

MOAPA VALLEY TV MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 6, 2011

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

At Old Overton Gym, 353 West Thomas Street, Overton

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Pray, Chairman; Bob Lyman and Craig Fabbi

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Roy Wilmer, JD Hudrlik

STAFF PRESENT

Angie Perani, Sec'y./Treas.

OTHERS PRESENT

Vernon Robison for Progress, Betty Heitmann

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

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 and the minutes from the August 2, 2011 meeting were approved.

C. Pay monthly bills

Monthly bills were as usual. The Power Company billing for the large meter this month was \$533.33, and will be paid by the Credit Union.

FINAL ACTION: All present agreed to pay the bills.

REPORTS

A. Financial

The checking account balance is estimated at \$22,604, with a total balance of \$27,364.

Assessment revenues were \$4,181.22 for July, received 8/15. The big news is that the revenues payable 9/15 total \$48,674.60, the bulk of the 4th tax year.

B. Equipment and Site

Roy has not yet been able to resume his activities. Dan wants to go up to the site, but has no transportation, since JD has also been unavailable (see truck discussion below). Dan needs to install sensors and meet with Trade West to have them begin tower work. Bob will try to use his truck and go with Dan, though schedule conflict makes it difficult.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Expense reimbursements

Dan is suggesting a monthly payment to Board members of \$45, an increase from the \$25 it has been since 2001. Transportation, telephone, and citizen assistance calls have added significantly to the expenses and time used by Board members now. Also, the secretary requests that payment be made quarterly to reduce the number of small checks required.

FINAL ACTION: It was decided to table the item until more Board members are available.

B. Pending items

The station letters still need to be prepared, and there is no word on the grant at this time. Dan got a call from the Christian Broadcasting radio station to remove and hold any of their equipment found. They are tenants of the Power Company site, but have a receive antenna on MVTVD's site. This needs to be resolved for the BLM billing, which will be discussed in detail at the October meeting.

FINAL ACTION: None taken.

C. Conversion of final 4 licenses

FINAL ACTION: This item is tabled until the next meeting.

D. Purchase of a vehicle for MVTVD business use.

Dan previously mentioned his inability to go to the site as needed. JD offered to sell a Chevy S10 for approximately \$1,000. It probably needs a water pump (\$250), but otherwise is in good condition.

Dan felt that \$1,000 could be estimated for repairs, possibly including insurance and licensing costs. This would be a possible solution for the problem. It was decided that Dan would call for information on the insurance and Craig would try to check for the availability of any other comparable vehicles to choose from. Meanwhile, Bob will try to find out when the County will hold an auction.

FINAL ACTION: This item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

E. BLM tower application

As soon as Dan can meet with Trade West at the site, the tower work can begin.

F. Review and approval of costs from above

FINAL ACTION: None are known at this time.

G. Immediate needs

FINAL ACTION: None are known at this time.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Betty attended the meeting specifically to ask what has happened to LV PBS. Though it is not the responsibility of the District, something might be easily done if Board members can make a site visit. Meanwhile, Betty plans to phone PBS and question what is happening.

Vernon asked the following: If this is the 4th year of the conversion effort, where is MVTVD? Dan explained that the 4th year funds, just now being received, would be primarily used to convert the four remaining analog channels to digital. Already, 19 channels are available from the first six licenses; with the next four, it is hoped that around 30 channels will be re-transmitted. Three years ago, no channels were digital. Some third year funds were also set aside to construct the new receiving tower, which will improve reliability of the signals. The 5th year is planned to develop the community channel. Vernon next asked if the District knew how many people were using the service. No counts are available, but Dan and the Board estimate that it must be at least half of the community. Dan himself has visited over 100 homes to help with setup. Vernon asked if some people were still unable to get the signals. Due to the terrain, at least a few dozen homes get no signal. This can be addressed with boosters, possibly, after the major conversion. The Board can also give those families a tax exemption if service is not possible.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

The next normally scheduled meeting of the Moapa Valley TV District is at approximately 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 in the Old Overton Gym, 353 West Thomas Street, Overton.

Approved:

MVTVD Board

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