

MT. HOOD CABLE REGULATORY COMMISSION
Office for Community Technology – 111 SW Columbia, Suite 600, Portland OR 97201
July 17, 2017, Meeting Minutes -- **DRAFT**

SUMMARY MINUTES

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Call to Order: 7:41pm

- Roll Call
Commissioners present: Leif Hansen (Chair), Norm Thomas (Vice Chair), Scott Harden, Sue Dicile, Rich Goheen

Commissioners absent: Carol Studenmund, Mike Bennett

Staff: Ann Goldenberg, Director; Julie Omelchuck, Program Manager; Ben Walters, Legal Counsel; Scott Ellertson, Program Coordinator

Agenda Review: Hansen said he would call an executive session after disclosures and that the MHCRC meeting packet contained a notice regarding the executive session.

- Public Comment (non-agenda items): None
- Disclosures: None
- Executive Session

Hansen convened Executive Session at 7:45pm pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(h), which allows the Commission to meet in executive session to consult with the Commission's legal counsel regarding the Commission's legal rights and duties about currently pending litigation.

Representatives of the news media and designated staff were allowed to attend the executive session. All other members of the audience were asked to leave the room. Representatives of the news media were specifically directed not to report on or otherwise disclose any of the deliberations or anything said about these subjects during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No members of the news media were in attendance. No decisions were made in executive session.

Walters provided an update regarding the Ranck complaint. Commissioners discussed the court process as it relates to MHCRC work and programs.

Hanson adjourned the Executive Session at 8:22pm, welcomed the audience back into the meeting room, and reconvened the Regular meeting.

- REGULAR AGENDA

R1. Pacific Research & Evaluation – TechSmart Evaluation Services Contract Extension

MOTION: Dicile moved to approve the contract amendment with Pacific Research & Evaluation to extend the contract through July 31, 2018 and increase the contract amount by \$66,000. Harden seconded.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 5 - 0

- Staff Activity Reports and Updates

- FCC proceedings

Goldenberg said the FCC has engaged in a whirlwind of activity. The City of Portland had joined other cities in a letter of support to continue the current FCC rules protecting Net Neutrality. Thomas asked if other MHCRC jurisdictions were notified of the opportunity to sign on to the mayoral letter. Goldenberg said she would check to ensure this happens.

- Federal legislative updates: None

- 2017 Oregon legislative session

Goldenberg reported that the Oregon legislative session had ended and although several bills were filed to preempt local jurisdictions from enacting right-of-way protections, none passed in Oregon. Pre-emption bills had passed in 12 other states. The Gigabit Exemption bill was not repealed and, therefore, Comcast may apply for a tax waiver as a gigabit provider.

- New Business; Commissioner Open Comment

Considering the quick dismissal of the lawsuit, Goheen expressed a desire to move forward with the TechSmart grant for Centennial School District. In response to Harden's question about school year 2017-18 budget, Omelchuck said Centennial had budgeted its grant matching resources for project implementation. Centennial would need to know within the next two weeks of the Commission's decision to approve the grant in order to begin concrete planning for the upcoming school year. Dicile said the Grant Committee was very enthusiastic about the grant project plan, but the full Commission would have to hold a work session and contract vote within next two weeks. The Commission agreed for staff to move forward with the grant process with the goal to execute a contract within the next two weeks. Omelchuck said she would need to take Centennial's lead on whether it would still be able to fulfill the original project plan on the delayed timeline. In answer to a question from Hansen, Omelchuck said the grant project plan would be re-worked if the current plan is not able to

move forward for the 2017-18 school year. Commissioner's applauded the efforts of Centennial in preparing the grant and adapting to the changing timelines.

Diciple recognized the attendance of the two community media organization executive directors at the 2017 Alliance for Community media conference. Both directors presented robust panels at the conference.

- Adjourn: 8:37pm

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Ellertson
Program Coordinator