

Eureka County Television District

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

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

Eureka County Television District met in regular session on:

Date: Friday, May 12, 2023

Time: 10:00 A.M.,

Place: Eureka County Courthouse Commissioner's Chambers, 10 South Main Street, Eureka, Nevada.

Board Members: Chairman Klatt, Vice Chairman Rebaleati, Tracy Moylan, Jim Breitrick, Eldon Brown by phone

Guests: Jeb Rowley head of Eureka County Public Works, Paden Hilyard of Eagle Communications, Howard Fines of SCFCC, Inc. by phone.

Call to order

1. **Establish Quorum** *Chairman Klatt established quorum with 4 members present and on conference call.*
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** *led by Member Moylan.*

Public Comment and Discussion – *discussion only* *None*

General Business

1. **Approval of agenda - *for possible action*** *Member Breitrick motioned to accept the agenda as presented, Vice Chairman Rebaleati seconded, approved (5-0)*
2. **Approval of minutes from previous meetings - April 7, 2023 - *for possible action*** *Member Moylan motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Vice Chairman Rebaleati seconded, approved (5-0)*
3. **Resolution for William Leppala - *for possible action*** *Vice Chairman Rebaleati motioned to accept into record the resolution for William Leppala, Member Breitrick seconded, approved (5-0).*
4. **Discussion of FCC letters and fines – *for possible action*** *President Klatt stated that we have not heard back from the FCC since the letters sent last month. He mentioned the plan he had in his letter to appoint someone to be the compliance officer and have a compliance plan and outside help that won't cost an arm and let. Member Breitrick motioned to adopt a plan to take the steps we need per the letters sent to the FCC, made on our behalf by Ted Beutel the Eureka County District Attorney and the one signed by President Klatt. Vice Chairman Rebaleati seconded, approved (5-0). Howard Fines of SCFCC, Inc. mentioned that all our sights are off with their physical location coordinates. Mr. Hilyard stated that the locations are on the NAT 27 Datum. Mr. Fines stated that the FCC updated them to a newer datum and that Google Earth has updated them and they are very exact. He also noticed other problems with the licenses vs their primary station and other things. He is sending Secretary Hilyard the spreadsheet he has so we can get things corrected with the FCC's Change of Primary Station form. He also warned us that people can file for our frequencies if things don't get corrected. He suggested that we get an email address in the county's system that has FCC Licenses as a name and the emails will be forwarded to all board members and any one else we want.*

5. **Discuss, approve or deny the 2 year renewal of rack space on Mary's Mountain – for possible action** *Mr. Hilyard stated that Mary's Mountain site space is up for renewal for 2 years with the State of Nevada. It is our backup for Crescent Valley when the switch to fiber is finished. The bill is over \$7000 per year. Mr. Hilyard suggested contacting the State and seeing if a 1 year contract could be made. President Klatt noted that the money was in the budget and that we should just go ahead with the 2 year contract. Vice Chairman Rebaleati motioned to renew our contract for the 2 year period only if a 1 year option isn't available, Member Breित्रick seconded, approved (5-0).*
6. **Discussion of new AT&T connection for Argenta/Lander County project – discussion only** *Mr. Hilyard explained that the equipment for fiber is installed and ready to switch over to fiber. The contract Chairman Klatt received by email is the go ahead for the fiber connection to the Battle Mountain Courthouse. The cost will be about \$1060 per month for 250 MB.*
7. **Approval of changes on/to Prospect Tower by T-Mobile - for possible action** *Mr. Hilyard stated that he was able to enough pictures for the tower mapping, when he went up last time by snow cat. He will be getting that to them in the next few weeks. Member Moylan mentioned that the the Board would like to take a trip to Prospect Peak with Eagle Communications for a tour. They are thinking that after the July meeting the entire group could go up if the road is passable. Mr. Hilyard said that would be fine with him. Plans will be made in the June meeting. Jeb Rowley expressed concern about the Prospect Peak tower's load and would like to get a pay for a structural analysis done independently from the T-Mobile one that is being done. He and Mr. Hilyard agree that the cell companies may figure things in their favor in order to get what they want. Vice Chairman Rebaleati asked if Public Works would share the information with the Television District. Mr. Rowley stated that it would be done for the good of all county entities that use the tower so the analysis would be for everyone. He asked if there was a current mapping of the tower. Mr. Hilyard said they were doing a ground mapping for T-Mobile but that a thorough mapping was ordered by the Board for as soon as the site was accessible by truck. The subject will be revisited next month for final decisions.*

8. Expense Report - for possible action

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 April and May	\$ 500.00	Monthly equipment space

Vice Chairman Rebaleati motioned to accept all the expenses as presented including the additional one, Member Moylan seconded, approved (5-0)

9. Any other bills received after the agenda was posted – for possible action

<i>Eureka County High School Scholarship Fund Drive</i>	<i>\$ 500.00</i>	<i>included in vote above.</i>
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10. Maintenance Report – discussion only

A. Mary's Mountain Transmitter died and was replaced with a decommissioned one from Elko County Television District. Eagle Communications used the Eureka County Television District snow cat to access the site.

B. Tank Hill had a coolant leak in the generator and went into shutdown. Mr. Hilyard found it to be a bad coolant heater and replaced the heater with one he had left there just for this type of problem. KUNR radio station is down. They have been notified that their transmitter is dead. They are working on it. Mr. Hilyard suggested that everyone who likes it should call the station and complain that it is down. That may help to get it fixed faster. He will get the stations phone number to everyone.

C. Argenta Ridge / Lander County Courthouse Land County Improvement District (LCID) had the road to Argenta opened so they could get to their site whose tower had been blown down. They brought their equipment over to our building. We installed all our new transmitters for the fiber swap over which opened up 1.5 racks of space after the installation of LCID's equipment. Their antennas were hung and they are up and running again. Parker Solutions had to be called to fix a blown sensor on one of the building's air conditioners and do a pm on both. Mr. Hilyard also requested that they do pm all our sites' air conditioners.

D. Prospect Peak had building temperatures rising and Mr. Hilyard had to take our snow cat up to dig out the air conditioners and reset them. Right after that another storm came in and buried the air conditioners again and the building's heat increase causing a power supply to shut down. He returned to dig again and reset the power supply.

11. Discussion and possible approval of additional work, equipment and improvements at various sites – for possible action none

12. Old Business - discussion only none

13. New Business - discussion only Member Moylan suggested we increase the scholarship amount to \$1000 to try to get students interested in the communication work. Member Breitrack mentioned that in the past a member used to go to the school and talk to the kids to get interested in communications and the work involved. Vice Chairman Rebaleati stated that he could do that. Mr. Hilyard mentioned that Pershing County High School has a TV program that teacher Shelly Nee is producing for her school and wants to expand to other counties. We might be interested in helping our school get involved with them. Vice Chairman Rebaleati mentioned that Eureka High School used to broadcast sports events and the equipment might be in the TV District's town shed. The high school could use it if needed. He will talk to people at the school about our ideas. This will help kids get interested in what we want our scholarship to go toward.

Public Comment None

Adjournment – for possible action Member Breitrack motioned to adjourn.