

Eureka County Television District

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BOARD OF EUREKA COUNTY TELEVISION DISTRICT

Minutes

February 19, 2021

Call to order (For Possible Action)

- a. Roll Call-Establish Quorum *Roll Call was taken with 4 members present.*
- b. Pledge of Allegiance *Member Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.*
- c. Approve meeting agenda as presented or make changed as needed. *Motion was made by Member Brown to approve the agenda with Member Klatt seconding.*

I. Public Comment and Discussion

Consider items requiring action to be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting. **(Discussion)**

Member Klatt reported that the reception from Diamond Valley was good.

II. Approval of minutes of last meeting

Member Brown motioned to approve the minutes with Member Moylan seconding. Vote 4-0 to approve.

III. Discussion/Action Items

- a) Presentation by Eagle Communications of progress and plans. This includes a status report for migration to fiber at Prospect as well as discussion about internet provider for Argenta. *Eureka County South is completely on Fiber. Conversion took place on Tuesday and all seems to be working great at Tank Hill and Prospect. All locations that are being considered for fiber in Lander County are available and the costs appear to be the same. AT&T will be charging 1500 per month to provide the service for Argenta Peak.*

Paden and Bill met with Battle Mountain Hospital. They expressed concern with locating on the roof since it is expected to be replaced soon. A discussion was held regarding using the TV signal with in the hospital rooms. The team did not feel that locations at the hospital were optimal. Discussion with the County would be better. Care would have to be taken to make sure that the signal did not bleed over to anyone elses signal. Licensing is possible to get a signal from Battle Mountain to Argenta. The cost is projected to be about 600. The equipment and other needs are projected to be about \$12,000 – 15000. Paden was not about to make contact with other entities.

- b) Discuss a partnership with Lander County for fiber use for Argenta Peak. *We have the agreement with White Pine County, so all is good with this.*

Lander County officials asked how much they would be responsible for with a new agreement? President Leppala responded that he is not certain as of this time because they would need an agreement first. This is premature at this point.

- c) Discuss and prioritize equipment needs for Argenta Peak for connection to fiber feed. Authorize orders needed for establishing this connection. *Paden told the Board that the equipment still has not been quoted. Anywave has not supplied a quote yet. This is for a router and microwave. The rest of the equipment has already been ordered.*
- d) Discuss, Approve or Deny MOU with White Pine County TV regarding agreement to share costs on Humboldt County Feed. *Member Brown made a motion to approve the agreement with White Pine County. Member Klatt seconded. Vote 4-0 to approve.*
- e) Discuss replacing Leslie Lotspeich as secretary of the TV District. Leslie has indicated that she will not be able to perform services after May of 2021. *The Board reviewed the position opening description. Jan was identified as interested in the position. The position will be posted on the Diamond Valley Facebook page.*
- f) Expense Report (**For Possible Action**)

Eagle Communications: \$3000.00 maintenance agreement (February)
 Elko Television District: \$982.30 (February)
 Humboldt County Television District: \$ 823.04 (Fiber service to Humboldt County) (February)
 Switch Data Center \$ 1636.58
 Leslie Lotspeich: \$1500. Administrative Duties (February)
 Any other bills received after the agenda was posted. No other bills were received. *Member Moylan motioned to approve the expenses with Member Klatt seconding. Vote 4-0 to approve.*

IV. Maintenance Report (For Discussion Only)

- a) Mary’s Mountain *Paden told the Board that he noted some minimal issues during the past month. He will check on the microwave on Mary’s Mountain. He also said that the migration to fiber has helped to see the equipment.*
- b) White Pine County Feed and Programming
- c) Argenta Peak *Had to go to reset the generator. Loss of speed sensor led to a shutdown. Paden determined that it needs new coolant. Cummins said the speed sensor may need to be replaced in the near future.*
- d) Tank Hill *A generator monitor is set to be installed.*
- e) Prospect Peak *One community member indicated that she has problems even after the migration. There is speculation that she may have older equipment that is not able to receive the fiber feed as well. Or the receiver is extremely sensitive to minimal glitches. Paden is planning on making a trip to her home to check on this specifically.*
- f) Fiber Delivery *Lander County asked for a timeline regarding installation for fiber on Argenta. Paden told him that at this time, the target is before the end of the budget year. Bill reminded the Board that last year the installation of fiber to Prospect was delayed severely due to Corona Virus shut down.*

V. Discussion and possible approval of additional work, equipment & improvements at various sites –
None at this time.

VI. Old Business *No old business at this time.*

VII. New Business *President Leppala wanted to discuss the Las Vegas connection loss. He has heard discussion from community members regarding this station signal. He reminded the Board that this is not part of the DMA. Paden clarified that the Designated Market Area outlines what areas can have the major networks. An area that is assigned to someone else is not supposed to be able to broadcast from outside the DMA. President Leppala asked if Elko TV District had gotten in trouble with this in the recent past.*

White Pine currently receives the signal from Las Vegas. They are part of the DMA. Current conditions with ice and snow make it difficult to receive a clear signal. New equipment will have to be purchased and the station in Las Vegas does not want to bear the entire bill. It is possible that costs may be about \$2,000. However this may put Eureka County in the same position that Elko was in a few years ago, in that the DMA is not part of this area. Fines may be imposed if broadcasting outside of the DMA. Paden reported that the Cable Company was fined in Elko for violating the DMA.

VIII. Public Comment

No Comment at this time.

IX. Adjournment Member Moylan moved for adjournment.