

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

June 5, 2012

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 Craig Fabbi

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Angie Perani, Sec'y./Treas.

OTHERS PRESENT

No one

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No persons were present.

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 May 1, 2012 regular meeting were approved. Also, all agreed to move the next regular meeting date to July 10th instead of July 3rd, since the holiday meant some Board members would be out of town.

C. Pay monthly bills

Monthly bills were as usual, with expenses for Dan of \$777.59 for grant preparation costs and the NTA \$350 conference charge, and for Roy of \$300 for May site trips.

FINAL ACTION: All present agreed to pay the bills.

REPORTS

A. Financial and Mail

Following receipt of the first \$35,129 federal grant amount, the account balances are \$44,649 in total, with \$37,544 in checking. Tax revenues were \$618 for the month. Dan reported that the second grant submission, over \$40,000, had been received in Washington. Roy said that he feels strongly that some of the current funds should be put away, either in the money market account or in certificates, so that the District will again have a financial cushion. Dan reported that the \$24 special assessment is ready for the County to include it in the tax bills for this year.

B. NTA Conference Report

Roy reported that the Albuquerque conference was very useful, with presentations on the current regulatory environment along with displays of new equipment and other discussions. Analog transmission will not be allowed after 2015, and it is likely that more band width will be taken away from re-transmitters for other uses, though not soon and not as damaging to rural users. Several other rules were discussed, such as allowing music stations to be transmitted, as well as the possibility of raising revenue, with ¼ of the amounts sent to the FCC with the newly required 317 report.

C. Equipment and Site

Roy reported that the site is running well, and that a \$1,000 filter might solve the Ch. 22 interference problem. Work is continuing to finalize the existing lineup, along with the community channel preparation that is next.

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Previous Items

The PBS electric charge was estimated to cost the District \$50 to \$100 per month. The charge could be paid as a quarterly or annual amount. This is still being considered, with Dan planning a

call to discuss it with PBS in future. The lower site leasing is tabled, and both grants are now completed, with payment awaited for the second one. The building re-foaming is done acceptably and is paid for. Station letters will require that Angie receive a spreadsheet for licensing information from Dan for drafting them in future. Dan has the original license copies to be returned to Angie for filing, with scanned copies for the site.

B. Discussion of new equipment.

Dan proposed that a check for \$2,200 be written so he could purchase the needed firewall for site control computer equipment. The firewall was previously approved for up to \$1,700, but a new unit costs \$4,800 and his investigation found that a used one would up to \$500 more than estimated. Next, Dan reviewed the features of a digital signage box and a related converter (ASI SD). The box takes videos and controls them for transmission over the community channel, which is the last stage of the current five-year plan, to be accomplished this year. The box is estimated at \$4,100 to \$4,200, with the converter estimated at \$4,600, or about \$10,000 for both. Roy asked that only the digital signage box be purchased at this time, with the converter equipment being studied for alternatives and required features. The Board agreed that the box should be ordered now, the converter later. Roy discussed the need for the purchase of two pre-amps for \$998, and one throttle receiver device (equalizes signals to prevent bandwidth grabbing by broadcasters) at about \$5,400.

C. Review and approval of costs from above

FINAL ACTION: It was moved, seconded and approved to write a check for \$2,200 in advance to purchase a Cisco ASA 5510 firewall. Next, the Board approved up to \$4,200 to purchase a digital signage box, with payment to be made later. Also, checks for two pre-amps at \$998, and one throttle receiver (signal equalizer) for \$5,342.85 were approved and written.

D. Immediate needs

Items were covered above.

FINAL ACTION: None required.

OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Five Year Development Plan discussion if not covered above

Angie mentioned that it was time to draft another general five-year plan, if possible. The debt review process of the state and the county requests a brief plan description in July.

B. Other subjects for discussion only.

The adjacent room dance tenants played music that prevented the meeting being held or recorded properly. Dan plans to discuss the problem with the Old Gym personnel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one was present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

The next normally scheduled meeting of the Moapa Valley TV District will be at 7:00 p.m., on **July 10, 2012**, in the Old Overton Gym, 353 West Thomas Street, Overton.

Approved:

MVTVD Board

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