

TAB Meeting Minutes 10/9/19

Attendees:

Samuel Bernal-Urbina, Simon T, Gabe Chenoweth, Mike Waters, Buck Field, Michele McClinton, Drew Petersen, Kevin Heineken, Jessica Robison, Harry Sandell

Buck called the meeting to order at 6:10

Kevin motioned to approve 7/10/19 minutes. Buck 2nd, approved

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No changes to agenda:

Public comment:

Simon T talked about his email he sent today about EAS tests. EAS is required by FCC and several Always Mountain Time (AMT) stations did not do their test. It is each station's upper management responsibility to look after these tests. Simon says the board should consider this when making their decision on the open translator spots.

La Nueva Mix is the station that did not run the EAS per Simon. August 7th had mandatory test that was to be done and turn in paperwork at end of day. KSPN and KNFO did not run the test. Must be run within a 15 minute delay. Harry said we have passed mock FCC inspections from The Colorado Broadcaster and that I had heard them in the past. Harry also said to the best of his knowledge they were running. Kevin said we should look at compliance with EAS in the award process, he thinks EAS is not important. Simon disagreed strongly and said that EAS is the most important source of information for emergencies. Simon suggested several monitoring procedures.

Simon talked about KSPN having a tower fall down at Lower Red 18 months ago and not fix it. Harry said he was working with the county to solve the problem. Drew commented on Lower Red tower, it was an American Tower problem, not county's. County put up a temp replacement. Forest Service is stopping us from redoing Lower Red because of whole replacement rather than repair that requires approval processes that could take years.

Samuel commented about stations commenting on community involvement. Also consider the economic side of the stations competing. Samuel talked about KQSE coverage from Eisenhower Tunnel to Parachute to Carbondale.

Gabe commented, supposed to keep EAS logs for 2 years.

Harry asked Gabe about having Cat Country in mid valley would be impactful.

Drew commented about picking up 102.5 on Upper Red from Gypsum. If we put up another antenna we could get KQSE from Gypsum. Simon said to use HD2 on another station and rebroadcast.

KKCH is strongest signal in market. Simon handed out information from FCC License Count for AMT.

Kevin says we have gone way beyond with the technical information for an advisory board. Simon says we are back to EAS as second issue to eliminate AMT from approval.

Staff report: Drew reviewed report in packet.

Old Business:

Buck asked all the station reps to leave so the board can discuss FM translator award.

Buck asked for Jessica's opinion. She said she felt missing an EAS is grounds for disqualifications. Kevin asked how we prove EAS problem. Buck said we should make a recommendation, not a legal finding. Jessica said that AMT has always been trying to get Spanish stations on translator for years. They have not done their due diligence. Buck wonders about AMT's worthiness. With existing technology can KQSE come into the valley on its own? Jessica said the EAS test is enough to eliminate KQSE. Drew said good chance the new award will not get on Upper Red until spring. He thinks board needs to table the discussion. Kevin says he wants to give AMT 2 weeks for documentation.

Kevin (Kevin had to leave at 7:20) motioned to table the vote and have another special meeting to get EAS logs from AMT for last year. Jessica 2nd. Buck wants to look into monitoring, technical recording, compliance for all the competitors.

Buck would like the translator office to contact AMT for their EAS logs. Any station that is considered should be able to provide EAS logs. Give them 2 weeks. Send to the board and board will set a special meeting to discuss and review applications again.

Jessica moved to close the meeting at 7:45pm Buck 2nd.