

## BIRMINGHAM AREA CABLE BOARD MEETING MINUTES – September 15, 2021

McLain called the meeting to order at 7:45 AM. in the Village of Beverly Hills Municipal Building at 18500 W. Thirteen Mile Road.

Present: McLain, Cleary, Eick, Fenberg, Abraham – Birmingham  
Gugni, Kamoo – Beverly Hills  
Mydloski - Franklin  
Absent: Blackburn, Henry  
Also Present: White - BACB Executive Director  
Gojcaj – Attorney for Cable Board  
Rota and Black – Bloomfield Community Television

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF CABLE BOARD MEETING HELD August 18, 2021**

Motion by Fenberg, seconded by Eick to approve the minutes of the Cable Board meeting on August 18, 2021, as presented.

Motion passed.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at this time.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Cable Action Committee**

Abraham reported there had not been a meeting on September 2 in the Baldwin Public Library as there were no topics which needed to be discussed. The next meeting will be on October 7 at 4:30 PM in the Baldwin Library. He noted that new information has been put on the BACB website. If a board member would like something included on the site, please send him a note and he will forward it to White to have it posted on the site and put out on other media outlets.

#### **PEG Committee**

Mydloski reported there had not been a meeting following the August 18 BACB meeting; However, there will be a PEG meeting immediately following this meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

There were three (3) complaints from last month; all centered around wires. Two (2) of the three (3) have been resolved. One came from a Beverly Hills resident who had contacted the Village Manager about a low-hanging AT&T wire. It was resolved the same day and this complaint is closed. The second (2<sup>nd</sup>) complaint came from the Code Enforcement Officer for the Village of Franklin concerning branches which were hanging on Comcast's lines along 13 Mile Road. Comcast removed anything that was on its lines. This complaint is closed. The third (3<sup>rd</sup>) complaint was from a Franklin resident concerning a low hanging AT&T wire on his property. This complaint is pending.

### **FINANCIAL**

Financial information for MBS, Michigan United Credit Union and Beverly Hills accounts and the BACB financial reports for the month of August, 2021 were emailed to the Board Members. Hard copies will also

be distributed at this meeting. The process for this year's audit will begin in the beginning of October.

#### CHECK DISBURSEMENT

White wrote two (2) small checks since the last meeting.

#### ADDITIONAL NOTES

Comcast notified White that Great American Country (GAC) will move from Digital Preferred to Digital Starter/Extra. It would be available to more customers and would be at no additional cost.

McLain clarified that any member of the BACB board may attend the meetings with the auditors. White will send a notice to the board members with the time and date of the meeting. Fenberg detailed the audit process and added that the final audit report will be presented at a meeting in December, January or February.

#### **PROVIDER RELATED TOPICS**

##### **a. Comcast**

There was no representative present and no new information received.

##### **b. AT&T/Uverse/Direct TV**

There was no representative present and no new information received.

##### **c. WOW**

There was no representative present and no new information received.

McLain received information from Michigan NATOA that its name has changed to Michigan Community Media Association (MICMA) due to the merging and absorption of the Alliance for Community Media in Michigan. With the increase in membership, information and trends can be shared amongst the members. Citizens without local boards like ours may contact the Michigan Public Service Commission directly by going online and submitting an informal complaint. A response time might take 14 days. If the resolution is not satisfactory to the resident, a formal complaint can be submitted.

#### **BAPA/BAMA REPORT**

Rota referred to his memo to BACB dated September 9, 2021. He noted there was a list of completed **BAMA** regularly scheduled municipal meetings, all of which were listed in his report.

For the **BAPA** Programs, 15 programs by producers and organizations were taped, which he listed; some were in-person in the studio, some through Zoom and some on location. The sporting events which were approved at the last meeting began with Volleyball and Swim and Dive. Live Groves/Seaholm football will be coming up on September 17 at 7 PM. Soccer is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28.

**PRODUCER AND VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP**

Rota reminded everyone that anyone interested in producing or volunteering behind the scenes should call the office to make a one-on-one appointment, 248-433-7790. About 6 weeks ago he gave Mr. Cleary and Mr. Kamoo a tour of the facility. Ms. Tootell will be setting up a date for her tour shortly.

On October 8 (which is a Friday when BCTV is usually closed), Black has agreed to give the Michigan Community Media Association (MICMA) a tour of the studio to see how the professional and award-winning BCTV operates. MICMA members will be touring several studios in the area: Livonia, Southfield, and Bloomfield Township.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Gojcaj confirmed that the BCTV contract is in the process of formalization. There are some issues which need to be clarified.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

There were none.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 AM.