

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

March 3, 2009

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order 7:30 p.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Christine Trombley (illness)

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: The agenda for tonight and the minutes for February 3, 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 the same, \$48,000. The upcoming budget process will be handled later in the meeting. The County transmitted a tax balance for the previous month of about \$110. A page detailing the tax receipts was distributed, showing that \$2,164 less than our est. \$57,888 has been collected.

B. Equipment and Site: The site is functioning reasonably well; Ch. 50's quality problems are not under our control. Bob Lyman received his tour of the site during the month. The four modified licenses were granted, so that the Las Vegas channels can be moved and installed on UHF, and transmitters can be bought. The Utah Hill channels from 44 to 50 will stay in place currently.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. General discussion of 2009-2010 budget and schedule for completion

There was a discussion of the budget process and guidelines for figures. The budget proposal will be sent to members with substantially the same figures as the previous year ending June 30, 2009. This will be presented to interested persons at a special meeting, and voted on by the Board at the normal April meeting. Roy requested that a copy of our previous 5 Year Plan be sent to the Board before the meeting.

FINAL ACTION: Schedule the Special Budget Meeting for Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the Old Gym, and also make 7:00 p.m. the starting time for the regular April 7 meeting and all subsequent meetings.

B. Any news on upgrade grant from NTIA

Due to Christine's absence, the grant discussion was tabled. However, Dan reported that he had been contacted by a Washington, D.C. lobbyist, Tim Robison, about his representing the District, possibly for an "earmark" appropriation. The cost would be a small annual retainer, \$300-400 per quarter, which would be increased if funds were made available. Roy suggested our lawyer review the idea and contract. Dan indicated that the item should be on the agenda for a discussion and vote the next meeting.

FINAL ACTION: Tabled for this meeting.

C. Discussion of channel movement, antenna design, other

Dan said that the Jampro system, priced at \$98,000 over three years, was still too pricey but that Jampro hadn't gotten back with any suggestions. The NTA mentioned Microwave Filter as a company to investigate. They are very well regarded. Dan provided them with specifications only two days ago, and said it would be at least a week before we know their proposed solution. No other antenna estimates are available. Meanwhile, Roy had a proposal from Pineapple Technology passed on by David Borchert to provide a 50 watt transmitter for \$1,500, and wanted approval to buy one (with further purchases to follow if this one was satisfactory). He gave the proposal to Angie to find out what the final shipped price would be, for a check to send.

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

FINAL ACTION: Antenna actions tabled for this meeting. Motion passed to buy one Simplicity transmitter for the proposed \$1,500 as soon as possible.

E. 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

No further discussion.

B. Other subjects for discussion only.

None.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

No public persons in attendance. However, Bob Lyman again mentioned the Lytle Ranch residents, approximately 20 families, who cannot receive a signal. Dan explained that based on our legal advice, the TV Board would take the full five years of the plan to resolve such issues before tax exemptions could be implemented, since technical difficulties could be fully resolved if our funding is sufficient.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

A special Budget Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 2, 2009, and the next normally scheduled meeting of the Moapa Valley TV District is at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, both in the Old Overton Gym, 353 West Thomas Street, Overton.

Approved:
MVTVD Board

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