

**Blue Mountain Translator District**  
**Board of Directors Special Meeting**  
**April 16, 2020**

Regular Meeting at 6:00PM  
1908 3rd St.  
La Grande, OR 97850

**Public Participation:** BMTD is required by law to permit participation at a public location. In light of social distancing rules, it is requested that members of the public participate via phone. The meeting will be streamed online at [WWW.BMTD.ORG/NOW](http://WWW.BMTD.ORG/NOW).

**Conference Number:** 669-900-6833

**Meeting ID:** 718-5766-6948

## Agenda

1. Call to Order and Roll Call Vote
2. Purchase of Equipment for BMTD Channel
3. Adjournment

## 2. Purchase of New Channel Equipment

### **Staff Summary: Feed Splitter**

BMTD utilizes a HyperCaster from TelVue Corp. to generate a live 24/7 content stream. The device has 4 ports to create 4 separate channels, but each port must be individually licensed to use. BMTD is licensed to use one port, currently utilized to operate the online stream. BMTD could use this port solely to connect to an encoder provided by Sinclair Broadcast Group, permitting OTA broadcast but preventing web streaming. Licensing a second port to send a duplicate stream to Sinclair's encoder would cost \$1,800.00 per year. Alternatively, BMTD can purchase a feed splitter for approximately \$300.00:

- Device: Blackmagic Design Mini Converter SDI Distribution 4K.
- Cost: Between \$150.00-\$300.00

Suggested Motion: *I move to authorize up to \$300.00 in funding for a feed splitter.*

### **Staff Summary - EAS**

BMTD purchased a Sage ENDEC in 2019 on the advice of RS Technology. The purpose of the device is to overlay emergency alerts on BMTD translators. This device is not adequate to overlay emergency alerts on the encoder provided by Sinclair. A vendor recommended by Sinclair has informed the Executive Director that the adapter equipment necessary to make the ENDEC compatible for this purpose costs approximately \$5,600.00. Sinclair recommended a different EAS device compatible with their encoder, available at a discounted price of approximately \$3,400.00:

- Device: Trilithic EASyCAP 4030
- Cost: Up to \$3,370.50.

Suggested Motion: *I move to authorize up to \$3,370.50 for an EAS device.*

Note: It is illegal for any entity to broadcast without inserting emergency alerts. Even if all other equipment is installed and running, the US government will not permit Sinclair to broadcast the feed from BMTD.