

Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Hearing Provisional
Minutes
December 19, 2018

<p>1. Call to Order and Roll Call Vote</p>	<p>President Wallender called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM. The meeting was held at the nearest practical location, the meeting room in Umpqua Bank at 1215 Adams Avenue in La Grande, Oregon. Directors: President Tim Wallender, Director April Simpson, Director Christina Wood. Staff: Alex McHaddad. Members of the Public: Mr. Fred Leitch, Mr. Andrew McHaddad, Mr. Samuel McHaddad.</p>
<p>2. Declaration of Conflict of Interest</p>	<p>Secretary/Treasurer McHaddad declared a potential conflict of interest. He is an independent contractor providing services to a firm named in a proposed advertising expenditure in Item 6.A.</p>
<p>3.a. Director Report</p>	<p>Director Wood noted a compliment she had received about BMTD services from a viewer. Director Simpson described volatile comments made on BMTD's Facebook page in regards to the ongoing channel outage. She believes BMTD needs to go on the offensive in public relations matters. Creation of templates for public notices should be created. Director Wood asked that any templates remain in BMTD's custody. President Wallender described efforts to troubleshoot an outage of channels originating in Portland. A TV antenna for use at the District's administrative headquarters in La Grande had been constructed and needed to be installed.</p>
<p>3.b. Staff Report</p>	<p>Secretary/Treasurer McHaddad described efforts to inform the public about channel outage issues. A power outage on Beaver Mountain had caused all channels in Baker City to go dark, and access to</p>

	<p>KTVB was cut off in Union County. This outage was discussed in local papers and explained on an episode of LaGrandeAlive.TV's Newsish Roundup. He had also visited several local governments to discuss support for legislation.</p>
4.a. Approval of Minutes	<p>President Wallender asked if Directors had reviewed the minutes for the meetings of November 13 and November 19.</p> <p>Director Simpson moved to approve the minutes for the meetings of November 13 and November 19, second by Director Wood.</p> <p>Yes: President Wallender, Director Simpson, Director Wood.</p> <p>No: N/A.</p> <p>Abstain: N/A.</p> <p>Minutes for the meetings of November 13 and November 19 approved.</p> <p>Minutes are available online at www.bmtd.org/public-notice.</p>
5.a. Safety	<p>President Wallender asked if the Secretary/Treasurer had maintained a safe workplace environment since the last meeting. Secretary/Treasurer McHaddad confirmed that he had maintained a safe workplace environment since the last meeting.</p>
5.b. Legislative Update	<p>Secretary/Treasurer McHaddad reviewed the item. Original drafts of state legislation had been introduced as Legislative Concepts 835, 836, and 837. Amendments to these drafts had been requested following consultation with Baker County Commissioners and Meredith Corporation, owner of KPTV and KPDX.</p> <p>Mr. Andrew McHaddad commented that the theme of this legislation should be deregulation, with adoption of new technology driven by the market rather than government mandates.</p>

<p>6.a. Approval of Expenditures</p>	<p>Secretary/Treasurer McHaddad reviewed the expenditures. He clarified that he provides services to the potential recipient of advertising funds, Brickyard Lanes, as an independent contractor.</p> <p>Director Wood moved to approve the expenditures listed in the item, second by Director Simpson. Yes: President Wallender, Director Simpson, Director Wood. No: N/A. Abstain: N/A. Expenditures approved.</p> <p>Expenditures listed on Page 5 of the board packet available online at www.bmtd.org/public-notice.</p>
<p>6.b. Bylaws Update</p>	<p>Secretary/Treasurer McHaddad reviewed the proposed amendments to the Bylaws.</p> <p>Director Simpson moved to approve the amendments to the Bylaws, second by Director Wood. Yes: President Wallender, Director Simpson, Director Wood. No: N/A. Abstain: N/A. Amendments approved.</p> <p>Amendments listed on Page 6 of the board packet available online at www.bmtd.org/public-notice.</p>
<p>6.c. Contract Review</p>	<p>Secretary/Treasurer McHaddad reviewed the proposed contracts.</p> <p>Director Simpson inquired about the comparative prices for Internet access in the office. Secretary/Treasurer McHaddad clarified that the quoted price for Internet from Frontier was the lowest price for basic services. The next price level up is service from Eastern Oregon Net, Inc. for speeds beyond what is needed in the office.</p>

	<p>Director Simpson moved to accept both contracts, second by Director Wood.</p> <p>Yes: President Wallender, Director Simpson, Director Wood.</p> <p>No: N/A.</p> <p>Abstain: N/A.</p> <p>Contracts approved.</p>
7. Public Comment	<p>President Wallender asked if any member of the public wished to comment on a matter not on the agenda.</p> <p>Mr. Fred Leitch inquired about the District's technical services and heliport. President Wallender clarified that the District's technical services are provided by RS Technology and that there is still a heliport on Mt. Fanny, though it is likely in a state of disrepair. Mr. Leitch noted that it needs to pass an annual inspection, and President Wallender replied that it has not been used in years.</p> <p>Mr. Andrew McHaddad suggested painting an "X" symbol on the heliport if it is in a state of disrepair. President Wallender clarified that the heliport is likely under the jurisdiction of the US Forest Service. Mr. McHaddad also recommended that the District's infrastructure be upgraded to include a redundant microwave link to Mt. Fanny, and that the District hire a local technician who can service BMTD equipment.</p>
8. Scheduling of Next Meeting and Adjournment	<p>The next meeting will be held on January 8, and the Executive Director will hold the meeting in Baker City.</p> <p>President Wallender adjourned the meeting at 1:08 PM.</p>