

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

June 3, 2014

**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Call to Order 7:00 p.m.**

Old Logandale School, 3011 N. Moapa Valley Blvd., Logandale

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Angie Perani, Sec'y./Treas.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Vernon Robison from the Progress, Bob Gollen of Technalogix, 2 citizens  
For the following agenda items, all members present voted in the affirmative unless otherwise indicated.

**INITIAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**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 minutes from the May 6, 2014 regular meeting were approved.

**C. Pay monthly bills**

Outside of the usual bills, several others were presented. First, Dan submitted a charge of \$2,236.92, covering previously approved per diem and mileage charges for the NTA Convention attendance along with extra labor charges for license renewals and site trips. Roy submitted expenses of \$500 for several months of site visits. Checks for small charges were written, along with larger checks following the discussions later in the meeting. The Board had no questions on the tax assessment recap for this year, which reflected minor County user code changes.

FINAL ACTION: All present approved payment of the bills.

**REPORTS**

**A. Financial and Mail**

The total of all accounts was \$139,763, with \$132,646 in checking. Tax received was \$452.04 and the power bill was \$486, up a few dollars. Two letters from the insurance adjuster indicated that claims had been filed for roof and tower wind damage, which Dan explained next.

**B. Equipment and Site**

Dan said the insurance adjuster had visited the site, and that the tower damage would be covered under one claim. The other, for foam and roof damage, would not be paid, since the policy does not cover the building itself. At the time the policy was purchased, the building could not be covered without items like a chain link fence enclosure and complete security camera coverage, which the Board did not want to install at that time. Dan had an insurance estimate of \$18,000 for the roof repairs, since the old roof covering has to be removed before proper re-foaming. The tower repairs, to be paid by the insurance, were estimated at \$1,800.

Roy said the site is running well, and that Ch. 3 is running under the new Technalogix transmitter, resulting in significantly improved operation. Roy has also been looking into satellite feeds and other such sources to find additional content. Tomorrow, Overton Power is expected to remove the roof air conditioner at the site for repair work to be done. A check for \$100 was written to them for this work.

**C. License Renewal Report**

Luckily for the District, Dan was at the NTA Convention when Hussein from the FCC presented information which included the fact that in certain states, Nevada being one, the required license renewals (ours were scheduled for October) had to be applied for by June 1, 2014. Dan has completed this in time, along with the Ch. 38 filing for permanent status that will result in a new construction permit after 45 days, and finally, a real license again. The renewal will be advertised.

#### **D. NTA Convention**

Dan reported that the NTA Convention was outstanding this year, providing a great deal of information along with useful contacts, equipment displays, and technical data. The most significant information was about the FCC's repackaging plan as it is now understood, as discussed below. Dan also reported that there is a new low-power TV channel in Utah that is similar to our proposed Community Channel, though it is privately funded. He noted that a lot of interest was expressed in town, with the idea of advertising on our channel.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

##### **A. Presentation by Bob Gollen, Technalogix**

Bob came to the meeting after visiting the site and seeing to the installation of a new transmitter, Technalogix's TAB40 on Ch. 3. He stated that he felt MVTVD's site was well planned and executed, and complimented Roy's handling of the facility. Bob attended both the Elko, NV meeting and the NTA, and met with Board members there. He described the equipment under consideration as being up-to-date technically, reliable, and easy to handle since it is more modular than the units to be replaced. Dan was able to view output remotely, an important goal. Technalogix has been in business over 20 years, and TV equipment is not the only product sold. He referenced other clients such as Iron County, Mich. State U., MIT, and the military. Dan was given references and has successfully contacted them. The 40-watt amplifier/transmitter is more powerful than MVTVD has had, and comes with a 2-year warranty. Because of a proposal for 9 more units, Technalogix was able to offer a volume discount, lowering the price from the list of \$8,995 to \$6,000 each, a very good buy when compared to the next available units which are several thousand more. These ten units would replace the initial digital equipment from Pineapple, a very reasonable solution during the original conversion, but proven somewhat unreliable, with the company closing shop recently.

##### **B. FCC Repackaging**

The FCC's spectrum reorganization would not be official for a year, but it proposes that stations and re-transmitters must broadcast below Ch. 38, and that, while primary stations would receive payment for surrendering access, re-transmitters would receive no help at all. Generally, this means that MVTVD's lineup would be greatly disrupted, with extensive equipment changes to move and pack more transmissions in a limited spectrum. The NTA is lobbying for concessions as much as possible.

##### **C. Work in Progress**

Trade West presented a proposal for the concrete work of \$7,925. Wheeler Electric will install the final grounding wire, as previously discussed, though the cost is not yet known. Valley Electric has submitted a bid for the new roof air conditioner with new ductwork and moving of the inside air conditioner, of \$4,072, which the Board approved with the caveat that an air conditioner failure be attended to within 1-2 hours, since the valuable equipment could be at risk.

After contacting 4 more businesses about the re-foaming, Dan got a proposal of \$16,000 to remove the old foaming, re-foam the whole building, and do cleanup, though we have to pay for hauling the equipment up the hill to the site.

FINAL ACTION: The Board approved the Trade West proposal for concrete work at \$7,925, the Valley Electric air conditioner bid at \$4,072, and the MAC Roofing Services proposal for re-foaming at \$16,000. Wheeler Electric was also approved to install the grounding wire, with expected approval of a reasonable dollar amount when known.

##### **D. District Truck**

Dan said that the truck stalled 25 times during a site trip, and something more needs to be done!  
FINAL ACTION: Dan will take the truck to another mechanic for repairs.

##### **E. Community Channel**

This subject is tabled for now, but Craig agrees with Dan that talking to townspeople who have expressed an interest in advertising, like Judy from Sugar's, might be helpful, and he will try.

##### **F. Discussion of Hardware Ordering**

The Board discussed the Technalogix proposal for 9 more transmitters, and agreed that this was needed. Roy then said that the next hardware step would be to buy another Octane, probably in August or September, and then add 2 modulators at about \$5,000, with no decision required now. Dan said that a new temperature sensor, at \$500 or so, may need to be purchased soon.

**G. Review and approval of costs or immediate needs**

FINAL ACTION: The Board voted unanimously to purchase the first transmitter already installed, with a coupler, wave guide and shipping bringing the cost to \$6,714.44, and to accept the proposal for 9 more at a total cost of \$54,000 plus shipping, with delivery in 1 – 2 months.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

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

No further discussion was held.

**B. Other subjects for discussion only**

No new subjects were raised.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

A citizen asked if Mesquite is involved with MVTVD. The answer is no, they have 2 cable systems.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

The next normally scheduled meeting of the Moapa Valley TV District is the regular meeting on Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., at the Old Logandale School, 3011 N. Moapa Valley Blvd. in Logandale.

Approved: MVTVD Board

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