

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
April 10, 2008

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

- A. In the call to order, the Chairman stated that the meeting would be held in conformance with Nevada open meeting laws. The secretary certified that the agenda was posted per the laws.
- B. A roll call of officers was made and answering present were Dan Pray, Chairman; JD Hudrlik, Roy Wilmer, Craig Fabbi, and Dave Borcher. The Board voted unanimously to adopt the drafted agenda. Dan mentioned that Matt LaCroix, County Coordinator, and Garry Hayes, Board Legal Representative, were also attending the meeting, with approximately 45 members of the public.

REPORTS:

- A. Annual Budget Report: A notice for the public of this budget review meeting was published for two weeks in the Moapa Valley Progress and posted on the appropriate bulletin boards. The final budget for 2008-2009 was made ready for approval. The secretary detailed the major budget items as follows:

The bank balance is currently \$9,833.74. The fiscal year ends June 30, 2008, so that the prior year results are estimated for the last months. The new budget covers July 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2009.

SUMMARY:	<u>Year Ended 6/30/08</u>	<u>Budget Ending 6/30/09</u>
Revenues	\$ 7,456	\$64,845
(includes tax revenue next year of \$57,888)		
Expenses	(8,427)	(23,230)
(includes deferred expenses, as legal, next year)		
Purchase Property/Equip.	0	40,000
Ending Cash Balances	10,201	12,016

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- A. PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ANNUAL BUDGET: Dan Pray informed the attending public that all reported financial results for TV Board operations are fully listed on the state's computer web site, under special district reporting, and then asked for public questions/comments on the budget.
Q. Does this budget include the conversion to digital? A. Yes, using \$40,000 available for equipment purchases. The February digital deadline includes all Las Vegas channels, but other channels will come from Utah Hill as analog re-transmission for the next year or more. Currently our Ch. 44 is digital receipt, analog re-transmit, as the others will be when possible.
With no other budget questions, the TV Board unanimously approved the working budget, with approval of the final submission to be made on a future date.
- B. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: The chairman invited suggestions and ideas from the public on financing the operations of the District, including the tax assessment presented at the April 1 taxpayer meeting.
Some residents repeated statements of opposition to the tax that they had voiced previously at the April 1 District meeting and/or the April 9 MV Town Advisory Board meeting. Others voiced support for the tax plan, since they knew of no alternative financing sources. Some suggestions were made as to fundraising events or selling co-op shares in the District. The Chairman explained that the legal avenues available to a 318 District under state statute, (and a re-transmitting district under FCC rules,) are the two taxes, a percentage or a flat tax, and that the Board had explained the choice of a flat tax, along with thoroughly investigating other possibilities such as grants. The board members are following the law in order to fulfill the duties for which they were elected by the voters—to provide over-the-air TV transmission to valley residents. A resident reiterated that the signal was not physically receivable in parts of Moapa. While the signal may improve, the Board plans to consider this unavailability very seriously as soon as possible, in order to develop a plan.

Matt LaCroix delivered a statement from Commissioners Bruce Woodbury and Tom Collins that they realized the Board was providing a service and that it was a state 318 district with a taxing option, but that they would welcome a vote by the residents affirming the status of the TV district. Dan Pray said that the board appreciated their interest, but that the tax was the only workable option available to the district by law, and that the Board needed to follow the legal path available, even though parallel options might be developed by others.

Next, some discussion was held about the consultant's report on the TV district's planning that was commissioned by the County last year. The report was generally favorable to the district's plans, but did not include a cost of developing a proposed relay bridge (a microwave re-transmitter located closer to Las Vegas). Matt asked about this part of the district's plans, which the Board stated was not yet sufficiently developed for pricing. Also, newer options such as piggybacking on some state or county equipment may cut costs drastically.

Following the discussion, Dan Pray reminded the public that the TV District charged residents \$1.25 a month in 1958, at its inception. Today, 45 years later, \$2 per month per household seems reasonable, and the Board does not anticipate raising the amount in the foreseeable future. As an example, JD Hudrlik mentioned that he was a volunteer on the Board 20 years ago, and he is a volunteer today, so expenses have been under dependable.

- C. FINAL VOTE ON 2008 SPECIAL TAX ASSESSMENT: Board Member Craig Fabbi next stated "Mr. Chairman, I move to approve the rate of \$24.00 per year to be charged against all specially benefited real property in our service area, a listing of which is on file with our secretary and that we sent notices to, and such charges are to be included on the tax rolls for 2008-2009. I direct the secretary to contact the Clark County Treasurer and to take the necessary steps to proceed forward with the tax notices." The motion was seconded by JD Hudrlik and passed unanimously by all five members of the TV Board.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 9:07 pm. The next scheduled meeting of the Moapa Valley TV District will be Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Moapa Valley Community Center.