

**Trinity Public Utilities District**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**January 10, 2013**

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room  
Weaverville, California

Board Present: Richard Morris, Rose Owens, Thomas Ludden, Keith Groves, Kelli Gant

Board Absent: None

Others Present: Paul Hauser, Andy Lethbridge, Julie Catanese, James Underwood, Kellie Ambrose, Karen Palmer, Richard Stiliha

**1. President Morris called the meeting to order at 2:00.**

**2. Approval of the Agenda Order**

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

Ayes: Richard Morris, Thomas Ludden, Rose Owens, Keith Groves, Kelli Gant

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**3. Consent Calendar**

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting December 13, 2012
- b. Approve Minutes of the Safety Meeting December 3, 2012
- c. Validate Bills of December, 2012
- d. Approve Financial Reports for November, 2012

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Richard Morris, Thomas Ludden, Rose Owens, Keith Groves, Kelli Gant

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**4. Public Input**

- a. None

**5. Action Items**

- a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar  
None

b. Approve Purchase of New Copy Machine

Ms. Palmer reviewed the Report with the Board. Ms. Palmer also informed the Board that the Maintenance Agreement on the new copy machine will be approximately the same cost as the current machine which is only black and white. She also mentioned that Coastal Business Systems is certified to maintain the District's HP printers for a lower cost than the current provider is charging.

After a brief discussion, Director Ludden authorized the purchase of the Sharp MX-5111N through the National Joint Power Alliance/Coastal Business Systems in the amount of \$9,474.00 plus tax, and \$295.00 networking setup cost. Seconded by Director Owens, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes:	Richard Morris, Thomas Ludden, Rose Owens, Keith Groves, Kelli Gant
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

**6. Discussion items**

a. None

**7. Reports**

a. Board Member Reports

Director Gant reported that the Community Development Group Meeting with Secretary Vilsack's Staff was positive. It was a small group of people with great ideas, however there remains a question of resources necessary to implement changes suggested.

President Morris stated that the second meeting with Secretary Vilsack's Staff was more of a roundtable group which expanded the number of occupants. There was another meeting scheduled for the end of this month to discuss how to help the local economy and forest.

Mr. Hauser reported that the primary emphasis from the second meeting was a desire to split the Shasta/Trinity National Forest back into two different Forests. This would allow local management of the Forest and create more local jobs, while reducing the inefficiencies inherent in managing such a large forest from one office.

Director Groves mentioned that his only concern is arriving at a conclusion that satisfies all parties. He feels this is going to be a difficult task because of the diverse views. He stated that everyone needs to come to an understanding of which needs are the most important for any change to succeed.

b. Committee Reports

None

c. General Manager's Reports

- Lewiston Project

Mr. Hauser reported that he has attended a couple of meetings with the Bureau of Reclamation. Mr. Hauser stated that the Bureau has agreed to the District owning the equipment; however they are not willing to allow the District to have the rights to sell all of the output. Mr. Hauser stated that the next meeting will be January 22, which will be a technical committee meeting.

Mr. Hauser cautioned the Board that there are several reasons why proceeding with the Project could be risky. Currently the economy is questionable because of the National debt ceiling which in turn could jeopardize tax exempt financing.

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that at the Board meeting in February he will have a recommendation of whether or not the District should move forward with the Project or cancel it.

- Long Canyon Project

Mr. Hauser reported that John Scott has been out of the area and the phone number he had was not working. Mr. Hauser stated that he now has a good number and will be contacting Mr. Scott regarding a meeting with the property owners. The District will need some sort of financial commitment which would be contingent on the District obtaining the necessary easements to complete the project.

- Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that he continues to be unable to reach Ms. Haywood. She has been on vacation since before Christmas.

- District Website

Ms. Palmer informed the Board that the first step to integrating Smart Hub with the website has been accomplished. By the end of the month the District will have Online Bill Pay available. The next step will be to initiate the use of First Data for our credit card payments. After both of those are up and running the final step will be to install Smart Hub.

Director Groves wanted to know if Staff is planning on having Power Outage Updates on the website. Both Mr. Hauser and Ms. Palmer stated that this was already discussed and Staff has already informed Mr. Griggs that power outage information needs to be easily available for our customers.

- Power Outages

Mr. Hauser stated that there were several outages during the storm over the week of Christmas. He stated that if the District had better access and the ability for improved tree trimming on Forest Service property there would have been fewer problems and power would have been restored sooner. He also informed the Board that the overhead line serving Trinity Center was heavily damaged, but because the underground held up, Trinity Center was energized throughout the

storm. It would be beneficial for the District if there was a way to move the overhead line to the highway for better access. Currently that line is cross country over Bowerman Ridge, which receives heavy snows.

Mr. Hauser also reported that Hyampom customers were without power for the longest period of time. They were out seven days because PG&E received heavy damage on their transmission line.

Mr. Hauser was pleased to report that the response from the District's employees was tremendous; all hands were available through the Christmas holiday. He also reported that the response from Western and the District's mechanic, Fred Maddox was exceptional

- Keith Crane Easement  
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that after exploring the option for a lot split, he feels it is not feasible since it would cost the District between \$10,000-12,000 in fees.
- Secretary Vilsack Follow-up Meeting  
Mr. Hauser stated that this was discussed previously during Board Reports.

#### Not on the Agenda

- Backup Generator  
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Staff has postponed rebidding the backup generator for the office until the winter weather has passed.

#### 8. Communications Received

- a. None

#### 9. Meetings and/or Workshops

- a. CMUA Capitol Day  
Sheraton Grand, Sacramento  
January 14, 2013  
Mr. Hauser stated this was placed on the Agenda as a reminder for the Board. All reservations have been made.
- b. APPA Legislative Rally  
Grand Hyatt Washington, DC  
March 11-14, 2013  
Mr. Hauser stated that Staff has the flight schedules for the Directors to review and determine which flight they would like to have booked. It would be best if everyone attending attempts to pick the same flights to alleviate additional costs for transportation to and from the airport. He requested that the Board members inform Ms. Palmer of their flight preference.
- c. CMUA Annual Conference  
Loews Coronado  
April 9-11, 2013  
Mr. Hauser stated that we need a head count to begin making reservations. He asked that anyone interested in attending, please let Ms. Palmer know.

**10. Closed Session**

Director Ludden motioned to go into Closed Session at 3:25 p.m., seconded by Director Owens, the Board entered into Closed Session on the following:

- a. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9(b)  
**Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**  
One Potential Case
  
- b. 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. 10CV065

The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 4:30 p.m. President Morris reported that there was not any action taken during Closed Session

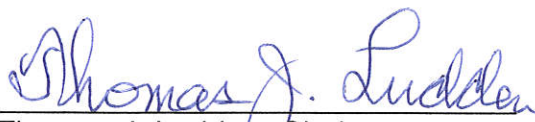
**11. Public Input**

- a. None

**12. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Director Groves, second by Director Owens, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

  
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Richard L. Morris, President

Attest:   
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Thomas J. Ludden, Clerk