

**CABLE ACCESS ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, September 14, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.**  
**Approved Minutes**

- I. Call To Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call: Dave Dziedzic, Roy Green, Brandon Guiles, Cheryl Wizda
- IV. **Approval – April 13, 2022 Minutes\***
- V. Public Comments
- VI. New Business
  - a. **Proposed Goals 2022-23\***
  - b. **Proposed 2023 Meeting Dates\***
  - c. Annual Report to Council FY 2022/23 Review
  - d. Cable Communications Fund - Fiscal YTD 2022/23\*
  - e. Legislative Updates – Protecting Community Television Act
- VII. Old Business
  - a. CAAC Vacant Seat – MCTV Access User
- VIII. Manager of MCTV Updates\*
  - a. Service Updates
  - b. Service Statistics
  - c. Programming Highlights
  - d. Mary Currie Grant Statistics
- IX. Announcements\*
  - a. Philo T. Farnsworth Video Festival Recognitions
  - b. Media Creator Workshops at MCTV
  - c. Important Dates and Volunteer Opportunities
- X. Commissioner Comments
- XI. Adjournment: Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 9, 7:00 P.M., Midland City Hall

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
CABLE ACCESS ADVISORY COMMISSION  
Wednesday, April 13, 2022- 7:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Roy Green, Cheryl Wizda, and Brandon Guiles

**Absent:** Dave Dziedzic

**Also Present:** Matthew Richardson – MCTV Manager; Mary Jo Kellogg – Office Assistant

I. Called to Order by Roy Green at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call: Present-Roy Green, Brandon Guiles, Cheryl Wizda. Absent-Dave Dziedzic

IV. Approval-November 10 2021 minutes. Motion to approve by Commissioner Guiles, seconded by Commissioner Wizda.

V. Public Comments – None.

VI. New Business

a. Cable Communications Fund – Fiscal YTD 2021/22

Revenue	Budget	YTD	PCT.
Franchise Fee	650,000	311,539	48%
Taping Fees	500	375	75%
Workshops	1,000	635	64%
Access Fees	3,000	2,395	80%
Video On-Line	1,000	890	89%
Contributions	500	5,010	1002%
Sponsorships	500	0	0%
Investment Earnings	1,100	1,081	98%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>655,500</b>	<b>320,844</b>	<b>48%</b>

Expenses	Budget	Year to Date	PCT.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>842,265*</b>	<b>458,319</b>	<b>54%</b>

b. The Mary Currie \$5000 Diversity and Inclusion Grant for Community Media in Midland will help cover the cost of workshops, summer camps, memberships, and digital services, i.e. podcast and YouTube videos.

## VII. Old Business

- a. CAAC Vacant Seat – MCTV Access User

## VIII. Manager of MCTV Updates

- a. Flood Restoration Update – MCTV reconstruction is complete. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with studio and edit suites available by appointment. The lower level of the library is scheduled to reopen on June 3, 2022.
- b. Service Updates – Equipment Pickup, Studio Productions, and Video Edit Suites are available Tuesday – Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 to 5:30 p.m.
- c. MCTV Service Statistics – Community Voices YouTube has 60 videos, of which 14 were Live Streams with 20,893 views and 772 subscribers. Ninety Podcast with 6,989 plays. Community Voices had 401 first runs, 280 church services, and 481 VOD Views. Midland Government TV had 125 first runs with 17,256 VOD views. Public Schools TV had 15 first runs with 183 VOD views. With 115 Active Users, and over 1,000 hours volunteered. This year there have been 28 workshop graduates and 6 video campers.
- d. Program Highlights – Video played.

## IX. Announcements

- a. Media Creator Workshops May 4 & 5 and June 8 & 9, 2022.
- b. Youth Camps – Media Creator Camp, June 13 – 16, 1 – 5 p.m., and Sports Broadcasting Camp, July 18 – 22, 1 – 5 p.m.
- c. Important Dates and Volunteer Opportunities – City Budget Workshop LIVE 4/18, Battle of the Books LIVE 4/20, Midland Boys Lacrosse LIVE 4/29, MHS vs DOW Girls Soccer 5/9, Mid-Michigan Brass Band 5/15, Series Lottery at MCTV 5/16, Midland Community Orchestra 5/22, HH Dow & Midland High School Graduations 5/25, Library/MCTV Reopens to the Public 6/3, select Loons Baseball Games in the Summer, Chemical City Band, Tunes by the Tridge, Honors Night 2022 (Format, Date & Time TBD).

- X. Protecting Community Television Act – This act clarifies that only monetary payments, not no-monetary franchisee obligations, qualify as Cable Act franchise fees and are subject to a fee cap. Without it, a cable operator could create fees to drain away municipal revenues and pressure municipalities to give up or de-staff channels.

Adjournment: 7:46 p.m. Motion to Adjourn by Commissioner Guiles, seconded by Commissioner Wizda.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, June 8, 7:00 p.m.

**\*Agenda Item VI. a. Proposed Goals - Fiscal YTD 2022/23**

- Quarterly receive a report on the status of the Cable Communications Fund.
- Quarterly receive a report on status of video franchising laws and legislation.
- Inform access users and public about the challenges and opportunities facing MCTV.
- Participate in MCTV’s “Honors Night 2022.”

**\*Agenda Item VI. b. Proposed Meeting Dates - Fiscal YTD 2022/23**

- February 8
- April 12
- June 14
- September 13
- November 8

**\*Agenda Item VI. d. Cable Communications Fund - Fiscal YTD 2022/23**

**Cable Communications Fund 2022/23 (17% Fiscal Year to Date)**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>PCT.</b>
Franchise Fee	625,000	0	0%
Taping Fees	500	173	35%
Workshops	1,000	510	51%
Access Fees	3,000	525	18%
Video On-Line	1,000	250	25%
Contributions	500	0	0%
Sponsorships	500	0	0%
Investment Earnings	880	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>632,380</b>	<b>1,458</b>	<b>&lt;1%</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>PCT.</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>790,699*</b>	<b>138,052</b>	<b>17%</b>

*\*\$185,000 in Capital Outlay from delayed capital purchases due to flood and COVID closures.*

**PROTECTING COMMUNITY TELEVISION ACT (HR 6219/S 3361):**

**WHY THIS LEGISLATION IS NEEDED**

The FCC’s 2019 Franchise Fee Order redefines the federal Cable Act’s 5% franchise fee to include the value of most non-monetary franchise obligations as franchise fees. This change allows cable companies to reduce what they pay for the use of public property and rights-of-way. The Protecting Community Television Act (HR 6219/S 3361) corrects this error by clarifying franchise fees are only monetary.

**BACKGROUND**

The Cable Act protects the rights of a local community to charge cable companies a five (5%) percent franchise fee and to meet community needs and interests, such as providing public, educational and governmental channel capacity. Contrary to industry practices that date to the 1980s, the FCC’s actions could result in reducing cable operators’ monetary compensation to towns and municipalities that wish to communicate with residents through community television. The FCC Order could force communities to choose between franchise fees or communicating with residents through community media that provide Americans with local civic, public safety and public health content. The Protecting Community Television Act ((HR 6219/S 3361) clarifies that only monetary payments, not non-monetary franchise obligations, qualify as Cable Act franchise fees and are subject to a fee cap. Without it, a cable operator could create fees to drain away municipal revenues and pressure municipalities to give up or de-staff channels. The bill is authored by Senators Ed Markey (MA) and Tammy Baldwin (WI). Rep. Anna Eshoo (CA) and Pete DeFazio (OR) are the House authors. As of March 21, the bill has 15 co-sponsors in the Senate and 33 co-sponsors in the House.

**New Office Hours – Reflect the Change in Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Hours of Operation**

Monday – Thursday	9:00 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Friday	10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

**Services Statistics 2022/23 Fiscal Year-to-Date**

**Community Voices YouTube**

9 Videos  
3.5k Views  
853 Subscribers

**Community Voices Podcasts**

240 Episodes  
4,849 Plays

**Midland Government YouTube**

9 Videos  
11.7k + Views  
1248 Subscribers

**Midland Government Affairs Podcasts**

150 Episodes  
2,675 Plays

**Community Voices on TV & VOD**

18 First Run Shows  
936 VOD Views

**Midland Government on TV & VOD**

27 First Run Shows  
7,727 VOD Views

**Midland Public Schools TV**

3 First Run Shows  
699 VOD Views

**Midland Public Schools YouTube**

\_\_ Videos  
\_\_ Views

**Workshop Attendees**

15 Graduates  
6 Video Campers

**Membership**

\_\_ Hours Volunteered  
\_\_ Active Users & Organizations

**Mary Currie Grant Users**

9 New Members  
2 Renewals  
4 YouTube  
4 Podcasts  
\$535 Awarded

\*Agenda Item VIII. c. Programming Highlights – Fiscal Year to Date

**Programming Highlights**

**MPS-TV**

2022 Staff Opening Meeting  
Board of Education Meetings

**MGTV**

Community Question Footing Drain Disconnection Program  
Government Meetings  
Word on the Street(s) Podcast  
What’s up in the City?  
Midland Minute

**COMMUNITY VOICES**

News from Midland’s University | NU Presents  
3-2-1 Connection  
LWV Primary Forum: 35th Rep District State House & 95th Dem District State House 7/11/22  
Healthy Habitz | Understanding Stress  
Chemical City Band 7/13/22  
An Evening with Your Candidates | NU Presents  
Sangeetayan Institute: Dance & Music of India 2022  
Walk to End Alzheimer’s 2022  
Great Lake Loons vs West Michigan White Caps 7/22/22

**\*Agenda Item VIII. d. Mary Currie Grant Statistics**

- 9 New Members
- 2 Renewing Members
- 4 Podcasts
- 4 YouTube Videos
- \$535 Awarded to Date

**\*Agenda Item IX. Announcements**

**Philo T. Farnsworth Media Festival Recognitions**

- Volunteers & Staff: Sports Coverage, Professional Division – Winner “MHS vs DOW Hockey”
- Volunteers & Staff: Sports Entertainment & Talk, Professional Division – Finalist “Northwood Replay”

**Media Creator Workshops at MCTV Network**

- Wednesday, October 19, 4:30 - 8:30 PM
- Thursday, October 20, 1:30 – 4:30 PM

**Important Dates and Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities**

- **Democracy Day 9/15**
- Northwood Timberwolves vs Saginaw Valley Cardinals 9/17
- HH Dow Homecoming Football LIVE 9/23
- MHS vs DOW Soccer LIVE 9/28
- MPS School Board Candidate Forum LIVE 9/29
- League of Women Voter Forums LIVE, 10/4-6
- Midland HS Homecoming Football LIVE 10/7
- Midland Concert Band Concert 10/9
- Marching Band Showcase 10/12
- **Free Speech Week 10/17 - 23**
- HH Dow vs Midland HS Football LIVE 10/21
- **Community Media Day 10/22**
- Mid-Michigan Brass band Concert 10/23
- MHS vs DOW Volleyball 10/25
- MHS vs DOW Swimming 10/27
- Midland Community Orchestra Concert 10/30
- **MCTV 38th Anniversary of First Broadcast 10/30**
- **Central States Region Alliance for Community Media Conference, Ft. Wayne, IN 11/2-4**