

MANISTEE AND MANISTEE COUNTYS CABLE COMMISSION(P.E.G.)
MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2. 1994

THE MEETING OF THE P.E.G. BOARD OF COMMISSIONS MET AT CITY HALL. 70 MAPLE STREET, MANISTEE AT 7 p.m.. ATTENDING WERE THE 5 BOARD MEMBERS, TOM KAMINSKI, WILLIAM SHALES, DEB TERREL, ANGELA MORIN AND NANCY LEMIRE. ALSO ATTENDING WERE CLIFF SELKOE, TEX COLLINS AND DAN WELBORN FROM THE ONEKAMA VILLAGE COUNCIL.

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON DEB TERRELL, THE MINUTES WERE READ AND APPROVED.

THE FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA WAS A DISCUSSION ON THE CHERRY CAPITAL COUNCIL PUBLIC ACCESS PURPOSE AND MISSION STATEMENT AND THE FACT SHEET FROM THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION. IT WAS DECIDED THAT NANCY LEMIRE WILL REWORD AND PRESENT A COPY TO THE P.E.G. BOARD AT OUR NEXT MEETING THAT WOULD MEET OUR NEEDS, THIS AFTER BEING APPROVED BY THE P.E.G. COMMISSION WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. THE P.E.G. BOARD WILL GO FROM THAT POINT TO DEFINITIVE CHANNEL AVAILABILITY, ECT.

A POINT WAS MADE BY MR. SHALES THAT WHAT WE NEED TO DO IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE IS TO FIND A WAY TO BRING ABOUT THE USE OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO OTHER QUALIFIED PERSONS WHO HAVE PROGRAMING, AS TO INSURE THAT THERE ARE NO CONFLICTS AND NO ONE IS DENIED ACCESS. PERHAPS THE STATION SHOULD OR COULD BE MANED DAY AND NIGHT. MR. KAMINSKI RECENTLY HAD A SITUATION THAT WAS UNSOLVED AND FEELS WE NEED SOMEONE WHO CAN BE CALLED UPON SO THIS WON'T HAPPEN. A PROPOSAL PURPOSE STATEMENT WAS SUGGESTED TO BRING IN A RESPONSIBLE PARTY HAVING AN INTEREST. TELLING US WHAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO OFFER AS A ONE PERSON OPERATOR. THE FRANCHISE MONEY IN THE GENERAL FUND COULD BE CONSIDERED AT THAT TIME.

MR. CARLSON OF INFOPROD WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY MS. TERREL AT 7: 15 WITH THE NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 7th AT THE CITY HALL.

PURPOSE AND MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of this Policy is to clearly define the rights, roles and the responsibilities of the Manistee Public Education and Goverment Commission, (hereinafter known as P.E.G.) and the coordinating of public access for individul or group using, or requesting use of, the public television channel. This Policy shall not be in conflict with the " Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992."

It is the intent of the City of Manistee through its agreement with C-TEC cable, and the appointment of the P.E.G. Commission to empower qualified individuals and groups to speak for themselves through public access tv in accord with their first amendment rights. The public access channel shall be a vehicle for public expression in accord with all existing laws and regulations.

It is not the intent of the P.E.G. Commission, to inhibit or restrict the public use of any public access channel, but to ensure that all persons and groups wishing to use the access channel have an equal and fair opportunity to take advantage of the communications potential of the public access concept.

DEFINITIONS

- A. A "Qualified" individual or group resides in, or has as its primary location or place of business in a city, township, county or other govermental unit represented on the P.E.G. Commission.
- B. A "Ccertified User" is a qualified individual or representative of a qualified group who has satisfactorily completed the required cetifacti of the P.E.G. Commission relative to the use of public accsee channels. or one who can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the P.E.G. Commission a working knowledge of program production.