

**MOAPA VALLEY TV MAINTENANCE DISTRICT
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**

April 6, 2010

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

At Old Overton Gym, 353 West Thomas Street, Overton

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Angie Perani, Sec'y./Treas.

OTHERS PRESENT

Several members of the community

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 was approved.

REPORTS

Annual Budget Report

Angie reported that the proposed 2010-2011 budget was very similar to last year's budget. The only major expenditures that were significantly different than the projected June 30, 2010 results were equipment purchases of \$58,293 vs. \$40,000 budgeted, and repair and maintenance expense of \$11,756 instead of \$4,500. The Board understood that these amounts were necessary to complete the system of digital transmission, which has resulted in three major channels with their companion channels now being digitally transmitted, with other channels soon to follow. The new equipment required the repair and maintenance increase as it was installed. In the new budget, the \$24 special assessment (the third of a five-year plan) will result in revenues of approximately \$57,888, with budgeted cash expenditures of \$23,330 for regular expenses, and allowing \$40,000 for equipment purchases to improve both receiving and transmitting of signals.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Public hearing for the upcoming annual budget

The public persons attending the meeting had several questions about the progress. Since the digital transmissions have just come on-line in the last month or so and are actually still being tested, most of the public does not yet know about the advances or how to take advantage of them. It was clear from the comments that many people did not know about the digital channels and need help to receive them. The Board members explained as much as they could, and volunteered to visit homes and help further with the problems of these attendees. Clearly, a major effort to explain the progress to all the District's citizens, and help where possible, needs to be undertaken by the Board in the near future.

A new resident asked about sources of funding, and the history of the \$24 special assessment of District taxpayers along with a brief description of the five-year plan was given. The plan was to convert receiving to digital the first year, due to a federal mandate, and to convert to digital transmission the second year. These were done as well as possible, though some analog equipment failed the first year and was not replaced due to costs which would not benefit the future. With a major new transmission structure functioning well, the installation will be upgraded and improved significantly in the coming third year of the plan.

B. Open forum for public comment

One additional question concerned insurance coverage for the site. Christine answered that quotations had been received, but a policy covering both site workers and hardware cannot be done until the current unprecedented hardware effort is further along. The Board agreed that the subject will be revisited ASAP. Generally, the persons present were comfortable with the proposed budget figures. There were no changes requested.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

The next normally scheduled meeting of the Moapa Valley TV District is at approximately 7:30 p.m., following this special budget meeting.

Approved:
MVTVD Board

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