call to order (For Possible Action)

- a. Roll Call-Establish Quorum Made by President Leppala at 1:01 pm Members Brown and Edera were present by phone.*
- b. Pledge of Allegiance Led by Member Edera*
- c. Approve meeting agenda as presented or make changed as needed.*

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.

Citizen Tracy Moyland indicated interest in joining the Board on the vacant seat by submitting her resume to Board President Leppala. The Board will seek to take action at a future meeting.

III. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Discuss, Approve or Deny a request by Eagle Communications to hire a consultant or engineering firm to relicense FCC impacted channels by T-Mobile 600 MHz Deployment. Dale reported that he received a notice to vacate all channels above channel 36. While the notice to vacate would not go into effect until later in the summer, the FCC sent out a notice that they would not be accepting applications for low power frequency requests after June 1 for a period of 3 years. This puts the TV District in a severe time crunch. Currently there are 7 channels on Prospect and 1 on Argenta that are above 36. This was not in effect when the budget was created nor, can it wait until the next budget.*

He has 2 proposals in hand. One is for E3 services. Dale explained the proposed charges and added that the District would have a Right to Cancel in 15 days. All court required decisions would take place in Florida. The second proposal was for MSW Company. The is the company PBS is currently using. All actions would take place in Nevada.

Member Breitrick asked how this came about and if it had anything to do with them signing a contract with T-Mobile. Dale said the two items are not related and that this is due to the FCC selling off frequencies about a year or more ago. We knew this was coming, but in actuality thought there was more time.

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Dale's recommendation was MSW since it is a fixed cost while the other company was proposing a sliding fee. He had no recommendations from the E3 Company, but PBS highly recommended MSW.

President Leppala asked if the Board needed to make a decision on this immediately. Dale told his yes so that the June 1 deadline could be met. Member Brown motioned to accept the bid from MSW with Member Edera seconding. Vote (4-0) in favor.

- b. **Discuss, Approve, or Deny** a grant application with PBS to assist with equipment purchases for license changes on Prospect Peak License K47DG-D. This application is for equipment needed. KNPB will accept reasonable cost replacements. Member Breitrick motioned to approve with Member Brown seconding. (4-0) to approve.

- c. **Discussion on Budget hearings.** President Leppala discovered that the TV District was not recognized by the state until now. This came as a surprise to the County as well. As a result, the state did not contact the District about the potential problems with the budget. He expressed the desire that the TV Board comply with all rules the state of Nevada has for government budgets. One issue that would have to be determined is if the Board would continue to use the County Comptroller to handle the funds. Board members expressed an interest in continuing and not changing how this is handled. President Leppala discussed that the District has an end of year fund balance of \$600,000 and the prediction is that next year could be higher. This can offset many surprise or emergency situations.

The District will have to work closely with the Comptroller's office to determine budget and procedure for staying within the budget.

- d. **Discussion and update on NTA Convention.** President Leppala reported that there were several sessions on the re-pack including talk of combining channels. They had interesting vendors there. Some of the NTA Board members were not able to attend due to health issues. Next year the meeting will be in Reno.

- e. **Discuss, Approve or Deny** expense report:

Eagle Communications : \$4500 (Contract Services)

\$ 1245.50 remote monitoring equipment Prospect

\$1245.50 remote monitoring equipment Argenta

\$650. Materials for fiber conversion

Request from Eureka County High School for Scholarship \$1000

Bill Leppala hotel expense for NTA Convention \$413.50

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Member Edera requested that the scholarship item be tabled since he knew that the recipient of the scholarship from last year did not use any of the funds.

Member Breitrick motioned that the expenditures with the exception of the scholarship be approved. Member Brown seconded. (4-0) to approve.

IV. Public Comment

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Member Breitrick told the Board that the Nevada Stations were off air. He now has a key to the building and will be able to reset as needed.

V. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

Member Breitrick motioned to adjourn at 1:46