



Minutes of Meeting February 25, 2026

DRAFT: Approval of these draft minutes, or any changes to the draft minutes, will be reflected in writing in the next meeting minutes and/or in the minutes of any future meeting where changes to these minutes are approved by the Television Board. Minutes of the meeting of the Verdi Television District held February 25, 2026, at 165 Bridge St., Verdi, Nevada.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Hud Horton, at 6:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** Roll call was heard and a quorum of 4 members were determined.
MEMBERS PRESENT: Hud Horton, Sophia Banbury, Lisa Peterson, and Olivia Banbury.
MEMBERS ABSENT: Kelli Mosconi
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2026 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION):** Motion was made by Sophia Banbury to approve the February 25, 2026, meeting agenda. Olivia Banbury seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2025 (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION):** Olivia Banbury moved to approve the minutes as read. Motion was seconded by Sophia Banbury and carried unanimously.
5. **REPORTS AND UPDATES:**
 - a. **AB301-** Lisa Peterson provided an update regarding webpage hosting & AB301 Compliance: In accordance with the transparency requirements outlined in AB301, the District has established a formal Statutory Transparency Webpage hosted as a Component Unit on the [Official County Website](#). This centralized hosting ensures that all required filings, including current budgets, annual audits, and meeting records, are accessible to the public via the County's Digital Portal. A live demonstration of this link is embedded in today's Published Agenda, confirming our ongoing compliance with the accessibility and reporting mandates of [NRS Chapter 318](#). She reported that after the information was sent to the county, it was updated on the webpage in under 24 hours, expressing appreciation to the County for their continued collaboration with the VTVD. Michelle Zunino added that when she corresponded with Candee Ramos, Media and Communications Program Manager with Washoe County, Ms. Ramos said that when the approved minutes from last April's meeting were approved, she would upload those minutes as well.
 - a. **Update on Channels 4 and 11:**
Tim Stoffel and Jim Middlebrook's update: About a month ago, KRXI's transmission system (serving Channel 11 and carrying Channel 4's signal used by our translator) suffered a catastrophic failure in its waveguide or antenna.

Replacement parts are being sourced from Germany, with repairs estimated for late March or early April. Because our Verdi translator is required by law to shut down when it loses the input signal, 11.4 is currently not available in Verdi. However, viewers still generally have access to NBC's primary Channel 4 programming through other paths in the market. This outage is entirely due to broadcaster-side equipment issues and is **not** caused by any Verdi TV District equipment. Local stations are beginning to move to the new ATSC 3.0 ("NextGen TV") system, and our recently upgraded translators are already capable of handling this new standard; once the right ATSC 3.0 receivers are available to buy, we will need to purchase install them so we can reliably pick up and rebroadcast channels like 4, 11, and 21 as the transition continues.

b. Update on Propane Delivery Issues:

The board discussed ongoing difficulties with propane deliveries to the mountaintop site, including repeated scheduling failures, inconsistent information from the supplier (calls routed to multiple out-of-state locations), and excuses such as broken trucks and unclear road conditions. Members noted it took daily follow-ups from several people to secure delivery this past season. The plan going forward is to start scheduling much earlier, targeting summer (July) fills so tanks are full before typical outage seasons in March and October, when power interruptions are most common and may increase as nearby developments expand. The board intends to address these service issues directly with the propane company, clarify that the delays were on the supplier's side, and push for more reliable summer scheduling to avoid last-minute winter emergencies.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

7. OLD BUSINESS – (POSSIBLE ACTION TO BE TAKEN)

- a. Internet and Cameras at the Mountaintop Site:** The board agreed that restoring internet service to the mountaintop site is a priority so the camera(s) and weather station can function again and provide eyes on the site, including the generator doors and general conditions during outages. Current options discussed included Starlink, cellular-based "Cradlepoint" solutions, and other links, while noting constraints from Forest Service regulations on antennas and the difficulty of getting permits for new exterior equipment. Jim explained that the previous microwave link from the History Center failed, and relocating antennas has been complicated by building and Forest Service restrictions. There was strong consensus that the internet is a basic cost of doing business and is necessary for operations and monitoring, including possibly multiple cameras (inside and outside, including one on the generator doors). The board did not choose a specific provider in this meeting but agreed to add "internet

and mountaintop camera options” to the next agenda to evaluate Starlink, cellular/Cradlepoint, and other workable solutions and move toward implementation.

b. Site Operations – Cameras, Internet, Gate Lock, Cleanup, Lighting

- i. **Gate lock:** The man gate lock is broken and needs to be replaced. Plan is to purchase a new lock and install it (Jim to handle).
- ii. **Cameras & weather station:** The board confirmed that restoring internet to the site is necessary to bring the district’s camera and weather station back online (separate from the fire/first-responder camera, which uses its own microwave link).
- iii. **Site cleanup & antenna removal:** The board reconfirmed the need for ongoing annual cleanup at the site and to pursue removal of obsolete antennas/equipment, including the large tower section lying on the ground, via tower service and/or cutting and hauling it out.
- iv. **Exterior lighting:** The board reviewed Forest Service lease constraints for exterior lighting—any motion light must be 3–5 minutes max and directed at the door; no action was taken, but the board clarified these limits for any future lighting proposal.

8. NEW BUSINESS- (POSSIBLE ACTION TO BE TAKEN)

A. Petition and Resolution for Exemption: The board considered the petition and resolution for exemption, which would exempt the district from the following:

1. Filing a tentative budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.
2. Filing an independent audit report for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.
3. Publishing requirements of the Local Government Budget and Finance Act, other than the annual publication of a notice of budget adoption and filing.
4. Maintaining accounting records on an accrual or modified accrual basis.

A motion was made by Sophia Banbury and seconded by Lisa Peterson to approve the petition and resolution for exemption. There were no objections, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Distribution of Financial Statements: Fiscal Year 2025 Financial Statements were distributed.

C. Appointment of Treasurer and Rationale:

The board discussed creating a dedicated treasurer position to improve transparency, checks and balances, and protection of public funds. Members noted that separating financial oversight from the secretary role would reduce multitasking, strengthen compliance, and respond to prior public concerns about accountability. Candidate Adrian Argyris, a long-time Verdi resident and retired CPA, described her 40+ years of experience, including work in private

accounting, CPA firms, and the Nevada Gaming Control Board’s audit division, where she reviewed financial statements, internal controls, and regulatory compliance in detail. She also stated she had already reviewed the district’s books and found them to be in good order, and that she could offer additional verification ideas. Sophia Banbury made a motion to appoint Adrian Argyris as treasurer, with compensation equal to that of board members and the secretary, and Olivia Banbury seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to appoint Adrian Argyris and welcomed her to the role.

D. Website and Facebook / Social Media Discussion:

The board discussed whether to create a standalone district website so the public can more easily find information, since Verdi TV District is currently only accessible through the Washoe County site and can be hard to locate via Google. Quotes for an ADA-compliant site ran roughly \$5,000–\$10,000 to set up, plus \$250–\$1,000 per month to maintain and upload content. Some members felt a dedicated website would improve visibility and let the district “tell its own story,” while others were concerned that paying for a separate site could be seen as poor stewardship of limited funds when the county already hosts the legally required materials. Ideas raised included (1) asking the county to better support or “sandbox” a page the district could update itself, (2) using a Facebook page as a free ‘landing page’ that shows up in Google searches and links directly to the county’s Verdi TV District page, and (3) exploring a custom domain or short link that redirects to the county posting. Because costs, legal/ADA issues, and options (county-hosted page, Facebook, domain/redirect) need more research—and the agenda title “website” did not clearly include social media—Lisa Peterson made a motion to postpone the discussion for a later date, Sophia Banbury seconded it, the board voted unanimously to postpone any final website decision and agreed to bring back a more specific “website / social media” item for discussion and possible action at the next meeting.

9. CHAIR/MEMBER COMMENTS:

- a. **Quarterly meetings:** The board discussed possibly setting quarterly meetings. They will coordinate calendars and include a proposed quarterly schedule on the next agenda.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT- None

- 11. ADJOURNMENT- (FOR POSSIBLE ACTION)** A motion was made by Olivia Banbury and seconded by Lisa Peterson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

MEETING FEBRUARY 25, 2026
DOCUMENTS PRESENTED

The following documents were presented at the Verdi Television District's meeting on February 25, 2026

- Agenda: February 25, 2026
- Draft Minutes of meeting: April 10, 2025
- FY25 Financial Statement
- Department of Taxation Exempt Letter

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

This certifies that the notice of the meeting on February 25, 2026, of the Verdi Television District has been posted at the following locations:

River Belle Market 1705 Hwy 40 West, Verdi, Nevada
Verdi Post Office, 1695 Hwy 40 West, Verdi, Nevada
Verdi Television District Office at Old Verdi School, 165 Bridge Street, Verdi, NV 89439
Sierra Hair, 817 2nd Street, Verdi, NV 89439
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Nevada Public Notice - <https://notice.nv.gov/>
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Michelle Zunino
Secretary, Verdi TV District
February 19, 2026
5:00pm