

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

May 3, 2011

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order 7:35 p.m.

At Old Overton Gym, 353 West Thomas Street, Overton

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Angie Perani, Sec'y./Treas.

OTHERS PRESENT

Two community members, and Kelley Cook from Virgin Valley Telephone

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 mistakenly listed the meeting start time as 7:30 pm instead of 7, resulting in two members coming late. The agenda for tonight was thus revised and approved, and the minutes from the April 5 regular and budget meetings were approved.

C. Pay monthly bills

Monthly bills were as usual, except for \$85 to Valley Refrigeration to finish the air conditioner.

FINAL ACTION: All present agreed to pay the bills.

REPORTS

A. Financial

The account balances are estimated at \$27,848, with \$20,751 in checking. Assessment revenues were \$639.48 this month. For mail, the FCC has extended the 3 temporary licenses (Chs. 30, 34, 38) to October 5, but have not completed processing on the applications for permanent licenses.

B. Equipment and Site

The air conditioner is installed. Currently, the site is stable and operating well. The replaced antenna is ready for JD to send back. Other site considerations are covered below.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Virgin Valley cable (telephone) as customer

Dan reported that a meeting was held with Kelley Cook and his boss Harold. Dan asked what benefits would be provided to MVTVD's customers by an arrangement with Virgin Valley as our tenant with access to our receiving signals. Many benefits were discussed, such as assistance with further receiving equipment requirements and the small parts still needed, and most importantly, labor to help with the new tower implementation and some site improvements after the contractor is finished. If the arrangement is terminated in future, the equipment would be left for MVTVD. The small monthly tenant rack and electrical charges were mentioned, but the BLM site tenant charges were only remembered for this meeting. It was explained that MVTVD passes on the charge for each tenant's BLM annual expense through a monthly addition to the rack and electrical charges. Also, Virgin Valley would pay for MVTVD's legal fees to complete the agreement. A sample agreement was submitted by Virgin Valley, and Gary Hayes will complete one as soon as possible. The charges to Virgin Valley were discussed further. It is estimated that equipment would cost approximately \$750 for 6 clamps, \$1,200 for 2 amplifiers, and a maximum of \$300 for connectors. Three existing antennas may have to be upgraded to quads as an additional expense—this is not yet known. Rack charges are \$100 per month, electrical will be computed, and the BLM charge can be compared to the rate charged microwave tenants, which is under \$2,000 a year. If the initial charges

are higher, MVTVD would consider giving Virgin Valley a break on the rent for the near future. The figures for costs as mentioned were generally agreed to by both parties, though further discussion may be anticipated.

FINAL ACTION: The TV Board voted to proceed with this plan by giving tentative acceptance to having Reliance Connects (Virgin Valley) as a building tenant when a proper written agreement is accepted by both parties.

B. Previous items

Station letters and the grant await time to finish. Angie will research past minutes to provide Dan with data on the PBS negotiations for billing, so that he can call and define the expected billing. Roy is still working on surplus disposal. Roy still plans to have Angie help with the grant. The surplus collection will be continued for some time at the site.

C. BLM tower application

The BLM tower application approval is still pending, with Dan performing frequent follow-up with BLM. Kelley Cook said that Virgin Valley could at least do building preparation while the tower is being delayed.

D. Discussion of new equipment installation

All equipment is installed and working well. Since Roy will be able to attend the NTA convention in Denver to learn about the latest in new products, the Board voted to support his attendance.

E. Review and possible approval of costs resulting from above discussion

FINAL ACTION: A motion was passed authorizing Roy to attend the NTA convention as MVTVD's representative, with expenses not to exceed \$1,850.

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

FINAL ACTION: No immediate needs were identified.

OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Five Year Development Plan discussion if not covered above

No further discussion today.

B. Other subjects for discussion only.

None were raised.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

One citizen mentioned that her TV was able to get two or three channels more than the current 19 the District offered, and that TIVO also provided data on their schedules, but that TIVO could not provide similar data for MVTVD channels. Roy said that the "tables" are included with whatever the District receives, so the schedule should be available to TIVO. The viewer needs to find out which are the extra channels she receives so it can be investigated further.

Another citizen had three questions for the Board. First, why are channels sometimes slow to come back up after they are down? The answer was that often the problem is not with MVTVD but the signal provider, and then, the maintenance and repairs are done by the Board volunteers, who have employment and other responsibilities to fulfill before they can go to the site. Second, why is PBS missing for this viewer? Answer: sets and black boxes show various locations for some channels, and Vegas PBS is usually on Ch. 27 or maybe Ch. 7, so she needs to search. Third, which channels are coming next, when the District gets more funding? The answer is that more Vegas channels are available, and these would be next.

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, June 7, 2011 in the Old Overton Gym, 353 West Thomas Street, Overton.

Approved:

MVTVD Board

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