

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

October 5, 2010

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Call to Order 7:30 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 ABSENT**

Angie Perani, Sec'y./Treas.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Kelly, President of Info West

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION**

**A. Conformance with open meeting laws**

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

**B. Approval of agenda and minutes**

FINAL ACTION: The agenda for tonight was approved, and the minutes from the September 7, 2010 regular meeting were approved.

**C. Pay monthly bills**

Monthly bills were as usual.

FINAL ACTION: All present agreed to pay the bills.

**REPORTS**

**A. Financial**

The checking account balance is estimated to be approximately \$49,000, with some checks still to clear. The Board members agreed that the BLM annual site tenancy report, as of September 30, 2010, was the same as the previous year, so that it can be sent.

**B. Equipment and Site**

Roy reported on much site activity. The two new transmitters have not yet been received, though the receivers are in. The County contractor is erecting the new tower, and the road is currently impassable due to the County activity. An electrical problem necessitated hiring a professional electrician to both repair one of the power boxes and to check out the rest of the wiring. Also, Overton Power visited the site to check out the situation, again proving a very great help to MVTVD. Previously, two set-top boxes were lost to the air-conditioning failure last month, and were now replaced. Dan has software and a thermostat that needs to be installed to allow on-line checking of the building temperature, which was already planned to better handle just such future problems. JD will install the new door now that the weather has moderated. Also noted; the building locks have been re-keyed and copies need to be made and minimally distributed. Until the road is open to move equipment, the new air-conditioning system installation has to be put on hold.

An extensive discussion was held on the grounding and concrete plans, since this is expected to be worked on by the County contractor as a trade for the transitional use of our tower. What the site needs is a tower-grounding halo with connections for all cables, as well as a halo around the building for the same purpose. Then, concrete needs to be poured to provide safety for the grounding wires. Also, walkways in concrete would greatly improve the ability of people to maneuver around the site.

As a practical (cost) matter, a building halo probably can't be done right now, but the grounding still needs to be done as well as possible. There are questions as to how much concrete BLM will allow to be poured, also. The site also needs more fencing to mount antennas—40 feet, with 2 more posts, as compared to the existing 20 feet. Meanwhile, Overton Power is planning to move the power grid underground.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **A. Review of previous outstanding items**

No news was reported on the station letters. Roy stated that PBS had visited the site. Signals and plans were checked and found workable, but no date for the move-in has been set. Roy has been assembling grant data, and has the major large items nearly ready to submit. Dan reminded him that no receiver costs can be included, since digital receiving was covered under the first grant of \$7,000 last year.

### **B. Discussion of new equipment installation**

Following the site report discussion of grounding and concrete plans, it was decided to ask the County contractor for an estimate of the added work, and Overton Power for their recommendations, in order to proceed with as much improvement as current finances will allow.

### **C. Review and possible approval of costs resulting from above discussion**

FINAL ACTION: The members approved a motion to spend up to \$15,000 to properly ground the building, prepare a grounding halo around the tower for antennas and receivers, and seal the ground wires as needed with concrete, along with adding concrete or other methods to provide walkways for site work safety.

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

FINAL ACTION: No immediate needs are known. No action taken at this time.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

### **A. Five Year Development Plan discussion if not covered above**

The middle school presentation by Elwin Brown was postponed due to his unavailability at this time.

### **B. Other subjects for discussion only.**

An informal presentation was given by Kelly of Info West, of plans for wireless internet service in the Valley, and thus for use of our BLM site as tenants. Highlights of the discussion concerned the impact on the Valley, both the citizens and other commercial interests, and the technical requirements of the site use, which appear mostly workable. Info West currently plans to partner with Comnett in some manner, which the Board would like to see defined further. Info West usually provides free "hot spots" in their service area to support citizen acceptance, i.e. the Senior Center, the Library, possibly other locations. Daniel Pray indicated that MVTVD would have to secure a legal opinion on the plan before going further. Due to the further investigation and discussion required, it was decided to put this item on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

## **COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

No community members were present.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next normally scheduled meeting of the Moapa Valley TV District is at approximately 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 2010, in the Old Overton Gym, 353 West Thomas Street, Overton.

Approved:  
MVTVD Board

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