

Boundary County Translator District

Regular Meeting—Board of Directors

September 28th, 2021

Allen Gemmrig, Chairman called the regular meeting of the Boundary County Translator District Board of Directors to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call Present:

a. Board Members:

Allen Gemmrig

Anthony Compton

Dave Wenk

Heather Gemmrig

John Youngwirth - Excused

Also Present:

Marlaina Davy

Eric Lederhos

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- a. Dave Wenk motioned to approve the minutes from the previous month's meeting. Anthony Compton seconded. Dave Wenk voted yes, Allen Gemmrig voted yes, Anthony Compton voted yes, Heather Gemmrig voted yes, motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

Anthony Compton motioned to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Allen Gemmrig seconded. Dave Wenk voted yes, Anthony Compton voted yes, Heather Gemmrig voted yes, Dave Wenk voted yes, motion carried.

4. Old Business:

- a. Facility Plan (Action Item) – This item to be tabled to next month's meeting.
- b. Solution For Security Camera Access (Action Item) – Anthony will check out a key for a couple of weeks so that he can go up to Black Mountain when he has a free minute. Eric will get in touch with Steven Garwick to ask his advice for the security camera along with requesting a quote to provide the camera system and labor to have it installed. Tabled to the next meeting.
- c. Black Mountain Generator Quote (Action Item) – Eric has contacted TMobile regarding the quote, but so far, they have not committed to the quote. Eric recommended going with a 200 amp transfer switch at Black Mountain and provided a quote to the Board in the amount of 4,863.09. Allen Gemmrig motioned to approve the quote in the amount of \$4,863.09 from E.L. Automation. Dave Wenk seconded. Dave Wenk voted yes, Anthony Compton voted yes, Heather Gemmrig voted yes, Allen Gemmrig voted yes, motion carried.
- d. Solar Panels and Charger at Copper Creek (Action Item) – See letter F in old business.
- e. PLC System (Action Item) – Eric will discuss this with Steven Garwick, tabled to next month's meeting.
- f. Copper Creek Power Upgrades –
 - i. Northern Lights Application (Action Item) - Eric discussed that the Translator Board is looking to put electrical power on Forest Service

property with a Northern Lights representative. He asked Northern Lights how we should proceed, and he was advised to submit an application with as much information completed as possible. Allen Gemmrig signed the application to be sent to Northern Lights.

- g. TMobile Power Request / Requirements & Equipment Installation (Action Item) - TMobile went back to needing 60 amps for service.
- h. Tower Spring on Black Mountain (Action Item) - Eric went up and TMobile fixed the spring and reattached it, when they were up doing work.
- i. K102 Interference Issues (Action Item) Eric moved the antenna over a week ago. Late last week it was skipping reported Dave Wenk and Heather Gemmrig. Eric said we have a spare unit, and he will switch it out. Mike Peterson is going to go to Black Mountain, Eric will ask him if he can come up with an answer to our dilemma.
- j. Black Mountain USFS Building (Action Item) – It is not actually a building it is a tower. Tabled to next month's meeting.
- k. Surplus Equipment (Action Item) - Eric gave a list of the equipment that is not currently being used. As there is a large quantity of items, it was suggested to break out the large items and list them by themselves. The rest of the items could be listed in lots of similar items. All items will be sold by sealed bid auction, as is condition. Allen Gemmrig made a motion to create resolution 2021-02 to surplus the equipment that was provided on the list from E.L. Automation, as the equipment is no longer in use. Dave Wenk seconded. Allen Gemmrig yes, Heather Gemmrig yes, Anthony Compton yes, Dave Wenk yes. Eric will take pictures of the large items including the Ski Doo snowmobile, Artic Cat snowmobile, Can Am side by side, and the Can Am tracks, and trailer when he has time. The office will then list the snowmobiles, trailer, Can Am and Can Am tracks separately for sealed bid auction. The other items will be put up for auction after the items can be put into groups and photographed.

5. Maintenance Report

- a. USDA Forest Service Compliance Inspection - We passed the inspection.
- b. Eric talked to the Forest Service regarding the container at Copper Creek, and they are considering the request.
- c. TMobile asked if we could put a lock box at Black Mountain with a key. Allen Gemmrig said we are not able to do this at this time, but we are looking into other options.

6. New Business:

- a. Tower Climbing Safety (Action Item) – Discussion was had regarding tower climbing safety, and who is liable if someone is not following the site standards as stated in the lease and gets hurt. The office will seek advice from the attorney, tabled to next month's meeting.
- b. UHF Purchase (Action Item) - Allen authorized the purchase of a UHF transmit antenna for Copper Creek as the current one was rusted and not working properly. This was something that needed fixed right away.
- c. EL Automation Equipment Changes/ Monthly Rental Rate (Action Item) EL Automation made some changes to equipment on 6/11/21. The office received the new equipment that is on the site and refigured the monthly billing. The monthly bill for EL automation will increase by \$20.00 effective 6/11/21. EL

now has a total of eight antenna feet and five feet of dish space at Copper Creek. The office will adjust the billing to be \$255.00 per month.

- d. Avista Lease Agreement & Color Coding (Action Item) Dave Wenk motioned to approve Allen Gemmrig to sign the Avista Lease. Anthony Compton seconded. Dave Wenk voted yes, Anthony Compton voted yes, Heather Gemmrig voted yes, Dave Wenk voted yes, motion carried.

7. Correspondence:

- a. US Forest Service – Annual Communications Site Inventory Due by 10/15/2021 (Action Item)

8. Tax Waiver Applications:

- a. Anthony & Rachael Brubaker – 17 Whip Saw Road (Action Item) Eric went to all of the houses that were on the exemption list to see if they have radio service. Discussion was had regarding what stations were being received / not received at the residences. Anthony Compton motioned to approve the affidavit for 17 Whip Saw Road. Dave Wenk seconded. Dave Wenk voted yes, Anthony Compton voted yes, Heather Gemmrig voted yes, Dave Wenk voted yes, motion carried. Eric would like to do further research regarding our power output compared to our authorized license power. The tax waivers will be reviewed further after the license power is looked into by Eric.

9. Executive Session:

- a. None

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 19th, 2021, at 5 p.m. at the office of Youngwirth, Davis & Associates.