

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
November 4, 2008

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION:

- A. A roll call of officers was made and answering present were Dan Pray, JD Hudrlik, Roy Wilmer, and Craig Fabbi. The secretary certified that the agenda was posted per open meeting laws.
- B. The agenda for tonight was approved. The minutes for October 7, 2008 were approved. All present agreed to pay the monthly bills, as usual except for a final bill from Larcan on the equipment just delivered for \$236.24.

REPORTS:

- A. Financial: The estimate of all account balances is \$44,719.81, with approximately \$37,000 in the checking account. Due to plans for equipment orders to be made soon, it was decided not to transfer funds to the money market or certificates now.
- B. Equipment and Site: All channels are currently up except for Ch. 11. Due to a transformer failure, power was out until Overton Power District made repairs. The backup generator supports two channels currently, and did, though a third may be available on backup with new equipment. JD has parts for the new building door, and repairs will be made shortly.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. OLD BUSINESS:

Dan mentioned that the last channel surveys were done in Overton and Logandale (this was election day), and results would be made available when tabulated.

Bob Lyman and Christine Trombley attended the meeting as prospective Board members. Dan reviewed the requirements of Sections NRS 318.090, .080 and .085 in regard to choosing new members. Generally, the two current vacancies must be filled with a qualified elector of the district, chosen by the remaining Board members for the term of the vacancy, and finally accepted by the County Commission. The two appointees will serve a four-year term in this case, beginning in January, and then would run for election to the post. After comments from prospective members solicited for this meeting, the Board will discuss and vote in December.

Bob Lyman wants to represent Moapa's interest in District development, has various skills that would be helpful to the effort, wants to serve, and would be willing to run for election later.

Christine Trombley indicated that, though initially opposed to the tax assessment, she decided to join the Board to help insure that the tax money was well spent. She has a theatre background and training, and is a graphic artist with an interest in the Community Channel. She also would consider running for election later.

The Board plans a formal acknowledgment of the contributions of both Dave and Craig.

The NTIA grants Craig began, for the analog to digital conversion, were completed with input from Roy and Dan, and a total of \$7,000 is expected to be granted. A second grant furthering the development will be investigated in the near future.

Dan and Roy were able to meeting with some suppliers, including Jampro and Larcan. A new antenna design suggested by Jampro using panel instead of slot antennas seems very promising. Dan describes the plan as a highway, with limited on-ramps now, where more ramps would be added in development, handling both digital and analog. There would be a loss of gain, but adding panels would mitigate this. The physical arrangement and maintenance would be easier to handle. A cost estimate from Jampro is expected soon, though the cost for this type using Larcan known pricing is estimated to be \$27,000 or more.

The NTA is working with Dan and Roy to help move our licenses from channels 7, 9, 11 and 36 to channels 14, 18, 20 and 38. The UHF band arrangement would improve quality and help with the plans to combine channels.

For immediate equipment needs, Roy plans to order \$1,500 to \$1,900 worth of antennas and connectors shortly.

- B. FIVE-YEAR PLAN: No additional discussion was held.
- C. PUBLIC COMMENT: Present at the meeting were Bob Lyman and Christine Trombley, prospective Board members, who both indicated that they were not yet receiving MVTVD service. Christine needs an antenna and Bob lost his service when he switched to Direct TV. Angie Perani, MVTVD Secretary, added some community reactions from the survey. Several voters said that they either have very bad reception from their antennas, haven't used an older antenna in some time due to previous dissatisfaction, or didn't have an antenna now. Angie has about six names of customers needing help, and suggested that the service is a system where ability to receive needs more attention from the Board. Other comments heard were general dissatisfaction due to lack of knowledge re: digital send to customers, need for black boxes, etc. The Board indicated they would take steps to help with these problems.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next scheduled meeting of the Moapa Valley TV District is at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 in the Old Overton Gym, 353 West Thomas Street, Overton.