

July 31, 2019 TAB Special Meeting to evaluate/award Open FM Translator Space

Attendees: Phylis Mattice, Michele McClinton, Jeff Krueger, Drew Petersen, John Emerick, Jessica Robison, Kevin Heinken, Tom Dobroz, Harry Sandell, Mike Jahn, Mike Waters, Samuel Bernal-Urbina, Gabe Chenoweth, (on phone) Axel..., Buck Field, Simon T

Meeting called to order at 6:05

Special meeting, no approving minutes

Reverse orders of old business

Buck 2nd motion

No public comments

Meeting to establish which station should be assigned to open spaces on Crown Mtn and Upper Red towers.

Everyone has read the process

John sticking to section 4 for allotment in process rules

Questions about which edition of the flow chart should be used. Buck said was there enough time for board to review? Buck was having problems with the flow chart handed out.

Kevin confused by maps

Discussion about whether TAB can chose a station with license out of county.

Buck confused about local criteria requirement. What defines local? Jessica said it was left open on purpose to be able to be fluid.

Mike Waters clarified KGHT licensed in El Jebel but working in Pitkin County

KGHT- requesting Crown, not Upper Red, Kevin questions about station programming. Because of HD they have multiple broadcasts. 93.1 on Crown and is only spot not covered for KGHT. Simon T clarified their EAS.

Drew Petersen said we need to reapply for new license for 93.1. Some interference happening. Mike Waters said he can add emergency alerts at will.

KGLN- Jessica asked if they are technically reliable? Transmitter in Glenwood, Studio in Grand Junction. Requesting either tower or both.

KMTS- Gabe commented on public events and benefits they provide. Kevin had questions about coverage maps that were submitted with application.

KPVW- John has questions about live coverage for Samuel. Samuel said they can put recorded news together. Kevin commented that he felt coverage in Aspen was strong. Drainages are a problem. Solved by Upper Red. John scoring higher because he feels Latinos are underserved.

KTUN/KQSE- Jessica asked about license location. New Castle and Gypsum. Harry talked about the many offices throughout the mountains. Harry commented about the extra credit for Latino stations. Says a broad program base for Spanish Speakers. More pop Spanish than KPVW that is more traditional music.

KSNO- Tom said as reliable as anyone in mountains. John wanted more info on public service question. Tom commented on various news, weather, HS sports, traffic, public events programming. Seeking just Upper Red space.

Scores tallied on board (see separate spreadsheet). Mike suggested to pick top 3? Kevin asked about figuring out which stations will have the most new listeners to make the most of the space. Jessica likes that KGHT is pushing listeners to a noncommercial station for news. Mike disagreed. John says we should split between KMTS and KPVW.

Tom says that every broadcaster in the room is deserving and does not envy the board that has to make a decision. John says what is best for Pitkin County? He thinks it's to better serve Latino population. Jessica said she thinks KMTS already has coverage up and down the valley. Mike commented on KTUN/KQSE being able to get on system without Pitkin County (But Harry said they would have to drop other stations).

Jessica moved to go into executive session for negotiation. Kevin 2nd. John suggested KPVW Upper Red, KGHT Crown but board decided to go into executive session. Buck wants to bring in new station (Spanish KTUN/KQSE) rather than giving station a fill in. Jessica said she wants to give choice to Hispanic market. She is not concerned about corporate but about the listeners.

KTUN/KQSE recommendation: is it a departure from our guidelines? Phylis asked what the listeners in Pitkin County want to listen to. Mike moved to go out of executive session. Jessica 2nd. All approved.

Motion to award KTUN/KQSE on both sites by Buck. 2nd by Kevin. All in favor.

Adjourned meeting 8:40pm