# Trinity Public Utilities District MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING May 22, 2012

Location:

Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room

Weaverville, California

Board Present:

Thomas Ludden, Richard Morris, Rose Owens, Keith Groves,

Kelli Gant

Board Absent:

None

Others Present:

Paul Hauser, Julie Catanese, Elizabeth Johnson, Andy

Lethbridge, Karen Palmer, James Underwood

## 1. President Morris called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

## 2. Approval of the Agenda order

Director Owens motioned to approve the Agenda order. With a second from Director Ludden, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes:

Thomas Ludden, Richard Morris, Rose Owens, Kelli Gant,

Keith Groves

Noes:

None

Absent:

None

Abstain:

None

#### 3. Consent Calendar

Director Groves, motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Second by Director Ludden, the Consent Calendar included:

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting April 12, 2012
- b. Approve Minutes of the Safety Meeting April 2, 2012
- c. Validate Bills of April, 2012
- d. Approve Financial Reports for March, 2012
- e. Approve the Current Renewable Portfolio Policy

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes:

Thomas Ludden, Richard Morris, Rose Owens, Kelli Gant,

Keith Groves

Noes:

None

Absent:

None

Abstain:

None

#### 4. Public Input

a. None

#### 5. Action Items

a. <u>Items Pulled from Consent Calendar</u>

None

b. <u>Approve FY 12/13 Budget Assumptions and District Goals</u>
 Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report and Draft Goals with the Board.

After discussion regarding rewriting the format of the District Goals, President Morris suggested a committee be appointed to re-write the District Goals.

President Morris appointed Director Gant, and Mr. Hauser, to work with him on this committee.

Further action was deferred until the Board meeting in June.

c. <u>Authorize General Manager to Execute a Consulting and Professional Services Agreement with Adrian Mallery for Energy Auditing and Related Services</u>

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Mr. Hauser explained that it will be determined by the management staff to contact Mr. Mallery after all internal attempts to assist the customer have been exhausted.

After a brief discussion Director Ludden motioned to: 1) Amend the Agreement requiring proof of insurance, and 2) Authorize the General Manager to execute the Consulting and Professional Services Agreement for Energy Services as amended. Seconded by Director Owens, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes:

Thomas Ludden, Richard Morris, Rose Owens, Kelli Gant,

Keith Groves

Noes:

None

Absent:

None

Abstain:

None

#### 6. Discussion Items

a. None

#### 7. Reports

#### Board Member Reports

#### NWPPA Annual Conference

President Morris thanked the Board for allowing him to continue to participate on the NWPPA Board of Trustees. He then briefed the Board on the events and discussions that were held at the Annual Conference earlier this month.

#### b. Committee Reports

#### Community Investment

Director Owens reported that the Community Investment Committee met prior to the Board meeting. Mountain Chapel submitted two requests. Both requests are for a Ropes Course. The first request was for installation of four poles, the second request increased the project to thirteen poles. The committee approved the first request for four poles with the cost of \$1,600.00. The Committee directed Staff to encourage Mountain Chapel to pursue placement of the Ropes Course in a location with better public access, such as Lowden Park or Lee

Fong Park. If the Course is placed in a more public location, the Committee would consider reviewing the larger request.

#### c. General Manager's Reports

## Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that he, President Morris, Director Gant, and Trinity County Board of Supervisor Judy Morris attended meetings in Washington DC four weeks ago. The meeting was with staff members from Senators' Feinstein and Boxer's office, a staff member from Congressman Herger's office, staff members from the United States Forest Service and a staff member from the House of Natural Resources Committee.

Mr. Hauser reported that the meeting was both a success and a disappointment. Though there appears to be Senate support for the land exchange legislation, the Forest Service disclosed that the exchange could take as long as five years to complete and the administration costs could be quite large.

The General Manager was given direction to reduce the cost of the exchange and shorten the timeline.

## Community Choice Aggregation District

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that he attended a meeting at the end of April with Supervisors' Otto and Chapman, Mr. Jelecich, Director Groves and Mr. Jungwirth. Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Supervisor Otto is taking the lead on this project with assistance from Supervisor Chapman.

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there will be multiple community meetings set up. The only time a District representative will attend is when requested to answer technical questions.

#### Website Design

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the Website is up for construction. In the near future there will be a request for Board members to prepare bio's for the website.

#### TAMWG

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there is discussion regarding the determination of the water year. This will be a topic at the June 11<sup>th</sup> TAMWG meeting.

Mr. Hauser reported that since the 2005 Record of Decision, changed flows on the Trinity River have cumulatively cost the District customers more than \$2.5 million in higher power costs.

### Power Outages

Mr. Hauser stated that during this last month there were a few scheduled outages. There was one emergency outage in Hayfork due to a conductor resting on a metal arm causing arcing. The outage lasted approximately 15 minutes.

#### Secretary Chu Memo

Mr. Hauser reported that NWPPA is focusing on the Memo from Secretary Chu. The Memo promotes socialization of transmission costs and subsidies for wind and solar generation. The current subsidy for wind generation ends soon and the wind generators are concerned that wind development will cease without a subsidy.

## Not on Agenda

# Grand Jury Report

Mr. Hauser stated that he will be preparing a draft response to the Grand Jury for the Board's review at their June meeting.

#### 8. Communications Received

a. None

#### 9. Meetings and/or Workshops

a. APPA Annual Conference

June 18-22, 012

Seattle, Washington

Mr. Hauser stated that he will be attending this conference primarily because the Northwest Collaborative group will be meeting in conjunction with this conference. He stated that if any Board members wished to attend to please let Ms. Palmer know as soon as possible.

Ms. Catanese and Mr. Lethbridge departed at 3:43 p.m.

#### 10. Closed Session

Director Owens, motioned to go into Closed Session at 3:45 p.m., second by Director Gant, the Board entered into Closed Session on the following:

a. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9(a)

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

One Potential Case

McColm vs. PG&E, et al.

Trinity County Superior Court Case No. 10CB065

# b. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9(b) Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Two Potential Cases

c. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.8 & §54956.9(b)

<u>Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation</u>

Property:

Assessor's Parcel #

Negotiating Parties: United States Forest Service and Trinity Public

**Utilities District** 

<u>Under Negotiation:</u> <u>Discussion, Instruction, Price and Terms</u>

Ms. Palmer departed at 4:00 p.m.

The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 5:20 p.m. President Morris reported that no action was taken, however, the Board provided direction to the General Manager and Legal Counsel.

# 11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Owens, second by Director Gant, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Richard Morris, President

ATTEST:

Thomas J. Ludden, Clerk