

Present: Heldt, Kelly, Linsenman, McLain - Birmingham  
Borgon, Heyman, Verdi-Hus – Beverly Hills  
Stakhiv – Franklin

Absent: Lurie, McAlear - Birmingham  
Schneider – Beverly Hills  
Ettenson – Bingham Farms

Also Present: White - Executive Director  
Currier - Attorney for Cable Board  
Galbraith – Birmingham Public School representative  
Rota - Bloomfield Community Television representative  
Celeste Oberhausen – WOW representative

McLain called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m. in the Village of Beverly Hills municipal building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF CABLE BOARD MEETING HELD MARCH 19, 2014**

Motion by Heldt, second by Heyman, that the minutes of a regular Cable Board meeting held on March 19, 2014 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**GRANT REQUEST FROM THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM**

Joseph Valentine, Interim City Manager, reviewed that the grant request before the Cable Board for consideration is the second part of a two-part request for the enhancement of municipal connectivity to wi-fi services within the municipal building. In November of 2013, the Board approved an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for a study to determine the requirements necessary to expand the wi-fi system throughout the Birmingham municipal building and the historical museum.

That assessment has been completed, and there is a plan of action to implement the enhancement of wi-fi services at those buildings. The grant request before the Cable Board is for implementation of the second phase of this project in an amount not to exceed \$11,000. Valentine highlighted a memo detailing the bidding process and the proposed vendor, which is Netech.

Motion by Borgon, second by Linsenman, that the Birmingham Area Cable Board approve a grant in an amount not to exceed \$11,000 to the City of Birmingham for the upgrade and expansion of wireless services as Phase 2 of its municipal connectivity enhancements.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (8 – 0).

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Cable Action Committee

At its last meeting, the Cable Action Committee reviewed budget revenue and expenses from July, 2013 through March, 2014 in preparation of drafting a proposed budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year. Verdi-Hus related that the Committee also discussed outreach to the community and the need to keep the BACB website current.

The next Cable Action Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 1 at the Baldwin Public Library at 5:30 p.m.

### PEG Committee

Heldt stated that Cable Board authorized the expenditure of money at its March meeting to broadcast up to five Groves vs. Seaholm sporting events. Since that time, ten contests and dates have been confirmed. Before the Board is a request to authorize an expenditure for an additional five high school sporting events this spring. The ten scheduled events are as follows:

April 17	- Boys Lacrosse	May 2	- Girls Soccer
April 22	- Girls Water Polo	May 12	- Girls Lacrosse
April 23	- Boys Baseball	May 14	- Boys Baseball
April 29	- Girls and Boys Track	May 15	- Boys Baseball
May 1	- Girls Tennis	May 19	- Girls Double-Header Softball

Heldt recommended authorizing an expenditure for the broadcast of five athletic contests at a cost of \$2,500 per event.

Motion by Heldt, second by Borgon, that the Birmingham Area Cable Board authorize five broadcasts of area High School sporting events by Bloomfield Community Television at a cost of \$2,500 per broadcast.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (8 – 0).

Heldt related that he received an email from BCTV advising the Board that there is an additional expenditure to be considered as part of the analog/digital transition, which is the purchase of two SDI crossover converters at \$500 each. Two gooseneck microphones for a total cost of \$500 are needed for the Birmingham commission chamber.

Motion by Heldt, second by Borgon, that the Birmingham Area Cable Board authorize the expenditure of \$1,500 to Bloomfield Community Television for the purchase of two SDI crossover converters and two gooseneck microphones.

Roll Call Vote:  
Motion passed (8 – 0).

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director White reported that a complaint pending from last month regarding service and billing issues has been resolved. There have been six complaints received since the last meeting regarding the following topics: installation of Comcast service at the Kreger House in Franklin (closed); assistance with Comcast business service (pending); slow AT&T Internet service (pending); poor customer service from Comcast (closed); intermittent problems with Comcast music channels (pending).

The Executive Director's report included monthly financial reports and check disbursement information. White stated that information was received that the California Assembly has passed a resolution to allow states and their municipalities to determine the best use of public, educational and government (PEG) funds. The resolution passed with a 71-1 vote and is currently in the California Senate Rules Committee awaiting consideration by the California Senate. In a press release, it was noted that California experienced the closure of 51 PEG access centers between 2007 and 2013.

Borgon questioned whether the Michigan Legislature is considering a resolution to allow the state and municipalities to determine the best use of PEG funds. Attorney Currier responded that there is no such legislation pending.

## **PROVIDER RELATED TOPICS**

### **Comcast**

There were no representatives present from Comcast. McLain described an ongoing Comcast audit of its business service.

Board member Stakhiv related problems she experienced with Comcast over the last couple of weeks. She thought that the quality of Comcast service was unreliable and customer service representatives were not adequately trained to help customers. Stakhiv said that consumers deserve better service for the exorbitant fees that they pay for cable television. She urged Comcast to address its lack of quality service.

### **AT&T**

There were no representatives present.

### **WOW**

Celeste Oberhausen representing WOW related that the company has begun burying drops now that the weather is improving. She distributed an information sheet outlining rate adjustments that will be effective May 19, 2014. Oberhausen referred to new service charges, noting that the majority of these charges are waived if the customer has a service protection plan.

Borgon noted that there was a \$75 charge for burying cable lines. Oberhausen responded that burying a cable line would be part of the installation fee. The charge listed would cover a request to bury or relocate an underground drop.

**BAPA/BAMA REPORT**

Steve Rota highlighted programming outlined in the written report from Bloomfield Community Television on programming taped for Municipal Channel 15 (BAMA), PA Channel 18 (BAPA), and programming from BACB area organizations during the last month (information included in BCTV monthly report for March 20, 2014 – April 16, 2014).

Rota stated that eight people attended the camera workshop last week, and all eight individuals plan on hosting a show. The next camera workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, July 15th, 2014 from 10:00 am to noon or 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Call 248-433-7790 to sign up.

The Program Development Committee will meet on April 22 to consider program proposals. BCTV will be busy covering 10 high school sporting events beginning tomorrow.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Colin Linsenman announced that he will be leaving the Cable Board because his family will be moving to New Jersey. Linsenman said that he enjoyed serving on the Board and wished everyone the best. On behalf of the members, McLain wished Linsenman good luck and thanked him for serving as treasurer of the Board. Applications will be accepted to fill a City of Birmingham position on the Cable Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**BOARD COMMENTS**

McLain asked members to contact the Executive Director with any input they have on the upcoming 2014-15 Cable Board budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 a.m.