

Budget Committee
Annual Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2020

<p>1. Call to Order and Roll Call Vote</p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 6:11PM. The meeting was held by phone. Directors Present by Phone: President Tim Wallender, Vice President Jean Inerarity, Director Scot Butner, Director Mike Kenny, Director Christina Wood; Members Glen Herman, Jean McKern, Helen Tucker, Walter Wood. Staff Present: Executive Director Alex McHaddad.</p>
<p>Declaration of Conflict of Interest</p>	<p>Asked and none declared.</p>
<p>2020-21 Budget Presentation</p>	<p>Executive Director McHaddad reviewed the Budget Message as summarized in the Board Packet. All Budget Committee members read the documents prior to the meeting, but the budget was summarized aloud item by item as written, with Committee members given the opportunity to request clarification at any time. Discussion Points during the meeting: Mr. Herman asked if the District planned to broadcast Blue Mountains Now on cable TV. Executive Director McHaddad clarified that the longterm goal in the Strategic Plan is to broadcast over the air and on cable, as well as stream. OTA is priority but will start with Mt. Fanny. The first cable expansion would be in Baker City which is not covered as well by Mt. Fanny; city officials have expressed interest in letting BMTD operate the PEG channel provided through their franchise agreement with Charter. Operating on La Grande's cable channel in the near future may be politically complicated, but in the long</p>

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term it is a partnership that the District would like to pursue.

President Wallender expressed that the Mt. Fanny Powerline Fund is not taxpayer money. Executive Director McHaddad expanded with information for the benefit of the Committee and the public. BMTD's predecessor, the nonprofit Blue Mountain Translator Association, built the first infrastructure on Mt. Fanny, including the powerline. This asset is utilized by other broadcasters, an Internet service provider, a pipeline company, and the US government. Powerline users pay an annual lease fee that is cordoned off from the rest of the budget with its own documentation and bank account to ensure that revenue is dedicated solely to powerline maintenance.

Executive Director McHaddad summarized that the District's mission is to relay affordable network TV signals carrying news and information from Portland and Boise to northeast Oregon. This will always be the District's primary mission, even with expansion opportunities enabled by recent legislation. This Budget was written to reflect the needs of maintaining translators and improving infrastructure.

Director Wood moved to approve the Budget Officer's recommended budget for the 2020-21 Fiscal Year, second by Committee Member Helen Tucker.

Yes: President Tim Wallender, Vice President Jean Inerarity, Director Scot Butner, Director Mike Kenny, Director Christina Wood; Members Glen Herman, Jean McKern, Helen Tucker, Walter Wood.

No: N/A.

Abstain: N/A.

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	Motion passes.
7. Adjournment	<p>Director Wood moved to adjourn the meeting, second by President Wallender.</p> <p>Yes: President Tim Wallender, Vice President Jean Inerarity, Director Scot Butner, Director Mike Kenny, Director Christina Wood; Members Glen Herman, Jean McKern, Helen Tucker, Walter Wood.</p> <p>No: N/A.</p> <p>Abstain: N/A.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:03PM.</p>

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