

John Emerick, Joel Mike, Simon, Michele, Jeff, Harry Sandell, Samuel Bernal-Urbina, Kevin

Meeting called to order at 6:07

Kevin moved to approve the minutes. Joel 2nd. All approved

Jeff gave updates: Sunlight: Got to repairs last week. Antenna had faulty connector. Reflective power problem. Moved to other shelter. Thomasville still not working. Helicopter site so nothing being done until summer rebuild.

FM at Sunlight all transmitters had to be rebooted. Did radio check and one issue with KTND, not working.

Harry added that he has a snow cat.

9News feed: Simon met with Mark Cornatta at General Manager. Mark called Phylis and Jeff and are working together to get 9New broadcast here. They need to encode signal 9New and Channel 20 and internet stream to us. Transmitters can transmit. We need to get it on the transmitter system. The cost for encoders we need to pay for fiber. KUSA offered to cost share. Kevin wants to move beyond translator saying cost are too high. Costs by next TAB meeting in July.

Radio CMC: No longer broadcasting. Broadcasting Upper Red and Crown. Now available to public. TAB must go through process to award. Simon shared his attempts to get CMC to keep the radio program. Tried to get through and could not get through to anyone. Simon offered to bankroll the program but no one listened. Talked to 2 trustees, called person to get on agenda for meeting and no calls back. He got a letter saying there is no desire to be in the broadcast business. Tried for 75 days with no luck. John thanked Simon for his efforts. Simon thinks they are focused in social media. Jeff said process will change frequency on Crown, there is a conflict with KTND.

Site Facilities report: New site builds,

Jackrabbit will be rebuilt. Full TV/FM site. Replace with larger shelter with larger building with generator and 2 towers. Jeff showed drawing of new building and towers. Start early to mid-June construction.

Thomasville currently shack, full rebuild, helicopter access for construction but can hike to it. Jeff showed drawings for new building and towers. Trying new methods of building to keep weight down and save on helicopter flights. August 1 for approval. Complete in 2.5 weeks. Double Diamond Ranch (Wheelers) has volunteered their property in Meredith for staging the helicopter.

Sunlight update. Need to finish install, demo old shelter, reconnect all to new tower.

Ruedi, working on permit to rebuild site and road. Site will be similar to Sunlight. Need for public safety.

Broadband, getting ready to install access points. Just receive Telrad equipment. Hope by next meeting we will have users on broadband system. 2 ISPs were selected. No advertising until system is functional. We will data test system. Crown, Williams and Elephant.

New Business

Need new stations for CMC site.

Harry Sandell: Spanish station needs to get on translator. Lost spot because couldn't transmit weather alerts. They were helping during fire summer, 2018. Talked about KSNO switching format, is it OK? KKCH (Lift) has office in Glenwood. Can we switch formats at will? Do we still need to have physical location in the market? KSPN paying lot of rent in Aspen. Discussion about what TAB requires for stations using system. How do we start the process? TAB needs to get information from each station on the system. KSNO changed format in January, 2017. Must compliment the community with different format. John suggested sending out questionnaire to all stations (2nd process to stations applications).

Motion: John will draft a questionnaire with Telecom staff, 2nd by Buck. All approved. Simon suggested the county have ability to log into stations with emergency info. EAS discussion. Need reallocation.

Membership recruitment: Harry said send him an announcement and will broadcast it.

BOCC approved name change of TAB. Need to get ad in papers to advertise name change and need for alternate board member. Mike leaving valley, vacating alternate position.

Chair and Vice chair vote coming up. No term limits. John said if someone interested can be president.

By laws redo. John asked for suggestions. John asked TAB members to read by laws and bring up issues at next meeting. Buck said anything anyone thinks worth discussing. Need written reminder. John suggested 2nd Wednesday in June to meet and go over bylaws?

Kevin asked if we have a public safety contact at AT&T? Problems in Snowmass Village. Jeff said county has no push, private company. Harry & Jeff said AT&T is investing in 1st Net towers. Cell phone based 2 way radio. Great for plains but not going to work in mountains. Buck asked if there has been a VTO survey. Jeff said county did survey to do broadband. Holy Cross not approved having broadband on their towers.

Closed meeting at 8:00pm