

**MINUTES OF THE  
DATV BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2006**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Roberta Taylor, Chair  
Robert Bradley, Treasurer  
Margaret Barlow, Secretary

Lela Estes  
Dennis Greene  
Mark Madry  
Tom Ritchie  
Commissioner Nan Whaley

**ALSO PRESENT**

Steve Ross, DATV Interim Executive Director  
Randy Bellinger of the City of Dayton  
Mike Gray, Time Warner  
Pat Jessee, DATV Staff

**NOT PRESENT**

Gabrielle Williamson, Tim Gardner, and Robert Mullins

R. Taylor called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll call read by P. Jessee.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

R. Taylor asked that the request for the Board to adjourn into Executive Session at the end of the board meeting be added to the agenda.

R. Taylor then asked for a motion to approve the agenda as presented. T. Ritchie made the motion and M. Barlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS**

R. Taylor said the staff was to be complimented on a job well done Friday night at the Tally Awards where former Commissioner and Board Member Richard Zimmer was presented a plaque for his many years of service and support to DATV.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES – FEBRUARY 13, 2006**

R. Taylor asked for a motion to approve the February 13, 2006, board minutes as presented. R. Bradley made the motion and M. Madry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Volunteer/Producer Beau Gavin was introduced at this time for public comment.

B. Gavin asked the Board for a definition of a DATV independent producer.

S. Ross answered that a DATV independent producer is somebody who produces programming for the DATV channels.

B. Gavin explained that he was an independent producer and for the last three years he has not been considered for a Tally award because he does not use DATV's equipment in producing his shows that are shown on the DATV's channels.

After lengthy discussion by the Board, S. Ross and B. Gavin, R. Taylor told B. Gavin the Board would take his suggestions and comments into consideration, along with a look at the policy as it is now to see if there is a need for any updating or revisions.

R. Taylor suggested that people sign off on whatever changes the Board makes which means that the producers will get a copy and will have to sign off showing that they understand and have read the changes.

B. Gavin expressed his concern that DATV no longer had Internet available for the use of members. After much discussion, the Board upheld their former ruling of having no accessibility to the Internet at DATV.

## **APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT**

R. Taylor asked R. Bradley for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.

R. Bradley made the motion and T. Ritchie seconded with the motion passing unanimously.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. **Executive Committee** – Did not meet.

B. **Nominating Committee** – Did not meet.

C. **Investment Committee** – Did not meet.

D. **Personnel Committee** – Did meet - discussion concerning the procedure and interviewing of candidates for the position of Executive Director followed.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

S. Ross told the board that the 2005 DATV audit would be conducted the week of April 29, 2006 by Battelle and Battelle, LLP. Also, we are nearing the end of the ARISE program for the second time, however this time we are finishing up with a studio show, instead of a basic field production show.

At this time, S. Ross told the Board he would like to talk about the "Barton Bill" which is being passed around in the Senate. Discussion followed including the Board,

R. Bellinger, M. Gray and S. Ross. (The following is from the internet: Rep. Barton's bill would clear the way for phone companies to roll out video operations through a national franchising process, allowing them to bypass the local franchising approval process that cable TV operators had to go through to launch the nation's existing cable systems.)

### **CITY OF DAYTON CABLE ADMINISTRATOR**

R. Bellinger said that beside the Barton Bill, there were other concerns to consider in regards to the franchise, such as, the number of channels (how many channels can Access have), customer service, and gross revenue.

### **TIME WARNER REPRESENTATIVE**

M. Gray informed the Board that Time Warner has had some more reorganization in regards to the Cincinnati and Dayton operation. The head of the Government Affairs department is now located in Cincinnati.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

R. Taylor appointed D. Greene, B. Mullins, and M. Madry as members of the Political Programming committee.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

R. Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. M. Madry made the motion to adjourn with Commissioner N. Whaley seconding. The motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be Monday, June 12 at 11:30 am in the DATV conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

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Margaret Barlow, DATV Secretary

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Steve Ross, Interim, Executive Director

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