

MOAPA VALLEY TV MAINTENANCE DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 2, 2015

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Angie Perani, Sec'y./Treas.

OTHERS PRESENT

Bryce Mortenson.

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 5, 2015 budget and regular meeting were approved.

C. Pay monthly bills

Monthly bills were the usual, with the addition of \$50 for annual postal box renewal. The Board was apprised of the final NTA Conference charges of \$2,194 less the \$1,500 advance. Richard of Overton Power submitted a bill for \$499, for further work on the generator move. Scott submitted a bill for site work, which he will now be able to continue.

FINAL ACTION: All present approved payment of the bills.

REPORTS

A. Financial and Mail

The total of all accounts was \$69,195, with \$62,071 in checking. This month's electrical bill was \$482. The assessment received in May was 600.91.

B. Equipment and Site

Roy said that the electrical work for moving the generator was done, and that he and Scott were planning how to finish the floor painting, which entails a lot of rack moving. The site is running well, with the air temperature being monitored and in good shape. JD may be able to provide the metal plates for the wall repair, and Roy has either the bolts or welding ready for this.

Roy reported that the NTA Conference really emphasized the repacking effort, which is the removal of channel availability from users like MVTVD, Ch. 50 and above probably, that the FCC will be declaring within the next year. Roy feels that the changes can be made, but they are costly—and not reimbursable at all by the federal government. The FCC has a new website, and there are new ATSC standards which allow higher bandwidths in the same frequency. Also allowed are multiple towers broadcasting on the same frequency, which may mean MVTVD can better serve Lytle Ranch and/or the reservation in future. Roy says this can be a really good development. With the repacking, patterns are being tightened, and if a problem develops, i.e. a conflict with Mesquite, arbitration to resolve it will be done. The repacking will impact mostly Utah Hill, and Roy and Dan are considering microwave transmission from there to MVTVD's site (Utah Hill receives channels this way now) as a primary option. Pricing for this varies widely, and Dan insists that the transmission be IP, so that remote monitoring is possible over the estimated 40 miles. Two dishes are needed, with ASA converted to IP and then reconverted upon receipt. Utah Hill will allow this, with some charge. More development of this idea needs to be done in future.

GENERAL BUSINESS**A. Status of Work in Progress**

These subjects were covered above in the site report.

B. Community Channel Plans

Dan explained that Bryce Mortenson is available for an apprenticeship, and that his interest is programming. Dan has offered to arrange his employment with The Solutions Center, so that his services can be offered to MVTVD for a fixed price, not to exceed \$1,500 for three months. There are many tasks he can assist with, from website upgrading to site networking.

One task already completed is the insertion of links to each of the other Nevada re-transmission sites—and Dan noted that our system is near the top on development to-date. Bryce was already able to demonstrate another significant advance. This is the display of the channel lineup with program schedules, which can be run on Ch. 50-4 until 50-5 can be made available. This display can be alternated with local pictures, with captions, and possibly advertising copy or pictures. This project is not yet completed, and will require a computer and/or other hardware purchase. Meanwhile, Dan explained that the channel display programming the Board was viewing would have cost \$2,359 from DSI, a supplier affiliated with the NTA, if it hadn't been written here. The schedule content, a test file of which was displayed, has to be purchased, at a cost of \$150 per month from DSI, on a 3-year contract. The inclusion of pictures, etc., will need further consideration to decide how to manage it.

Craig questioned whether a business license would be needed to run advertising, and Roy had questions about the state's response to this type of income. These are details that can be checked later, assuming there is advertising to run in future.

FINAL ACTION: The apprenticeship of Bryce Mortenson was unanimously approved, for tasks to be assigned by Daniel, and for a cost not to exceed \$1,500. A contract to purchase schedule content at a cost of \$150 per month from DSI, for a period of 3 years, was approved by a 4 to 1 vote, with Bob voting against this until a way can be found to pay for the service outside of taxpayer money.

C. Discussion of Hardware Ordering

None is required now, but Roy expects to buy another receiver in the next few months.

D. Review and approval of costs or immediate needs

FINAL ACTION: None.

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

No further discussion was held.

B. Other subjects for discussion only

None were mentioned.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bryce offered no comments other than his equipment demonstration.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting of the Moapa Valley TV District is the regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at the Old Logandale School, 3011 N. Moapa Valley Blvd. in Logandale.

Approved: MVTVD Board

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