

**MOAPA VALLEY TV MAINTENANCE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

February 3, 2009

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order 7:31 p.m.

At Old Overton Gym, 353 West Thomas Street, Overton.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Pray, Chairman; JD Hudrlik, Roy Wilmer, Bob Lyman and Christine Trombley

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Angie Perani, Sec'y./Treas.

OTHERS PRESENT

None

For the following agenda items, all members present voted in the affirmative unless otherwise indicated.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

A. Conformance with open meeting laws

The secretary certified that the agenda was posted per open meeting laws.

B. Approval of agenda and minutes

FINAL ACTION: After minor error corrections, the agenda for tonight and the minutes for January 6, 2009 were approved.

C. Pay monthly bills

Monthly bills were as usual.

FINAL ACTION: All present agreed to pay the monthly bills.

REPORTS

A. Financial

The estimate of account balances is about \$48,000. New signature cards for the bank were now signed by Roy, and he will provide his driver's license copy ASAP. The County transmitted a small tax balance for the previous month. A page detailing the tax receipts will be sent to the Board and posted on the web site.

B. Equipment and Site: Channel 9 is up again, and the site is functioning reasonably well, but Roy reminded the Board that weak and changing signals and old equipment which won't be replaced are affecting the performance. Bob Lyman indicated he would still like a tour of the site, which was tentatively set for February 21, a Saturday. Dan will call to coordinate the trip if it is feasible then. There is no word on the channel lineup change yet. April is probably the earliest it could be implemented. A proposed delay to June 12 for stations to begin digital transmission has not yet been agreed to by Congress, leaving February 17 as the target date. Roy indicated that a company called Simplicity should be added to our vendor list. They may need a deposit of \$2,500 to proceed on supplying the previously approved receiving antennas. Roy will send Angie the data when he has it.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Discuss grant possibility remaining

Angie reported that the NTIA grant remaining, called the "update", is still undefined, though the web site has presentation data that includes more questions than answers, but shows what is being considered. The grant is proposed to pay for the digital sending of signals by organizations like MVTVD. A figure of \$8,000 to 9,000 per license is mentioned, and an organization with less than 10,000 viewers may get expedited payment. The final decisions on these questions are not revealed. Christine is planning to investigate the site and report to the Board on what could be a significant asset in the future.

B. Discussion of channel movement, antenna design, other hardware possibilities

Dan indicated that the proposed antenna system has been priced by Jampro at about \$98,000 over a three year period. The Board agreed that this seems too expensive to accept now. Other options are being considered. Dave Borger mentioned a company called Stout for investigation for some of the equipment. Also, Roy is requesting pricing from Scalla, and is checking other possibilities that Dave mentioned. The panel design for antennas still looks interesting, but more data is needed.

C. Review and possible approval of plans or decisions resulting from above discussion

FINAL ACTION: Tabled for this meeting in order to gather more information on design/pricing.

D. Review and possible approval of immediate needs for hardware, maintenance

FINAL ACTION: Tabled for this meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Five Year Development Plan discussion if not covered above, including community channel

Dan mentioned that Laughlin has a commercial community channel which is something like MVTVD has been proposing. The Board agreed that content will be the most important item of future discussion.

B. Other subjects for discussion only.

None.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

No public persons in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Moapa Valley TV District is at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 in the Old Overton Gym, 353 West Thomas Street, Overton.

Approved:
MVTVD Board

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