



Board of Directors Regular Meeting

December 24th, 2020, at 6:00 pm

via Zoom

Board of Directors in Attendance: Greg Drew (GD), Curt Taylor (CT), Ken Rocheleau (KR), Dick Pecor (DP), Dirk Reith (DR)

Staff in Attendance: Kevin Christopher (KC), (MW) Michael Wright

1. Call to Order by DP at 6:05 PM.

2. Approve Agenda

No changes

Motion to approve agenda with additional item by DR, 2nd by GD, passed unanimously.

3. Public / Board Member / Staff Comment

No comments

4. Approve Minutes of 11/23/2020 Meeting

Motion to approve by DR, 2nd by CT, passed unanimously

5. Executive Director's Report

KC reported he has gone through the ComCast contract and believes it looks good. If there are no changes, he will request a final version for Chair Dick Pecor to sign. No changes were required.

6. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jeff Hathaway was not present, so KC went over the numbers. DP asked about a transfer of about \$50k from operating to capital that he thought should have been on the report. KC will check on it and report back.

7. Old Business

a. FCC and Legislative Status Update

KC reported nothing new on the FCC front. On the legislative side the Access TV Study is a little further along, but not much. KC continues to collect data for the study. A report from the study committee should come out near the end of January.

b. Cable Line Extension Funding Proposal

DP reported the ComCast has come back with the offer to re-engineer the project on Middle Rd. They say they will have an application in to Green Mountain Power (GMP) for poll attachment and make ready work by the end of the year. GMP has 45 days to come up with the cost. Then Comcast can revise their estimate and come back to DP with a final estimated project cost. DP stated that they are still far away from the possibility of tapping into the LCATV Cable Line Extension fund.

DP also mentioned that there is an ongoing investigation by the Public Utilities Commission into 8.313 and issues that make it difficult for individuals to get a cable line extension built.

c. Policy # 4 Program Priorities - Second Reading / Action

KC went over the small changes that have been made to the policy. Board members came up with a couple additional small changes in wording.

Motion by GD to approve Policy # 4 as presented, 2nd by CT passed unanimously

d. Policy #9 (formerly #10) Program Content - Second Reading / Action

KC explained the changes he had made. One change regarded when adult content can be shown. LCATV's hours for this are between 1:00 AM and 6:00 AM. Federal guidelines are 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM. KC asked if the Board would like to change our hours to match the federal standard. After some discussion, the Board decided to keep LCATV's hours the same.

KC also looked into the issues of providing notice of raffles, games of chance etc. He found that in 1999 guidelines changed to give broadcasters more leeway regarding this issue. He could find no state or federal regulations prohibiting announcements or PSAs regarding lotteries. KC suggested that the item be tabled so he could research it some more. The Board agreed.

Motion by DR to table Policy # 9 as presented, 2nd by CT passed unanimously

e. Fiscal Year 2021 Budgets – 2nd Reading / Action

KC made a couple of adjustments reflecting hardware and software upgrades. He also moved some funds from operating to capital.

Motion by DR to approve the FY2021 budget as presented, 2nd by GD passed unanimously

8. New Business

a. Policy #6 (new #5) Sponsorship advertising and Paid Service – First reading

KC went over the changes he suggested, mostly having to do with clarifying the expression “call to action.”

b. Policy # 7 (New #6) Program Scheduling – First reading

KC explained the small changes he suggested.

9. Executive Session

Not needed

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:01 PM by DR, 2nd by KR, passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted on January 8th, 2021 (DRAFT) by Curt Taylor – Secretary
Approved as final at 2-8-2021 meeting