

Cloquet Cable Commission Minutes

March 19, 2020

Present by Zoom video: Pete Radosevich, Timothy Soden-Groves, Lyz Jaakola, Frank Yetka, Patty Murto.

Present by Zoom phone: Tim and James City Administration Cloquet, Lori Stiger, Scanlon City Administration, Jodi Johnson Carlton City Administration

Meeting called to order at 5:35.

Moved by Murto, seconded by Soden-Groves to approve January 28, 2020 minutes. Passed.

Status of Cable Coordinator:

Tim and James reported that Eric is no longer employed as the Cable Coordinator.

Status of Cable Operations:

James and Tim reported that they have visited Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College and Lyz gave them a tour of the present studio space.

The City and the College have reached a tentative agreement. They have a draft agreement with the City's list of expectations. The Commission will be given a list of what those expectations are by Tuesday. The Commission may provide additional input.

Pete mentioned that he felt that the City should bid out the CAT7 operations and include private businesses. Frank stated that the underlying Franchise Fee Agreement required Public Operations.

Timothy had sent an email to Commission Members regarding the Collaboration with the College and what is needed immediately in relation to COVID-19.

There should be a daily updated Community Scroll.

All Communities should submit their COVID-19 updates as well.

Should have a calendar, Community Bulletin Boards, and other basic text information updated daily.

We should include more detailed COVID-19 response including local businesses and healthcare institutions.

Beyond the pandemic the Channel could do more live streaming.

As soon as the channel is up and running the regular programming should return. The churches, Harry's Gang and Dragon Lady's should get back to regular programming.

Moved by Murto, seconded by Soden-Groves to recommend to the City to hire Martin Dean at his contract price of \$55 per hour and to also enter into a longer contract if needed to get the station back up and running and to maintain programming until the College starts programming.

The Administration informed the Commission that Council approval was not necessary to enter into a professional services contract.

Motion passed unanimously.

Patty was given permission to look into a Joint Powers Agreement if the contract with the College falls through.

Next meeting scheduled for April 16th at 5:30.