

Eureka County Television District

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Members: Randall Klatt - Chairman, Mike Rebalcati - Vice Chairman, Eldon Brown, Tracy Moylan, James Breitrick

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

Eureka County Television District will meet in regular session on:

Date: Friday, April 7, 2023

Time: 10:00 A.M.,

Place: Crescent Valley Town Hall, 5045 Tenabo Avenue, Crescent Valley, NV

Board Members: Randy Klatt, Eldon Brown, Tracy Moylan, James Breitrick by Video Conference

Guests: Paden Hilyard of Eagle Communications, Bart Negro of Lander County Improvement District, Kat Boylin a Crescent Valley Resident and Eureka County District Attorney Ted Beutel by Video Conference

Call to order *1023 Hrs.*

1. **Establish Quorum** *3 members in person 1 by video conference*
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** *Led by Tracy Moylan*

Public Comment and Discussion – discussion only *Kat from Crescent Valley came to see what that the TV District is all about and be the voice of information for others in Crescent Valley to help curb misinformation.*

General Business

1. **Approval of agenda - for possible action** *Member Brown motioned to approve the agenda as presented, Member Moylan seconded, approved (3-0)*
2. **Approval of minutes from previous meetings -March 17, 2023 - for possible action** *Member Brown motioned to approve the minutes of the last meeting, Member Breitrick seconded, approved (4-0).*
3. **Resolution for William Leppala - for possible action** *Tabled*
4. **Board approval of FY 23/24 tentative budget for final approval by the Commissioners and State. - for possible action** *Member Brown motioned to approve the budget for 23-24, Member Moylan seconded, approved (4-0).*
5. **Approval of the NTA sustaining membership dues - for possible action** *Member Breitrick motioned to pay the dues, Member Moylan seconded, approved (4-0).*
6. **Approval of NTA convention costs - for possible action** *Member Breitrick motioned to approve the expenses, Member Brown seconded, approved (4-0).*
7. **Discuss terms of the MOU with Elko County for the Switch center and the TV feed - for possible action** *Paden Hilyard of Eagle Communications, LLC explained that Elko County Television District approved the purchase of equipment for the joint use of the Switch Data Center to share the data source with Eureka Television District since we own the equipment at the data source. It had been discussed in the past that a 70% Elko, 30% Eureka County cost share. Eureka owns the equipment at the data stream so we control the MOU. We will get the information for the MOU and have District Attorney Ted Beutel work on it for us. Member Brown motioned to approve the MOU terms, Member Moylan seconded, approved (4-0).*

8. **Discussion of FCC letters - for possible action** *Paden with Eagle Communications, LLC explained that Eagle got an email from the FCC media division stating that our media licenses were expiring October 1, 2022 and renewal was late and we got a letter in the mail the same time. Their rule is that the renewals need to be made prior to the 1st day of the 4th month prior to the expiration date. That means ours were due to renew prior to June 1, 2022. The licenses renew every 8 years and the last time they renewed former Chairman Dave Pastorino took care of it. No one on the board knew about the renewal process and Mr. Pastorino passed away last year so Eagle Communications went ahead and did the renewal after the email came because they are familiar with other types of FCC licensing but they are not contracted to do this for the us. They got this done just to be sure the television service was not interrupted and changed the contact address to the Television District mailing address. Most of the licenses had Dave Pastorino's address and contact information. Chairman Klatt had spoken with a representative of the NTA about the problem and was informed that the rules for renewal have been in place for a very long time so our best bet would be to send a letter pleading ignorance and ask for a waiver or reduction of the fine. Eagle also mentioned that the FCC wants us to have a way for the license renewal to be done even when people on the board come and go so this doesn't happen again. After discussion it was decided that the Board would send a letter to the FCC. Member Brown motioned to send letter; Member Moylan seconded, approved (4-0).*

District Attorney Ted Beutel joined the meeting a bit later and expressed his agreement that a letter be send and and volunteered to handle the communications for us. He asked for a statement from Eagle Communications and will take care of things the beginning of next week. The Board accepted his offer.

9. **Approval of changes on/to Prospect Tower by T-Mobile - for possible action** *tabled*

10. **Expense Report - for possible action**

FCC	\$13,500.00	Monetary Forfeiture
FCC	\$12,000.00	Monetary Forfeiture
FCC	\$10,500.00	Monetary Forfeiture
Humboldt County Television District	\$ 823.04	Monthly fiber service
Eagle Communications, LLC	\$ 3,000.00	Monthly maintenance
Switch Data Center	\$ 1,477.50	Monthly fiber service
Janeen H. Hilyard	\$ 1,500.00	Monthly administrative
Lander County	\$ 250.00	Monthly equipment space
NTA sustaining membership dues	\$ 900.00	Yearly dues
NTA sponsorship	\$ 500.00	Yearly sponsorship

We are not paying the FCC fines at this time until the letter has been send and we hear more from the FCC. Member Moylan motioned to approve the rest of the expenses, Member Breitrack seconded, approved (4-0).

11. **Any other bills received after the agenda was posted – for possible action** *None*
(A list of bills and supporting documents will be submitted to the Board at the meeting).

12. **Maintenance Report – discussion only**

A. Mary's Mountain *see Argenta.*

B. Tank Hill *all is well*

C. Argenta Ridge / Lander County Courthouse *Argenta has a microwave that is working off and on. Eagle Communications has been resetting it remotely daily and it would work for a while then quit. Last time he tried to reset it it didn't come back on. He has the snow cat and operator scheduled to go to Mary's Mountain on Monday which is where the problem physically is. Their plan is to have the Crescent Valley TV back on line by the end of next week. The road to Argenta is completely impassable with 4' of snow on top. Bart Negro of the Lander County Improvement District stated that they have a dozer scheduled next weekend to open the road to the towers on Argenta because the last storm knocked their tower down.*

D. Prospect Peak *has equipment running in low power because the air conditioner units have been buried again by snow and Eagle Communications will have to go uncover and reset them using the Television Board's snow cat and County's operator again. They went up during the last month and dug them out once but the latest storm that came in buried them again.*

13. **Discussion and possible approval of additional work, equipment and improvements at various sites – for possible action** *Eagle Communications stated that with the snow fall this year they are redesigning the vent design for the vents approved last year to be put in the site buildings. They were afraid that if there was a big snow winter the lower vents would be blocked and ineffective and now they have proof that the idea was correct so they will put the vents higher and get them in this year.*

14. **Old Business - discussion only** *None*

15. **New Business - discussion only** *None*

Public Comment *None*

Adjournment – for possible action *Motion made by Member Breitrick. 1124 Hrs.*