

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
October 7, 2008

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

- A. A roll call of officers was made and answering present were Dan Pray, JD Hudrlik, and Roy Wilmer, with Craig Fabbi arriving at the start of the general business. The secretary certified that the agenda was posted per open meeting laws.
- B. The agenda for tonight was approved, with the addition of approving the annual BLM site inventory. The minutes for September 2, 2008 were approved. All present agreed to pay the monthly bills, as usual except for the addition of a bill from Kimfab for \$425, covering rack additions and other repairs/maintenance of the building, and a bill from Satlink for \$1,832.48 representing several months of repairs and parts used at the site.

REPORTS:

- A. Financial: The estimate of all account balances is \$45,076.25. Since the last meeting, \$13,083.21 was paid to Garry Hayes, the full balance of our legal fees and \$492.25 to the Solutions Center for hardware/software. The October tax remittance will be \$2,402.36, bringing the tax receipts total to \$54,060.73, against a possible \$57,888 billed this year. The checking account holds over \$38,000 in cash, but a decision to move cash from checking to money market to earn interest was postponed.
- B. Equipment and Site: Site work included re-racking, re-building and some cable changes. JD and Roy estimated a further \$3,000 in collectors and cables are needed, with several days labor. JD is preparing to install a new building door when parts come in. Ch. 11 repairs are still not made. Ch. 7 had no signal at times, but that was the station. At least 1 more transmitter, 2 antennas, and 2 feeds are needed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. OLD BUSINESS:

Christine Trombley attended the meeting as a prospective Board Member with a special interest in the Community Channel, and valuable experience to contribute in that area.

The Board approved the 2007-2008 Financials to send to the state. The BLM Site Inventory is the same as last year and was generally approved, though Dan has to check with the power company to see if they are required to be included in our site charges before we submit it.

A letter of resignation was received from Dave Borcher because he is now a BLM employee, and formal membership on the Board is prohibited as a possible conflict of interest. Dave plans to continue to serve as a volunteer advisor to the District. The Board plans a recognition of his valuable service in the near future.

There are no current plans to partner with other entities at this time, so the item is tabled and will be removed from the next agendas.

The grants Craig began to apply for—the initial analog to digital receiver \$1,000 per channel, require a look at the license postcards sent upon renewal, which Roy will provide from the site. Angie will finish entering the data for the applications then, since deadlines are approaching. The second grants, available later for digital transmission upgrade, are not yet defined by NTIA.

Extensive discussion was held on equipment and antenna design. Dan has talked to the NTA, Jampro, an antenna provider with a good reputation with the NTA, and Divo, a provider of systems using servers that combine 2 – 4 channels (on-ramp), into an ASI digital stream (multiplex), which could allow the sending of more than one channel from an antenna, and result in more channels than the 7 we currently have. The latter will handle both analog and digital, and costs could run from \$9,000 to \$10,500 for the 4 channel system.

Dan investigated the possibility of having a survey taken during the voting (a straw poll), which would define the favorite 7 channels to retransmit of the 12 currently receivable at the site. This would be used to define the channel line-up and equipment purchases in the near future. The Board generally agreed to try such a survey.

There is no immediate equipment order today. However, Roy mentioned that there was some talk of stations, notably Sinclair, willing to buy a receiver for the District in order to be on the air digital as soon as possible. He plans to follow up on this.

- B. FIVE-YEAR PLAN: Under the Five-Year Plan, there are questions to be answered. What are the statutes affecting digital channels, companion channels, or flash cuts? FCC permission to change licenses for the Community Channel are simple—a letter or even an e-mail. But how does this fit in the above?
- C. PUBLIC COMMENT: Present at the meeting were Vernon Robison and Christine Trombley, who listened to all the discussions but had no further comments.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 9:12 pm. The next scheduled meeting of the Moapa Valley TV District is at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 in the Old Overton Gym, 353 West Thomas Street, Overton.