

MINUTES

Oshkosh Cable Television Advisory Commission

REGULAR MEETING

September 7, 2005

The regular meeting of the Oshkosh Cable Television Advisory Commission was held at 4:00 p.m. on September 7, 2005 in Room 404 of City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Witte and roll call was taken. Present were members Mr. Tower, Mr. Kerkhof, Mrs. Sieber and Mrs. Lowe. Also present was Jon Urben, Executive Director of Oshkosh Community Access Television and Bill Harkey, Public Relations Director for Time Warner Cable.

Chairman Witte then asked for consideration of the minutes from the July 6, 2005 meeting. It was moved by Mrs. Sieber, seconded by Mr. Tower, that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Being that there were no communications from cable subscribers or the general public, Chairman Witte moved to the Report of the Franchisee.

Under the Report of the Franchisee, Mr. Harkey had the following updates:

- Time Warner has been working to address cable theft in the Oshkosh to Marinette footprint;
- SBC is pushing for statewide franchises; in such cases as they are not deemed cable companies (but yet still provide video services) they do not have to provide franchise fees or PEG support to communities. Mr. Harkey listed Texas as an example of a statewide franchise that was recently approved.

Chairman Witte then asked for the Report of OCAT. Mr. Urben noted the following:

- Staff have been working to install the WOCT radio equipment that has been received. He noted they hope to have the antenna installed in October and hope to have some initial testing of the radio signal in late Fall. He noted the Friends are busy in their Adopt A Watt fundraising campaign to raise \$10K by next February.
- The Friends 2005-06 programming season is coming together and they are once again offering high school sports coverage (18 games), the 18 programs of "Spotlight on Schools" and offering production support for the Oshkosh parades coverage and the "Oshkosh Today" program.
- Another issue that has come up recently is the WIAA's decision to exclude PEG channels from accepting any duplication rights to tournament series games. While this is not a big issue for OCAT, Mr. Urben noted several of his state counterparts are not happy with this decision as the revenue from duplications

help cover the production costs in covering these games. Without these fees many PEG channels many not be able to justify covering the games, thus potentially impacting the chances that such games may not be televised. The WAPC (Wisconsin Association of PEG Channels) has addressed this issue to the WIAA and is awaiting a response.

There being no Unfinished Business and no New Business, Chairman Witte noted the next Commission meeting would be Wednesday, November 2 at 4 p.m. Upon motion by Mr. Tower, seconded by Mrs. Sieber, the Commission adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Mr. Richard Wollangk
Mr. Bill Harkey