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Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission

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CHAIR: Clay Smith, Lincoln  
VICE-CHAIR: J. Richard Shoemaker, Cambridge  
SECRETARY: Mark Leonard, Lincoln

COMMISSIONERS: Dennis Baack, Lincoln  
Ken Bird, Omaha  
Matt Blomstedt, Lincoln

Curt Frye, Wayne  
Marilyn Hadley, Kearney  
Patricia Kircher, Omaha

Fred Ohles, Lincoln  
Darlene Starman, Lincoln  
Dara Troutman, Lincoln

June 16, 2015

TO: Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commissioners

Enclosed for your review are the minutes of Meeting #445, reports and a preliminary agenda for our Thursday, June 25, 2015 Commission public meeting.

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. at NET, 1800 No. 33<sup>rd</sup>, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room. We look forward to meeting with you on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Note: The Finance Committee (Ken Bird, Patty Kircher, Dick Shoemaker, Clay Smith) will meet at 8:30 p.m. in the Lobby Conference Room.**

Sincerely,

Mark Leonard  
Secretary

**MEETING #446**  
**Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission**  
**Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Center**  
**1800 No. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street-Lincoln, NE**  
**June 25, 2015**  
**9:30 A.M.**  
**AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER  
ROLL CALL  
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- I. COMMISSION CONSENT AGENDA
1. Approve Minutes of Meeting #445
- II. COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA
2. *Approve 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Report (Randy Hansen)*
  3. *Approve FY 2016 NETC Operating Budget (Randy Hansen)*
  4. *Approve Executive Committee action regarding KTNE antenna funding request (Ling Ling Sun and Mark Leonard)*
  5. *Approve Nominating Committee recommendation (Clay Smith)*
- III. COMMISSION INFORMATION AGENDA
6. Secretary's Report – *Mark Leonard*
    - Public Media Summit Report
    - Re-Organization & Recruiting
    - Spectrum Auction update (video)
    - KTNE & KYNE updates
    - Reliability of NET Network
    - V6 Interconnection Project
  7. NET Education Update– *Gary Targoff*
  8. NET Engineering Report – *Ling Ling Sun*
- IV. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

**2015 MEETING SCHEDULE**

- August 27 – NET
- December 3 -- NET

Minutes of Meeting #445  
Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission  
Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Center  
Videoconference Meeting  
1800 No. 33<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska  
February 19, 2015

PRESENT: Commissioner Ken Bird (Omaha Site)  
Commissioner Curt Frye (Wayne site)  
Commissioner Fred Ohles  
Commissioner Clay Smith  
Commissioner Darlene Starman  
Commissioner Dara Troutman

ABSENT: Commissioner Baack  
Commissioner Blomstedt  
Commissioner Patty Kircher  
Commissioner Dick Shoemaker

Advance notice of the public meeting was sent to Nebraska news media by means of a news release forwarded from the Commission office with Agenda posted in the NET Lobby and on the State and NET web sites. LB 898 (related to Open Meetings Act) is also posted in the NET Board Room on 1<sup>st</sup> floor.

Chair Clay Smith called meeting #445 to order at 9:35 a.m.

Following the call of the roll, it was determined that a duly constituted quorum of Commissioners to be present.

The Chair called for public comment. There was none.

The Chair next requested approval of the minutes of meeting #444 as held on December 4, 2014. It was moved by Commissioner Smith to approve minutes of meeting #444 as presented. Motion approved by acclamation.

Chair Smith called for the Nominating Committee report. Commissioners Smith, Shoemaker and Baack served on the Nominating Committee (Commissioner Troutman unable to join the call). It was moved by Commissioner Starman and seconded by Commissioner Troutman to approve the following slate of officers for 2015: Clay Smith, Chair; Dick Shoemaker, Vice-Chair; Mark Leonard, NET's General Manager, Secretary/Assistant Treasurer; and, Randy Hansen, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: voting aye: Commissioners Bird, Frye, Ohles, Smith, Starman and Troutman. Absent: Baack, Blomstedt, Kircher and Shoemaker.

Newly elected chairman Clay Smith called for approval of the NETC Executive Committee for 2015. Pursuant to the NETC By-Laws, Article V, Section 1 "there should be a permanent executive committee consisting of the Chair, the Vice-Chair and one or more other regular members of the Commission to be elected by the members of the Commission." The NETC Nominating Committee submits the following Commissioners for the 2015 Executive

Committee: Chair, Clay Smith; Vice-Chair, Dick Shoemaker; plus, Commissioners Ken Bird and Patty Kircher. It was moved by Commissioner Starman and seconded by Commissioner Troutman to approve the proposed slate of Commissioners to serve on the Executive Committee. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: voting aye: Commissioners Bird, Frye, Ohles, Smith, Starman and Troutman. Absent: Baack, Blomstedt, Kircher and Shoemaker.

The Chair called for approval of the NETC Finance Committee. Pursuant to the NETC By-Laws, Article V, Section 2, "additional committees may be designated and selected for such purposes and at such times as the Chair or a majority of the commissioners shall determine to be advisable". Commission Chair Smith recommended the following members to serve on the Finance Committee: Commissioners Smith, Shoemaker, Bird and Kircher. It was moved by Troutman and seconded by Ohles to approve the proposed members to serve on the Finance Committee. Discussion followed. A question arose as to why no educators were included as officers, executive and finance committee members. The response was that the officer and committee recommendations did not intentionally exclude educators. It was recommended that any Commissioner that would like to be on the Nominating Committee in the future should indicate this to the Chairman prior to appointment of the Committee. They should also let the Nominating Committee know of their desire to serve on the Executive Committee and/or Finance Committee. Following discussion, roll call vote was recorded as follows: voting present: Commissioner Ohles; voting aye: Commissioners Bird, Frye, Smith, Starman and Troutman. Absent: Baack, Blomstedt, Kircher and Shoemaker.

AGM-Administration & Finance Randy Hansen presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter budget report for period ending December 31, 2014 for both the Television and Radio Divisions. The Finance Committee met prior to the meeting to review the report in greater detail. It was moved by Commissioner Troutman and seconded by Commissioner Ohles to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter budget reports as presented and attached to the minutes. Roll call vote was recorded as follows: voting aye: Commissioners Bird, Frye, Ohles, Smith, Starman and Troutman. Absent: Baack, Blomstedt, Kircher and Shoemaker.

AGM-Content David Feingold reviewed activities of NET Television and Radio. He presented a two-minute trailer of the *Last Days in Vietnam* documentary. This documentary is scheduled to be released in late April. NET is working with PBS to set up a special screening for March 26<sup>th</sup> at Lincoln Public High School. Another program highlighted is a three-part series from PBS: *Cancer: Emperor of All Maladies*. NET is currently planning a one-hour special to air April 3<sup>rd</sup>, to accompany the PBS series. *Living with Cancer in Nebraska* will combine interviews with video segments.

AGM-Education Gary Targoff gave an update on Interactive and Educational Media projects in development and/or planning stages. He also reviewed projects in progress. Community Engagement includes State of Education in Nebraska that will include two one-hour Nebraska Loves Public Schools productions. Content gathered at Town Hall type events will be coordinated with the Nebraska Association of School Boards.

AGM-Technology Ling-Ling Sun presented an NET Operations/Transmission Engineering report. She indicated that the PBS Diversity Disaster Maintenance Site is now fully operational and is used as needed by PBS. The new Harmonic Encoder Multiplexer is on-line as of December 10, 2014. The variable bit rate improved all channels and restored the Electronic Program Guide.

Secretary Leonard presented a status report regarding UNO Television including the possible relocation of UNO tower to KETV. UNO is the landlord for the television broadcast tower in Omaha and UNO has requested moving this tower to a different location. Finances will allow the

move to the KETV's transmission tower, renting space. Operational funds for UNO tower relocation were included in Governor's budget, but not in the initial legislative budget. These funds will be requested at NET's legislative hearing March 2.

The Secretary presented additional information regarding the status/guidelines of the spectrum reallocation. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is clearing frequency on the spectrum. NET does not anticipate the need to sell any of its frequencies. However, interference may require NET to move some of its television channel assignments.

Commission Chairman Clay Smith and General Manager Leonard will be attending the APTS (Association of Public Television Stations) Public Media Summit February 22-24. They are scheduled to meet with Senators Fischer and Sasse and Congressmen Ashford, Fortenberry, and Smith.

Secretary Leonard indicated that NET received good news with the release of Governor Ricketts' recommended budget for the State. NET's requests were all included in his recommended budget, as well as a small increase in funding for capital replacement needs.

2015 NETC meeting dates are scheduled as follows: June 25, August 27 and December 3.

Being no further business, Chairman Smith requested that Meeting #445 be adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Leonard  
Secretary

**NEBRASKA EDUCATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
**Television Division**  
**December 31, 2014**

	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	\$Diff	%Diff	Prior Year YTD Actual	\$Diff	%Diff
<b>TELEVISION DIVISION</b>							
Personnel Expenses	429,000	418,031	(10,969)	-3%	405,562	12,469	3%
Insurance	39,000	37,113	(1,887)	-5%	37,113	0	0%
<b>TOTAL TELEVISION DIVISION</b>	<b>468,000</b>	<b>455,144</b>	<b>(12,856)</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>442,676</b>	<b>12,469</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>GENERAL MANAGEMENT</b>							
Personnel Expenses	49,900	51,038	1,138	2%	40,833	10,205	25%
Other Operational Expense	3,600	8,134	4,534	126%	5,048	3,086	61%
<b>TOTAL GENERAL MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>53,500</b>	<b>59,172</b>	<b>5,672</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>45,882</b>	<b>13,291</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>ADMIN &amp; FINANCE</b>							
Personnel Expenses	126,250	125,601	(649)	-1%	122,450	3,151	3%
Memberships	49,000	46,613	(2,387)	-5%	47,274	(661)	-1%
Utilities	261,500	298,361	36,861	14%	267,902	30,459	11%
Maintenance & Repair & Supplies	19,500	19,908	408	2%	22,349	(2,441)	-11%
Communication Expense	33,500	35,231	1,731	5%	32,039	3,192	10%
Professional Fees	24,000	13,974	(10,026)	-42%	14,643	(669)	-5%
Insurance	64,000	45,406	(18,594)	-29%	47,983	(2,577)	-5%
Other Operational Expense	6,463	4,108	(2,355)	-36%	4,105	3	0%
Grants to Station/Partner	210,672	210,672	0	0%	210,672	0	0%
UNLT&COMM Contract Serv	100,650	100,402	(248)	0%	90,627	9,775	11%
<b>TOTAL ADMIN &amp; FINANCE</b>	<b>895,535</b>	<b>900,276</b>	<b>4,741</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>860,045</b>	<b>40,231</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>PROGRAMMING</b>							
Personnel Expenses	128,400	128,057	(343)	0%	126,350	1,707	1%
PBS Member Dues & Fees	245,000	245,000	0	0%	225,000	20,000	9%
Maintenance & Repair & Supplies	4,375	27	(4,348)	-99%	1,825	(1,798)	-99%
Program Acquisition&Fees	100,000	78,242	(21,758)	-22%	111,629	(33,387)	-30%
Other Operational Expense	30,575	31,224	649	2%	34,913	(3,689)	-11%
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMMING</b>	<b>508,350</b>	<b>482,551</b>	<b>(25,799)</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>499,718</b>	<b>(17,167)</b>	<b>-3%</b>
<b>PRODUCTION</b>							
Personnel Expenses	120,500	122,278	1,778	1%	124,265	(1,986)	-2%
Maintenance & Repair & Supplies	61,150	62,557	1,407	2%	38,011	24,547	65%
Other Operational Expense	21,850	38,267	16,417	75%	32,774	5,493	17%
UNLT Production Services	225,000	236,051	11,051	5%	209,025	27,026	13%
UNLT&COMM Contract Serv	548,500	559,686	11,186	2%	499,538	60,148	12%
<b>TOTAL PRODUCTION</b>	<b>977,000</b>	<b>1,018,839</b>	<b>41,839</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>903,612</b>	<b>115,228</b>	<b>13%</b>

**NEBRASKA EDUCATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
**Television Division**  
**December 31, 2014**

	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	\$Diff	%Diff	Prior Year YTD Actual	\$Diff	%Diff
<b>ENGINEERING</b>							
Personnel Expenses	859,150	844,293	(14,857)	-2%	818,184	26,109	3%
Utilities	197,500	218,337	20,837	11%	213,978	4,360	2%
Maintenance & Repair & Supplies	169,200	322,654	153,454	91%	220,556	102,099	46%
Communication Expense	134,750	148,126	13,376	10%	154,213	(6,086)	-4%
Other Operational Expense	24,200	33,103	8,903	37%	27,998	5,105	18%
Travel & Registrations	67,700	58,403	(9,297)	-14%	79,154	(20,751)	-26%
<b>TOTAL ENGINEERING</b>	<b>1,452,500</b>	<b>1,624,917</b>	<b>172,417</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>1,514,082</b>	<b>110,835</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>COMMUNICATION SRVC</b>							
Other Operational Expense	11,250	5,167	(6,083)	-54%	9,781	(4,614)	-47%
<b>TOTAL COMMUNICATION SRVC</b>	<b>11,250</b>	<b>5,167</b>	<b>(6,083)</b>	<b>-54%</b>	<b>9,781</b>	<b>(4,614)</b>	<b>-47%</b>
<b>MGMT INFO SERVICES</b>							
Personnel Expenses	27,850	28,016	166	1%	0	28,016	100%
Maintenance & Repair & Supplies	111,500	45,505	(65,995)	-59%	105,859	(60,354)	-57%
Other Operational Expense	30,750	13,853	(16,897)	-55%	22,181	(8,329)	-38%
<b>TOTAL MGMT INFO SERVICES</b>	<b>170,100</b>	<b>87,374</b>	<b>(82,726)</b>	<b>-49%</b>	<b>128,040</b>	<b>(40,666)</b>	<b>-32%</b>
<b>MEDIA MANAGEMENT</b>							
Personnel Expenses	102,500	102,966	466	0%	100,118	2,849	3%
Maintenance & Repair & Supplies	15,250	11,559	(3,691)	-24%	17,599	(6,040)	-34%
Other Operational Expense	1,400	1,727	327	23%	546	1,181	216%
<b>TOTAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>119,150</b>	<b>116,252</b>	<b>(2,898)</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>118,262</b>	<b>(2,011)</b>	<b>-2%</b>
<b>BUILDING MAINTENANCE</b>							
Maintenance & Repair & Supplies	97,500	147,223	49,723	51%	111,663	35,560	32%
Other Operational Expense	4,150	15,046	10,896	263%	3,933	11,113	283%
UNLT&COMM Contract Serv	40,350	39,823	(527)	-1%	49,523	(9,699)	-20%
<b>TOTAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>142,000</b>	<b>202,093</b>	<b>60,093</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>165,119</b>	<b>36,974</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENSE</b>							
Capital Expense	425,000	398,117	(26,883)	-6%	609,392	(211,275)	-35%
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>425,000</b>	<b>398,117</b>	<b>(26,883)</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>609,392</b>	<b>(211,275)</b>	<b>-35%</b>
<b>TOTAL TELEVISION DIVISION</b>	<b>5,222,385</b>	<b>5,349,901</b>	<b>127,516</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>5,296,608</b>	<b>53,294</b>	<b>1%</b>

**NEBRASKA EDUCATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
**RADIO DIVISION**  
 December 31, 2014

	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	\$DIFF	%DIFF	Prior Year YTD Actual	\$DIFF	%DIFF
<b>RADIO DIVISION</b>							
Personnel Expenses	15,650	15,503	(147)	-1%	14,466	1,037	7%
Insurance	3,900	3,413	(487)	-12%	3,413	-	0%
<b>TOTAL RADIO DIVISION</b>	<b>19,550</b>	<b>18,916</b>	<b>(634)</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>17,879</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>NETWORK MANAGEMENT</b>							
Personnel Expenses	43,050	42,697	(353)	-1%	42,079	618	1%
Communication Expense	2,800	2,898	98	3%	2,808	90	3%
Other Operational Expense	-	15	15	100%	-	15	100%
<b>TOTAL NETWORK MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>45,850</b>	<b>45,610</b>	<b>(240)</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>44,887</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>ADMIN &amp; FINANCE</b>							
Other Operational Expense	5,186	1,379	(3,807)	-73%	1,997	(618)	-31%
<b>TOTAL ADMIN &amp; FINANCE</b>	<b>5,186</b>	<b>1,379</b>	<b>(3,807)</b>	<b>-73%</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>(618)</b>	<b>-31%</b>
<b>PROGRAMMING</b>							
Personnel Expenses	28,650	22,475	(6,175)	-22%	32,650	(10,175)	-31%
Other Operational Expense	2,200	1,244	(956)	-43%	4,091	(2,848)	-70%
UNLT&COMM Contract Serv	17,100	15,829	(1,271)	-7%	-	15,829	100%
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMMING</b>	<b>47,950</b>	<b>39,548</b>	<b>(8,402)</b>	<b>-18%</b>	<b>36,741</b>	<b>2,807</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>ENGINEERING</b>							
Utilities	63,000	69,364	6,364	10%	65,799	3,565	5%
Maintenance & Repair & Supplies	17,900	12,022	(5,878)	-33%	4,830	7,192	149%
Equip/Building/Tower Rent	11,000	10,818	(182)	-2%	10,991	(173)	-2%
Other Operational Expense	1,200	1,170	(30)	-2%	417	753	180%
<b>TOTAL ENGINEERING</b>	<b>93,100</b>	<b>93,374</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>82,037</b>	<b>11,337</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>COMMUNICATION SRVC</b>							
Other Operational Expense	750	189	(561)	-75%	1,998	(1,809)	-91%
<b>TOTAL COMMUNICATION SRVC</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>(561)</b>	<b>-75%</b>	<b>1,998</b>	<b>(1,809)</b>	<b>-91%</b>
<b>CAPITAL PURCHASE</b>							
Capital Expense	18,000	-	(18,000)	-100%	3,254	(3,254)	-100%
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PURCHASE</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(18,000)</b>	<b>-100%</b>	<b>3,254</b>	<b>(3,254)</b>	<b>-100%</b>
<b>TOTAL RADIO DIVISION</b>	<b>230,386</b>	<b>199,016</b>	<b>(31,370)</b>	<b>-14%</b>	<b>188,793</b>	<b>10,222</b>	<b>5%</b>



**NEBRASKA EDUCATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
**Television Division**  
**March 31, 2015**

	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	\$Diff	%Diff	Prior Year YTD Actual	\$Diff	%Diff
<b>TELEVISION DIVISION</b>							
Personnel Expenses	643,500	646,996	3,496	1%	585,700	61,296	10%
Insurance	39,000	37,113	(1,887)	-5%	37,113	0	0%
<b>TOTAL TELEVISION DIVISION</b>	<b>682,500</b>	<b>684,110</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>622,814</b>	<b>61,296</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>GENERAL MANAGEMENT</b>							
Personnel Expenses	74,850	76,558	1,708	2%	65,333	11,224	17%
Other Operational Expense	5,400	11,155	5,755	107%	6,795	4,360	64%
<b>TOTAL GENERAL MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>80,250</b>	<b>87,713</b>	<b>7,463</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>72,128</b>	<b>15,585</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>ADMIN &amp; FINANCE</b>							
Personnel Expenses	189,375	191,938	2,563	1%	181,072	10,866	6%
Memberships	49,000	46,613	(2,387)	-5%	47,274	(661)	-1%
Utilities	404,750	441,534	36,784	9%	415,902	25,632	6%
Maintenance & Repair & Supplies	29,250	33,925	4,675	16%	34,393	(468)	-1%
Communication Expense	50,250	50,624	374	1%	47,776	2,848	6%
Insurance	64,000	57,590	(6,410)	-10%	57,601	(11)	0%
Other Operational Expense	37,995	21,027	(16,968)	-45%	27,663	(6,636)	-24%
Grants to Station/Partner	210,672	210,672	0	0%	210,672	0	0%
UNLT&COMM Contract Serv	150,975	150,008	(967)	-1%	139,603	10,405	7%
<b>TOTAL ADMIN &amp; FINANCE</b>	<b>1,186,267</b>	<b>1,203,932</b>	<b>17,666</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1,161,957</b>	<b>41,975</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>PROGRAMMING</b>							
Personnel Expenses	192,600	194,306	1,706	1%	187,240	7,067	4%
PBS Member Dues & Fees	245,000	245,000	0	0%	225,000	20,000	9%
Maintenance & Repair & Supplies	6,563	427	(6,135)	-93%	5,164	(4,736)	-92%
Program Acquisition&Fees	125,000	143,131	18,131	15%	147,862	(4,731)	-3%
Other Operational Expense	45,863	47,455	1,593	3%	47,654	(199)	0%
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMMING</b>	<b>615,025</b>	<b>630,320</b>	<b>15,295</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>612,919</b>	<b>17,401</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>PRODUCTION</b>							
Personnel Expenses	180,750	187,663	6,913	4%	172,661	15,002	9%
Maintenance & Repair & Supplies	79,325	73,951	(5,374)	-7%	41,738	32,213	77%
Other Operational Expense	72,275	73,602	1,327	2%	69,335	4,268	6%
UNLT Production Services	297,500	286,624	(10,876)	-4%	260,808	25,816	10%
UNLT&COMM Contract Serv	814,550	833,816	19,266	2%	749,743	84,073	11%
<b>TOTAL PRODUCTION</b>	<b>1,444,400</b>	<b>1,455,656</b>	<b>11,256</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1,294,284</b>	<b>161,372</b>	<b>12%</b>

**NEBRASKA EDUCATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
**Television Division**  
**March 31, 2015**

	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	\$Diff	%Diff	Prior Year YTD Actual	\$Diff	%Diff
<b>ENGINEERING</b>							
Personnel Expenses	1,296,725	1,309,445	12,720	1%	1,182,756	126,689	11%
Utilities	296,250	319,972	23,722	8%	313,229	6,743	2%
Maintenance & Repair & Supplies	263,850	380,296	116,446	44%	286,724	93,572	33%
Communication Expense	202,125	226,598	24,473	12%	226,902	(304)	0%
Other Operational Expense	46,650	43,479	(3,171)	-7%	43,894	(415)	-1%
Travel & Registrations	104,550	100,369	(4,181)	-4%	120,066	(19,697)	-16%
<b>TOTAL ENGINEERING</b>	<b>2,210,150</b>	<b>2,380,158</b>	<b>170,008</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>2,173,572</b>	<b>206,586</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>							
Other Operational Expense	13,625	6,523	(7,102)	-52%	11,500	(4,977)	-43%
<b>TOTAL COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>13,625</b>	<b>6,523</b>	<b>(7,102)</b>	<b>-52%</b>	<b>11,500</b>	<b>(4,977)</b>	<b>-43%</b>
<b>MGMT INFO SERVICES</b>							
Personnel Expenses	41,775	43,747	1,972	5%	0	43,747	0%
Maintenance & Repair & Supplies	136,750	113,509	(23,241)	-17%	121,701	(8,193)	-7%
Other Operational Expense	46,125	24,476	(21,649)	-47%	27,525	(3,048)	-11%
<b>TOTAL MGMT INFO SERVICES</b>	<b>224,650</b>	<b>181,732</b>	<b>(42,918)</b>	<b>-19%</b>	<b>149,226</b>	<b>32,506</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>MEDIA MANAGEMENT</b>							
Personnel Expenses	153,750	159,581	5,831	4%	146,605	12,976	9%
Maintenance & Repair & Supplies	22,875	11,559	(11,316)	-49%	17,608	(6,049)	-34%
Other Operational Expense	2,100	1,998	(102)	-5%	1,509	488	32%
<b>TOTAL MEDIA MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>178,725</b>	<b>173,137</b>	<b>(5,588)</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>165,722</b>	<b>7,415</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>BUILDING MAINTENANCE</b>							
Maintenance & Repair & Supplies	148,500	199,501	51,001	34%	149,270	50,230	34%
Other Operational Expense	6,225	19,972	13,747	221%	6,135	13,837	226%
UNL&COMM Contract Serv	60,525	59,500	(1,025)	-2%	67,783	(8,283)	-12%
<b>TOTAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>215,250</b>	<b>278,973</b>	<b>63,723</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>223,188</b>	<b>55,784</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENSE</b>							
Capital Expense	600,000	468,901	(131,099)	-22%	659,839	(190,938)	-29%
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>600,000</b>	<b>468,901</b>	<b>(131,099)</b>	<b>-22%</b>	<b>659,839</b>	<b>(190,938)</b>	<b>-29%</b>
<b>TOTAL TELEVISION DIVISION</b>	<b>7,450,842</b>	<b>7,551,154</b>	<b>100,312</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>7,147,149</b>	<b>404,005</b>	<b>6%</b>

**NEBRASKA EDUCATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
**RADIO DIVISION**  
 March 31, 2015

	<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>\$DIFF</b>	<b>%DIFF</b>	<b>Prior Year YTD Actual</b>	<b>\$DIFF</b>	<b>%DIFF</b>
<b>RADIO DIVISION</b>							
Personnel Expenses	23,475	23,742	267	1%	21,248	2,494	12%
Insurance	3,900	3,413	(487)	-12%	3,413	-	0%
<b>TOTAL RADIO DIVISION</b>	<b>27,375</b>	<b>27,154</b>	<b>(221)</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>24,661</b>	<b>2,494</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>GENERAL MANAGEMENT</b>							
Personnel Expenses	64,575	65,865	1,290	2%	61,501	4,364	7%
Communication Expense	4,200	4,389	189	4%	4,237	152	4%
Other Operational Expense	-	15	15	100%	-	15	100%
<b>TOTAL GENERAL MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>68,775</b>	<b>70,269</b>	<b>1,494</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>65,738</b>	<b>4,531</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>ADMIN &amp; FINANCE</b>							
Other Operational Expense	5,679	3,807	(1,872)	-33%	5,224	(1,417)	-27%
<b>TOTAL ADMIN &amp; FINANCE</b>	<b>5,679</b>	<b>3,807</b>	<b>(1,872)</b>	<b>-33%</b>	<b>5,224</b>	<b>(1,417)</b>	<b>-27%</b>
<b>PROGRAMMING</b>							
Personnel Expenses	42,975	34,671	(8,305)	-19%	42,873	(8,203)	-19%
Other Operational Expense	3,300	2,956	(344)	-10%	6,403	(3,448)	-54%
UNLT&COMM Contract Serv	25,650	23,592	(2,058)	-8%	-	23,592	100%
<b>TOTAL PROGRAMMING</b>	<b>71,925</b>	<b>61,218</b>	<b>(10,707)</b>	<b>-15%</b>	<b>49,277</b>	<b>11,942</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>ENGINEERING</b>							
Utilities	94,500	102,661	8,161	9%	98,874	3,787	4%
Maintenance & Repair & Supplies	26,850	34,594	7,744	29%	15,046	19,548	130%
Equip/Building/Tower Rent	16,500	16,226	(274)	-2%	14,797	1,430	10%
Other Operational Expense	1,800	1,611	(189)	-11%	588	1,023	174%
<b>TOTAL ENGINEERING</b>	<b>139,650</b>	<b>155,092</b>	<b>15,442</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>129,306</b>	<b>25,787</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>COMMUNICATION SRVC</b>							
Other Operational Expense	1,125	300	(825)	-73%	2,004	(1,704)	-85%
<b>TOTAL COMMUNICATION SRVC</b>	<b>1,125</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>(825)</b>	<b>-73%</b>	<b>2,004</b>	<b>(1,704)</b>	<b>-85%</b>
<b>CAPITAL PURCHASE</b>							
Capital Expense	34,000	12,174	(21,826)	-64%	27,417	(15,243)	-56%
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL PURCHASE</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>12,174</b>	<b>(21,826)</b>	<b>-64%</b>	<b>27,417</b>	<b>(15,243)</b>	<b>-56%</b>
<b>TOTAL RADIO DIVISION</b>	<b>348,529</b>	<b>330,015</b>	<b>(18,514)</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>303,627</b>	<b>26,388</b>	<b>9%</b>

## PROPOSED COMMISSION ACTION

DATE: June 25, 2015

SUBJECT: FY 2016 Commission Operating Budget

### EXPLANATION:

The proposed FY 2016 operating budget is attached with a cover letter.

### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Approve the Commission's FY 2016 operating budget totaling \$10,931,544.

Approve a July 1, 2015 base salary increase of 2.25% for non-contract, rules covered Commission employees (exempt, salaried employees) and for Commission employees covered by the union contract (non-exempt, hourly rate employees) as recommended by the Governor and approved by the Legislature.

Date: June 16, 2015  
TO: NET Commissioners  
FROM: Randy Hansen, Assistant GM – Admin & Finance  
RE: Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget

Attached is the proposed FY 2016 operating budget for your consideration at the June 25, 2015 Commission meeting. The first page summarizes the available funding for both Television (Program 533) and Radio (Program 566). The pages following this funding summary provide an overview of proposed budget accounts and categories with comparisons to the FY 2015 budget.

New funding items from the general fund totaling \$333,074 are summarized as follows:

- 1) Increased funding for base salaries & related benefits of \$174,344;
- 2) New funding for KYNE operating costs related to the tower move of \$88,000;
- 3) Increased TV Equipment Replacement funding of \$50,000;
- 4) Increased Carpenter Center utility costs of \$11,000;
- 5) Increased Radio repairs, maintenance and supplies funding of \$8,000; and
- 6) Increased DAS motor vehicle liability insurance costs of \$1,730.

Other Notes:

- Salaries and benefits total \$4,403,500 or approximately 40% of the total Commission budget. An increase of \$34,600 or .8% from last year's budgeted salaries and benefits. Contracted Services total \$1,437,900, an increase of \$50,900 or 3.7% from last year's budgeted amounts.
- The NET Foundation for Radio will provide \$420,000 in salary and benefits support to the NET Radio Network, a decrease of 5.7%.
- The television equipment replacement budget will total \$800,000 and the radio equipment budget will total \$52,000. Detailed equipment budgets will be presented at the late August Commission meeting for your approval.

**Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission**  
**Available Funding for Fiscal Year 2016**

June 25, 2015

	Program 533 - TV		Television		Program 566 - Radio			Radio		GRAND	
	Cash	Appropriation	Foundation	Total	Foundation	Cash	Appropriation	Foundation	Total	Total	Total
BASE APPROPRIATIONS - FY 2014	\$310,206	\$9,370,792	\$445,400	\$9,680,998	\$445,400	\$27,549	\$469,923	\$942,872	\$942,872	\$10,623,870	\$10,623,870
Decrease of Radio Foundation funding	\$0	\$0	-\$25,400	\$0	-\$25,400	\$0	\$0	-\$25,400	-\$25,400	-\$25,400	-\$25,400
Increases in State of NE funding	\$0	\$318,899	\$0	\$318,899	\$0	\$0	\$14,175	\$14,175	\$14,175	\$333,074	\$333,074
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS - FY 2015	\$310,206	\$9,689,691	\$420,000	\$9,999,897	\$420,000	\$27,549	\$484,098	\$931,647	\$931,647	\$10,931,544	\$10,931,544

BASE APPROPRIATIONS - FY 2014

Decrease of Radio Foundation funding

Increases in State of NE funding

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS - FY 2015

# NEBRASKA EDUCATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

## FISCAL YEAR 2016 OPERATING BUDGET

June 25, 2015

Org ID	Org Name	Description	FY 2015 Budget	FY 2016 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
<b>TELEVISION DIVISION</b>						
1.20.1	Fringe Benefits					
		FICA	\$208,000	<b>\$208,000</b>	\$0	0%
		Retirement	\$212,000	<b>\$200,000</b>	-\$12,000	-6%
		Health	\$430,000	<b>\$475,000</b>	\$45,000	10%
		Misc Insurance & Fees	\$47,000	<b>\$45,000</b>	-\$2,000	-4%
		Subtotal	<b>\$897,000</b>	<b>\$928,000</b>	\$31,000	3%
1.20.1.010	General Management					
		Salaries	\$99,800	<b>\$102,700</b>	\$2,900	3%
		Other Operational Expenses	\$300	<b>\$600</b>	\$300	100%
		Travel & Registrations	\$6,900	<b>\$11,400</b>	\$4,500	65%
		Subtotal	<b>\$107,000</b>	<b>\$114,700</b>	\$7,700	7%
1.20.1.015	Administration & Finance					
		Salaries	\$252,500	<b>\$259,000</b>	\$6,500	3%
		Memberships	\$50,000	<b>\$50,000</b>	\$0	0%
		Utilities	\$530,000	<b>\$552,000</b>	\$22,000	4%
		Communication Expense	\$67,000	<b>\$67,600</b>	\$600	1%
		Professional Fees	\$34,000	<b>\$30,000</b>	-\$4,000	-12%
		Insurance Expense	\$64,000	<b>\$62,500</b>	-\$1,500	-2%
		Supplies	\$35,000	<b>\$39,000</b>	\$4,000	11%
		Grants to Stations	\$210,672	<b>\$210,672</b>	\$0	0%
		UNTV Contracted Services	\$201,300	<b>\$181,500</b>	-\$19,800	-10%
		Other Operational Expenses	\$15,526	<b>\$15,325</b>	-\$201	-1%
		Subtotal	<b>\$1,459,998</b>	<b>\$1,467,597</b>	\$7,599	1%
1.20.1.025	Programming					
		Salaries	\$256,800	<b>\$174,700</b>	-\$82,100	-32%
		Programming Fees	\$370,000	<b>\$370,000</b>	\$0	0%
		Other Contracted Services	\$47,000	<b>\$0</b>	-\$47,000	-100%
		Travel & Registrations	\$12,900	<b>\$5,000</b>	-\$7,900	-61%
		Supplies	\$8,750	<b>\$4,000</b>	-\$4,750	-54%
		Other Operational Expenses	\$1,250	<b>\$1,000</b>	-\$250	-20%
		Subtotal	<b>\$696,700</b>	<b>\$554,700</b>	-\$142,000	-20%

Org ID	Org Name	Description	FY 2015 Budget	FY 2016 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
1.20.1.030	Production					
		Salaries	\$241,000	<b>\$226,200</b>	-\$14,800	-6%
		UNTV Contracted Services	\$1,070,800	<b>\$1,173,300</b>	\$102,500	10%
		UNTV Production Services	\$460,000	<b>\$460,000</b>	\$0	0%
		Maintenance & Repairs	\$57,300	<b>\$36,500</b>	-\$20,800	-36%
		Supplies	\$40,200	<b>\$35,500</b>	-\$4,700	-12%
		Other Contracted Services	\$79,000	<b>\$60,000</b>	-\$19,000	-24%
		Travel & Registrations	\$38,000	<b>\$44,200</b>	\$6,200	16%
		Other Operational Expenses	\$5,700	<b>\$4,900</b>	-\$800	-14%
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,992,000</b>	<b>\$2,040,600</b>	<b>\$48,600</b>	<b>2%</b>

1.20.1.035	Engineering					
		Salaries	\$1,734,300	<b>\$1,733,200</b>	-\$1,100	0%
		Utilities	\$395,000	<b>\$415,000</b>	\$20,000	5%
		Maintenance & Repairs	\$241,000	<b>\$246,800</b>	\$5,800	2%
		Network Interconnection Costs	\$250,000	<b>\$300,000</b>	\$50,000	20%
		Communication Expense	\$19,500	<b>\$19,500</b>	\$0	0%
		Supplies	\$106,500	<b>\$126,500</b>	\$20,000	19%
		Travel & Registrations	\$142,400	<b>\$150,700</b>	\$8,300	6%
		Other Contracted Services	\$29,000	<b>\$28,000</b>	-\$1,000	-3%
		Rent Expense	\$33,800	<b>\$88,200</b>	\$54,400	161%
		Other Operational Expenses	\$6,300	<b>\$5,800</b>	-\$500	-8%
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,957,800</b>	<b>\$3,113,700</b>	<b>\$155,900</b>	<b>5%</b>

1.20.1.040	Communication Services					
		Salaries	\$0	<b>\$67,300</b>	\$67,300	100%
		Promotional Materials	\$7,000	<b>\$7,000</b>	\$0	0%
		Other Contracted Services	\$0	<b>\$50,000</b>	\$50,000	100%
		Travel & Registrations	\$0	<b>\$4,500</b>	\$4,500	100%
		Other Operational Expenses	\$8,000	<b>\$8,700</b>	\$700	9%
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$137,500</b>	<b>\$122,500</b>	<b>817%</b>

1.20.1.050	Mgmt Information Systems					
		Salaries	\$55,700	<b>\$59,800</b>	\$4,100	7%
		Maintenance & Repairs	\$146,500	<b>\$148,000</b>	\$1,500	1%
		Communication Expense	\$30,300	<b>\$30,200</b>	-\$100	0%
		Supplies	\$10,500	<b>\$11,600</b>	\$1,100	10%
		Travel & Registrations	\$23,700	<b>\$23,900</b>	\$200	1%
		Other Operational Expenses	\$7,500	<b>\$5,500</b>	-\$2,000	-27%
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$274,200</b>	<b>\$279,000</b>	<b>\$4,800</b>	<b>2%</b>

1.20.1.235	Media Management					
		Salaries	\$205,000	<b>\$210,600</b>	\$5,600	3%
		Maintenance & Repairs	\$29,000	<b>\$28,000</b>	-\$1,000	-3%
		Other Operational Expenses	\$4,300	<b>\$7,100</b>	\$2,800	65%
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$238,300</b>	<b>\$245,700</b>	<b>\$7,400</b>	<b>3%</b>



Org ID	Org Name	Description	FY 2015 Budget	FY 2016 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
1.20.1.245	Building Maintenance					
		Maintenance & Repairs	\$170,000	<b>\$175,200</b>	\$5,200	3%
		Supplies	\$34,000	<b>\$37,100</b>	\$3,100	9%
		Other Contracted Services	\$0	<b>\$12,000</b>	\$12,000	100%
		UNTV Contracted Services	\$80,700	<b>\$83,100</b>	\$2,400	3%
		Other Operational Expenses	\$8,300	<b>\$11,000</b>	\$2,700	33%
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$293,000</b>	<b>\$318,400</b>	<b>\$25,400</b>	<b>9%</b>
1.20.1.855	Capital Purchases					
		Equipment Replacement Exp	\$750,000	<b>\$800,000</b>	\$50,000	7%
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>TOTAL TELEVISION DIVISION</b>			<b>\$9,680,998</b>	<b>\$9,999,897</b>	<b>\$318,899</b>	<b>3%</b>

## RADIO DIVISION

1.20.2	Radio Fringe Benefits					
		FICA	\$11,000	<b>\$13,000</b>	\$2,000	18%
		Retirement	\$11,000	<b>\$13,000</b>	\$2,000	18%
		Health	\$12,000	<b>\$18,000</b>	\$6,000	50%
		Misc Insurance & Fees	\$4,000	<b>\$4,000</b>	\$0	0%
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$38,000</b>	<b>\$48,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>26%</b>
1.20.2.010	Radio Network Management					
		Salaries	\$86,100	<b>\$88,000</b>	\$1,900	2%
		Communication Expense	\$5,600	<b>\$5,800</b>	\$200	4%
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$91,700</b>	<b>\$93,800</b>	<b>\$2,100</b>	<b>2%</b>
1.20.2.015	Radio Admin & Finance					
		Insurance Expense	\$4,200	<b>\$4,300</b>	\$100	2%
		Other Operational Expenses	\$1,972	<b>\$1,847</b>	-\$125	-6%
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$6,172</b>	<b>\$6,147</b>	<b>-\$25</b>	<b>0%</b>

Org ID	Org Name	Description	FY 2015 Budget	FY 2016 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
1.20.2.025	Radio Programming					
		Salaries	\$57,300	<b>\$86,000</b>	\$28,700	50%
		Programming Fees	\$26,000	<b>\$24,000</b>	-\$2,000	-8%
		UNTV Contracted Services	\$34,200	<b>\$0</b>	-\$34,200	-100%
		Other Operational Expenses	\$4,400	<b>\$6,000</b>	\$1,600	36%
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$121,900</b>	<b>\$116,000</b>	<b>-\$5,900</b>	<b>-5%</b>
1.20.2.035	Radio Engineering					
		Utilities	\$126,000	<b>\$128,000</b>	\$2,000	2%
		Maintenance & Repairs	\$16,300	<b>\$25,000</b>	\$8,700	53%
		Tower/Land/Equip Rental	\$22,000	<b>\$22,000</b>	\$0	0%
		Supplies	\$19,500	<b>\$17,500</b>	-\$2,000	-10%
		Other Operational Expenses	\$2,400	<b>\$1,700</b>	-\$700	-29%
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$186,200</b>	<b>\$194,200</b>	<b>\$8,000</b>	<b>4%</b>
1.20.2.040	Radio Communication Services					
		Other Operational Expenses	\$1,500	<b>\$1,500</b>	\$0	0%
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$1,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0%</b>
1.20.2.855	Radio Capital Purchases					
		Equipment Replacement Exp	\$52,000	<b>\$52,000</b>	\$0	0%
		<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$52,000</b>	<b>\$52,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0%</b>
	Appropriation Funded Radio Budget		\$497,472	<b>\$511,647</b>	\$14,175	3%
	Radio Foundation Funded Operations:					
		Programming Salaries & Benefits	\$367,100	<b>\$340,000</b>	-\$27,100	-7%
		Production Salaries & Benefits	\$78,300	<b>\$80,000</b>	\$1,700	2%
			\$445,400	<b>\$420,000</b>	-\$25,400	-6%
	<b>TOTAL RADIO DIVISION BUDGET</b>		<b>\$942,872</b>	<b>\$931,647</b>	<b>-\$11,225</b>	<b>-1%</b>
	TOTAL TV BUDGET		\$9,680,998	<b>\$9,999,897</b>	\$318,899	3%
	TOTAL RADIO BUDGET		\$497,472	<b>\$511,647</b>	\$14,175	3%
	<b>TOTAL COMMISSION BUDGET</b>		<b>\$10,178,470</b>	<b>\$10,511,544</b>	<b>\$333,074</b>	<b>3%</b>
	RADIO FOUNDATION FUNDED OPERATIONS		\$445,400	<b>\$420,000</b>	-\$25,400	-6%
	<b>GRAND TOTAL COMMISSION BUDGET</b>		<b>\$10,623,870</b>	<b>\$10,931,544</b>	<b>\$307,674</b>	<b>3%</b>
	FYI - Total Salaries and Benefits		\$4,368,900	<b>\$4,403,500</b>	\$34,600	0.8%
	FYI - Total Contracted Services		\$1,387,000	<b>\$1,437,900</b>	\$50,900	3.7%

## PROPOSED COMMISSION ACTION

DATE: June 25 2015

SUBJECT: Affirm Capital Request for KTNE antenna

### Background:

NET's television antenna at KTNE (Alliance) fell from the tower on Thursday, April 9, 2015. Cause of the incident is not known and is under investigation. Preliminary opinion of the independent engineer assigned by state insurance and risk management officials is possible structural failure. Further investigation and analysis will be needed to determine insurance eligibility and financial liability.

The antenna failure resulted in the loss of over-the-air NET television service to the entire panhandle region, including cable service for companies that redistribute the over-the-air signal.

NET Executive Committee met and directed staff to formally request the Appropriations Committee to fund a Capital Request that would fund a temporary solution by installing and renting a temporary antenna that will restore partial service to the region, and then fund a permanent solution with the purchase and installation of a new top-mounted antenna.

### Temporary Solution:

Set up fee	\$6,000
Tower Crew - install	\$19,925
Retentioning	\$2,600
April - June rental	\$6,935
Contingency/Other	\$1,540
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	\$37,000
Contingency/Other	\$1,060
July - Sept rental	\$6,940
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Total	<u>\$45,000</u>

### Permanent Solution:

New Antenna	\$240,000
Tower load study	\$7,000
Contingency/Other	\$1,000
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	\$248,000
Tower Crew - install	\$60,000

Retentioning	\$20,000
Contingency/Other	<u>\$12,000</u>
	<u>\$340,000</u>

FY2015 funds needed	\$285,000
FY2016 funds needed	<u>\$100,000</u>
	<u>\$385,000</u>

The Appropriation Committee advanced an amendment to the budget bill that added \$385,000 to the Commission's operating budget for FY2016. The budget bill was approved the Legislature and signed by the Governor.

**Proposed Actions:**

The Commission affirms the actions taken by the Executive Committee.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION ACTION**

**DATE:** June 25, 2015

**SUBJECT:** NET Finance & Executive Committee

**EXPLANATION:**

The NET Nominating Committee consisting of Clay Smith, Dick Shoemaker and Dara Troutman (Dennis Baack unavailable for call) met via conference call on June 16 at 4:00 pm.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is recommended that the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission approve the appointment of Fred Ohles to the Finance and Executive Committees.

Net Ops - Transmission Engineering Report June 15, 2015

- PBS Project:

PBS Diversity Disaster Maintenance Site (DDMS) is fully operational and is used as needed by PBS. PBS and all subcontractors will be here July 13 through 24 for final check out and sign off to take full possession.

- Terrestrial Circuit:

We have initiated a Type of Service (ToS) / Quality of Service (QoS) designator with OCIO to improve reliability of the content stream. We with the OCIO help are starting to critically evaluate each site for proper operations.

Work is in progress implementing a diversity signal path between NET and OCIO.

Work is in progress evaluating options for terrestrial signal delivery redundancy and troubleshooting.

Work is in progress deliver NET signal to Dish Network in Cheyenne Designated Market Area (DMA).

- National Weather Tornado Alert Test:

NET Radio took part in the annual NWS Tornado Test Wednesday March 25. We discovered some configuration issues that have been addressed.

- KMNE FM Antenna Request For Proposal (RFP):

Technical Services Group, Inc. of Baton Rouge, LA is on site to install the new FM Antenna and repair existing 3 1/8" transmission line starting June 23.

- KTNE Digital Television Antenna Failure:

The 100 foot 10 ton Digital Television Antenna failed at KTNE about 7:15AM Thursday April 9. Partial service was restored about 10:00PM Saturday May 2. NET staff will attend the forensic analysis of the base and column Tuesday morning June 16.

- KTNE Digital Television Antenna Invitation to Bid (ITB)

The ITB for the KTNE Digital Television Antenna replacement will be posted June 17. The process usually takes about a month until the bid is awarded.

- KYNE Tower Removal:

We are in discussion with KETV to relocate our Channel 17 transmitter to their Crown Point location.

- Imagine Automation Project:

We have made significant progress in the integration of Motion 4 with NET Media Management System. The new Motion 4 system is scheduled be on air hopefully by the end of June.

2015 Terrestrial Outages in Minutes

Date	KUON	KHNE	KLINE	KMNE	KPNE	KRNE	KTNE	KXNE	KYNE	KCNE	Total	Reliability
01/13/15	2.2	441.5	2.2	2.2	19	18.6	11.7	2.2	9.5	17.3	526.4	99.880%
02/10/15	5.6	3.9	3.9	69.6	3.9	3.9	3.9	249.3	3.9	3.9	351.8	99.920%
03/10/15	161.6	45	62.2	49.3	54	45.8	45	45	45	45	597.9	99.863%
04/07/15	87.3	29.8	74.3	63.9	59.8	59.8	32.8	32.8	42.8	59.8	543.1	99.876%
05/12/15	596	376	376	1065	376	376	376	376	376	397.6	4690.6	98.929%
06/09/15	93	0	16	823	0	0	0	16	0	39	987	99.775%
07/01/15											0	100.000%
08/01/15											0	100.000%
09/01/15											0	100.000%
10/01/15											0	100.000%
11/01/15											0	100.000%
12/01/15											0	100.000%
	945.7	896.2	534.6	2073	512.7	504.1	469.4	721.3	477.2	562.6	7696.8	99.854%

Notes: KHNE Jan. OCIO Router fail  
 KXNE Feb. Invasive testing of circuit  
 May Charter (KUON) expansion caused TWC Main (ALL) circuit fail  
 KMNE May Telco Equipment fail  
 KMNE June Microwave failed

## EDUCATION SERVICES UPDATE

June, 2015

### **INTERACTIVE AND EDUCATIONAL MEDIA - Projects in Development or Planning**

Quilted Conscience Curriculum – Develop a website to include learning objects. Project Budget (proposed): \$2,000 - \$18,500 depending on number of learning objects.

N-Lighten Curriculum Digital (eBooks) - convert Paul Mitchell content for the N-Lighten Project to digital text form – eBooks. Project Budget: TBD

Nebraska Studies Revision (Phase II) – Design elements and new HTML5 site. Project Budget = \$56,787

UNL Custodial Training - on going maintenance. Project Budget = \$12,000

National Arts Endowment – in collaboration with the Nebraska Department of Education and Nebraska Arts Council, develop learning objects tied to Nebraska fine arts standards. Project Budget = TBD

Brian Injury: Concussion Recognition and Management – additional modules. Project Budget: \$37,950

8 Legged Encounter – build arachnoid app to complete initial project. Project Budget: TBD

### **INTERACTIVE AND EDUCATIONAL MEDIA - Projects in Progress**

Nebraska Studies Conversion (Phase I)

Imagining the Platte

International Quilt Study Center and Museum (auxiliary sites)

Cather Letters

High School Hall of Fame

Virtual Capitol Tour (Phase II)

Brian Injury: Concussion Recognition and Management

Nebraska Game & Parks Website Conversion

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (READY TO LEARN/NET KIDS)**

RTL received a \$10,000 Kart Kingdom grant to incorporate a live game activity into a summer learning event within Schuler, a RTL community.

The following activities took place during the period February - May

- Planning for the Auburn Day of Learning with representatives from Auburn Public Schools, home and private daycare providers, and preschool teachers.
- Mr. Bill Comley, Principal of Schuyler Elementary School, and two members from the school's early childcare staff met with NET Kids to discuss the needs of the community, and began planning options for a Summer Learning Day to be held at the end of July.



- Delivered a session at the Mid-Nebraska Early Childhood Summit in York on the importance of using technology responsibly in early childhood programs and the services that NET Kids provides.
- Attended a literacy event to celebrate the mid-point of the “Fremont Reads Challenge,” providing the character costume of Wonder Red.
- Attended the Jim Gill Family Concert event at the Aunt Mary Center in Beatrice, providing a Mobile Learning Lab for children and information and promotional items for families.
- Delivered a session at the Early Childhood Education Conference in McCook on the importance of using technology responsibly in early childhood programs and the services that NET Kids provides.
- Attended a planning meeting to organize early educators and other community members for the finale event of the “Fremont Reads Challenge.”
- Attended a planning meeting in Auburn to organize community members and partners for Auburn Learning Day.
- Delivered a session at the Mid-Nebraska Early Childhood Summit in York on the importance of using technology responsibly in early childhood programs and the services that NET Kids provides.
- Attended multiple events as part of the Week of the Young Child.
- Provided activities and Peg+Cat character costumes at in-home daycares, childcare center, preschools, and the public library in Fremont for the finale of the Fremont Reads Challenge
- Provided activities and a character costume at Adams Elementary School in Lincoln.
- Presented at the Early Childhood Conference at Peru State College
- Attended the Auburn Learning Day as a community partner, providing a Mobile Learning Lab and Peg+Cat character costumes.
- Provided a mobile lab at the Youth Connect event in Lincoln
- Provided a mobile lab at a food distribution site in Lincoln
- Attended a Reading Buddies planning meeting in Lincoln
- Participated in The Career Academy Partner Summit in Lincoln
- Provided a mobile lab and the character Woofster at The Asian Cultural Center in Lincoln
- Filmed a Ready To Learn Promo
- Provided a mobile lab at ECE Center with Woofster in Fremont

**5339 children, parents, and care providers have participated in RTL Events and/or trainings**

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **State of Education in Nebraska (SOE)**

A reformatted *State of Education in Nebraska* will premiere this fall on NET1. Changes in SOE will include two (2) one hour *Nebraska Loves Public Schools* productions and a series of town hall style events in communities throughout the state.

A collaborative partnership with the Nebraska Children and Families Foundation and Nebraska Association of School Boards, SOE will bring community stakeholders together via screenings and town hall discussions to explore local issues within a community. Issues under

consideration include *English Language Learners and the Changing Profile of our Schools*; *School Reform in Nebraska*; and *Education: Cradle to Career*.

In addition, some SOE events will be tied to NET's Ready to Learn initiative as a way to raise awareness and build support for early childhood education. The results of these discussions will be developed into State of Education in Nebraska programs for the 2015-16 season.

### **Coffee and Conversation**

Sheldon Museum of Art is the new venue for Community Engagement's Coffee and Conversation film series. The new 2015 – 16 season is expected to be made public by July 2015 with the first screening tentatively planned for September, 2015. The events will continue to be the third Sunday of each month at 1pm.

### **Potential Projects**

**The Homestretch-** *The Homestretch* follows three homeless teens as they fight to stay in school, graduate, and build a future. Each of these smart, ambitious teenagers - Roque, Kasey and Anthony - will surprise, inspire, and challenge audiences to rethink stereotypes of homelessness as they work to complete their education while facing the trauma of being alone and abandoned at an early age.

Nebraska ranks 34<sup>th</sup> in the nation in child homelessness. The vehicle by which NET will bring awareness to this issue is TBD. It may be in the form of a series of screening and discussion events or panel discussion.

**The Telling Project** – The Telling Project employs theater to deepen the understanding of military and veterans' experiences. Working with local community organizations and service members (current & veterans), The Telling Project interviews veterans and military family members about their experiences with the military. These interviews are turned into performance pieces which are then performed by the military individual. NET is investigating a collaborative initiative involving the University of Nebraska's Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film as well as several veteran service organizations to ascertain interest and support for this project.

Respectfully Submitted  
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