

Eureka County Television District

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BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY TELEVISION DISTRICT MEETING

October 19, 2018

Crescent Valley Town Center

Minutes

I. Call to order (For Possible Action)

- a. Roll Call-Establish Quorum *was led by President Leppala with a quorum established at 1:00 pm.*
- b. Pledge of Allegiance *was led by Member Brown.*
- c. Approve meeting agenda as presented or make changed as needed.

Motion to approve was made by Member Breitrack and seconded by Member Moylan. Motion approved 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.

A thank you letter was read to the Board from Tristan Blake for the Scholarship awarded to him by the Television District. Members discussed renaming the scholarship in honor of Member Pete Edera who recently passed away. No action was taken.

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

- a. Sept 21, 2018

Minutes were approved 4-0 following a motion by Member Brown and second by Member Breitrack.

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.

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.

Dale told the Board that some of the equipment has come in and will be used if needed. No action that is not necessary will be taken during inclement weather or during the winter. This will keep costs to a minimum.

- b) Review and update TV Board on budget meeting with County Commission. Discuss plan for future action given the state of the budget.

President Leppala told the Board that they will have to plan on meeting in Eureka. At the moment, the Board may need to discuss and take action on another plan for management of the budget. President Leppala told the Board that they could separate from the County if needed, but that would be a discussion for another time.

Member Moylan asked what the laws were regarding the Television District Member powers and responsibilities. President Leppala told her that as a group they have the power to collect tax money to support equipment needs that make the rebroadcasting of the Television signal provided by stations possible. She further asked what the justification for the Budget cut was.

President Leppala told her that Commissioner Goicochea was animated at the original budget request and did not want to budget for the worst-case scenario. In the meantime, the Board received a letter on the day that they were approving their final budget for this year that required them to move off the frequencies they are currently working from. That letter put into action the need to gain new frequencies which means that they have to get frequencies approved by the FCC, get new equipment to send those frequencies and put the new equipment in place. This was the worst-case scenario they were trying to avoid.

President Leppala told her that Since the District was currently at 154% of their budget, the County was concerned and put the District on notice that they would have to stop action on the fiber project.

Right now, they will have to put the actions they approved earlier on hold. Dale was asked what the ramifications of that would be for the District. He told them that currently it looks like Elko is not moving forward at the rate previously anticipated and so there still may be room to piggy back on their actions. This will be determined at a later date. If it is not possible, the Board would have to go out to bid for any future work.

Currently the Board needs to focus on gaining another member to fill the open seat left with the passing of Member Edera.

Discussion occurred regarding if the signal could be relayed another way. The conclusion was that this was not possible. The Board may have to work to teach the Commissioners more so that they have a better understanding of what the District does and the services it provides to the citizens of Eureka County.

- c) Discussion and possible approval of budget augmentation in a joint meeting with the Eureka County Commission on Nov. 8 at 1:30 in Eureka.

Member Brown moved that the Board should hold a joint meeting with the Eureka County Commissioners on Nov 8 at 1:30 in Eureka so that budget augmentation could occur. Member Breitrick seconded and the motion passed 4-0. Member were encouraged to attend if at all possible because a quorum was needed to pass the augmentation.

- d) Expense Report

Eagle Communications: \$4500.00 (October)

Approved by motion of Member Breitrick and seconded by Member Brown. (4-0)

Any additional bills received after the posting on Oct 16, 2018.

None were presented.

V. Maintenance Report

- a) Mary's Mountain
- b) White Pine County Feed and Programming – *White Pine had reported that KOLO was off the air, but later found the problem was at Cave and not part of the Eureka Television District.*
- c) Argenta Peak Channel 5 was off the air and KTVX from SLC was off the air. *These will have to be looked at to determine causes. Dale said the Board may have to look at ways to maintain the Microwave system if they are not able to move to fiber. The move to fiber would fix most of the problems currently experienced.*
- d) Tank Hill
- e) Prospect Peak Eagle Communications will be repairing the PBS link asap.

VI. Discussion and possible approval of additional work, equipment & improvements at various sites –
None at this time.

VII. Old Business

Dale told the Board that Sky Fiber paid rent for 6 months and indicated that in the future they would wish to rent additional space.

VIII. New Business

None at this time.

IX. Public Comment

None at this time.

X. Adjournment

Member Breitrick made a motion adjourn at 2:27 p.m.