

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

July 7, 2009

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order 7:00 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: The agenda for tonight and the minutes for the June 2, 2009 regular meeting were approved.

C. Pay monthly bills

Monthly bills were as usual but with the addition of a \$90.00 bill for a state-required annual fiscal report ad.

FINAL ACTION: All present agreed to pay the bills.

REPORTS

A. Financial

The estimate of the checking account balance is \$22,494.78. Tax receipts year-to-date are \$56,778, which is \$1,100 less than our first estimate. The receipt history was studied to get an idea of when funds might be available in the next year with its upcoming hardware requirements.

B. Equipment and Site

Roy has a copy of the plan the County has prepared for their site construction. The County will give us some cable, but they need to put 2 disks and 6 fibreglass stick antennas on our tower for 4-6 months. Roy informed them the disks have to be placed low for weight considerations. JD pointed out that there is something in the plan about water cooling of equipment—which must be checked out! Also, the BLM requires a letter, probably within 2 weeks, detailing the agreement in writing with the County, which probably needs to be checked by our lawyer. The County will eventually install a 120-foot tower, and will repair/re-grade the road without widening or changing it, due to BLM restrictions. Roy said that he has had some luck with our old translator on Ch. 14, and that it should be workable when an antenna is available. When Chs. 9 and 11 are moved, Las Vegas Station 8 can be added back to the lineup.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Discussion of insurance estimates and logo design

Christine has a further estimate, but needs a dollar figure for the planned new equipment to get a better result. Dan and Roy said that an estimate of about \$150,000-175,000 of new equipment probably should be covered. Then, medical and other coverages can be considered when cost estimates are ready. It was noted that the County will have a gate and some other security for the road, which should help our site. Logo designs are not ready yet.

FINAL ACTION: Table until further insurance estimates and design samples are available.

B. News on upgrade grant from NTIA.

Angie has been keeping track and reports that the upgrade grant is now open for applications. Until July 12, early application is available to us, but we have no paid receipts to submit on digital transmission. Later application will be once a month. From \$6,000 to \$20,000 is to be available for each site id (we have 7), based on whether it is an upgrade of analog or a purchase of new digital equipment. The password for our registration does not work right now, and there are several questions. Angie will try to obtain further information.

C. Discussion of channel movement, antenna installation; combiner and/or other

Dan began by discussing talks with PBS. Angie needs to send a billing for \$850 to PBS as their share of the companion channel engineering costs, approved some time ago, which enabled both entities to get adjacent channels. Further, it appears that PBS could make use of our new equipment and building space, and that it may be worth their sharing costs, first for the new equipment and later for the power usage that will occur. While more details need to be arranged, the Board approved Dan's effort to arrange the partnership.

The antenna was just delivered, and the cabling has been ordered. The Power Co. has agreed to install this equipment, but it is necessary to wait until it is cooler, probably in September. Dan presented the estimate for Microwave Filter's combiner of \$33,200. After more discussion, the Board agreed that the equipment was what was needed, and that it should be ordered now since building it would take at least until September.

D. Review and possible approval of further plans from above

FINAL ACTION: First, approve the presentation of an offer to partner with PBS for an initial cost of \$9,000 and their payment of the monthly power bill, with equipment being traded between the partners' buildings and the newer antenna/combiner equipment of the Board available somewhat to PBS.

Second, approve purchase of Microwave Filter combiner for a total price of \$33,200, with a down payment check for \$11,000 prepared now, and the balance before delivery, expected in September, 2009.

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

Roy expects more fitting, cable, and mounting hardware will be needed, but not at this time.

FINAL ACTION: Tabled.

OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Five Year Development Plan discussion if not covered above

No further discussion was held.

B. Other subjects for discussion only.

No other subjects were presented.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

There were no public persons in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next normally scheduled meeting of the Moapa Valley TV District is at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, in the Old Overton Gym, 353 West Thomas Street, Overton.

Approved:
MVTVD Board

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