

Trinity Public Utilities District
NOTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 14, 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, Elizabeth Johnson, Kellie Ambrose, Karen Palmer, John Wakefield

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

2. Approval of the Agenda Order

President Morris suggested that the Agenda be adjusted to accommodate Mr. Wakefield. Director Ludden motioned to adjust the Agenda to accommodate Mr. Wakefield. With a second from 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

3. Consent Calendar

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting January 10, 2013
- b. Approve Minutes of the Safety Meeting January 7, 2013
- c. Validate Bills of January, 2013
- d. Approve Financial Reports for December, 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. Liability Claim (This item will be discussed in Closed Session)

Mr. Wakefield addressed the Board. He stated that two of the pine trees that were included in the estimate to be removed have not died, however they will need to be trimmed. He suggested that the removal amount be adjusted by \$150.00. Mr. Wakefield also stated that he has nothing further to add since the CDF report that was provided to the District explains everything.

10. Closed Session

Director Owens motioned to go into Closed Session at 2:05 pm seconded by Director Ludden, the Board entered into Closed Session on the following:

- a. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.95

Conference with Legal Counsel – Liability Claims

Claimant: John Wakefield
Agency Claimed Against: Trinity Public Utilities District

Amy Gittelsohn, John Wakefield, and Julie Catanese departed at 2:05 p.m.

The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 2:15 p.m.

Julie Catanese and Amy Gittelsohn returned.

President Morris reported that the Board authorized the General Manager to negotiate with Mr. Wakefield.

5. Action Items

- a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar

None

- b. Authorize Updating District Signature Cards at Umpqua Bank

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Mr. Hauser also stated that the District needs to update the signature cards in order to move money between accounts to remain in compliance with the District’s Investment Policy.

After a brief discussion Director Groves motioned to authorize updating the District’s Signature Cards at Umpqua Bank. Seconded by 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

6. Discussion items

- a. Lewiston Hydroelectric Project

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the discussions with the Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) continue to evolve. He stated that he has meet with the Bureau and Western Area Power Administration (Western) since the last Board meeting.

Mr. Hauser stated that he would like to have something in writing from the Bureau before he makes a recommendation to the Board to either move forward with the Project or suspend work.

7. Reports

- a. Board Member Reports

President Morris informed the Board that he attended a meeting with representatives from Secretary Vilsack’s office.

Director Gant stated that she attended a meeting with other counties recently. At the meeting most of the people in attendance expressed the same frustrations that the District encounters with the Forest Service.

Director Gant also stated that there is a general consensus between several counties and agencies that social and economic impacts should be added to the NEPA process.

Director Groves stated that the District needs to continue to meet with Secretary Vilsack's Staff to resolve the local issues with the Forest Service.

b. Committee Reports

None

c. General Manager's Reports

- Long Canyon Project

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that he is planning on having a meeting with homeowners in mid-April to discuss a financial commitment from them. The estimate to procure easements came in higher than expected. Mr. John Scott is currently out of town and will return in time for the April meeting.

Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Ms. Sharron Haywood has taken a fresh look at the land exchange and has suggested a couple of ideas. One idea she came up with was for the District to obtain a right-of-way to the Airport property through the adjacent land. The second idea Ms. Haywood had was to exchange the Sky Ranch parcel for dollar equivalent acreage of the Airport parcel. She also suggested that the District not include the Van Duzen property in the exchange.

Mr. Hauser also reported that Ms. Haywood stated that the Forest Service would support the District obtaining legislation for the land exchange.

- District Website

Ms. Palmer informed the Board that the first step in implementing the Smart Hub program has been put into place. The District is now able to receive files directly from banking institutions with the On-Line Banking program.

- Power Outages

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there have not been any significant power outages to report since the last meeting. He also reminded the Board that last month was the 6th driest January on record and February is looking to be just as dry.

- Secretary Vilsack Follow-up Meeting

Mr. Hauser reminded the Board that this was discussed during Board Member Reports and he has nothing further to add.

- Liability Insurance/Workers Compensation
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the District received notice from our Liability Insurance and Workers' Compensation insurance carrier that the rates will remain the same next fiscal year. He also reported that the District has received refunds of \$6,265 for Workers' Compensation and \$6,455 for Liability Insurance.
- Dollar General Store
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the District has received plans for the proposed Dollar General Store. The plans are calling for an all-electric building. He cautioned the Board that the sale is still pending on the property.
- MCHD Line of Credit
Mr. Hauser stated that he has been approached by Mountain Community Healthcare District (MCHD) Board members about the possibility that MCHD might need to draw on the line of credit. Mr. Hauser assured the Board that he will request to review their financials if there is a request for funds.
- March Board Meeting
Mr. Hauser reminded the Board that he, President Morris, Director Gant, and Director Groves will be in Washington DC attending the American Public Power Association (APPA) Legislative Rally during the March Board meeting. After a brief discussion the Board decided to cancel the March Board meeting. The Board also decided to hold the April Board meeting on April 4th because of the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) Annual Conference.

8. Communications Received

- a. None

9. Meetings and/or Workshops

- a. APPA Legislative Rally
Grand Hyatt Washington, DC
March 11-14, 2013

Mr. Hauser stated that President Morris, Director Gant, Director Groves and he will be attending this Rally.

- b. CMUA Annual Conference
Lowes Coronado
April 9-11, 2013

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the rooms have been reserved, however Ms. Palmer needs to register attendees for the Conference and make travel arrangements. Please let her know if you plan on attending.

c. NWPPA Annual Conference

Bellevue, WA

May 19-23, 2013

Mrs. Hauser stated that Staff needs to begin making reservations for this Conference. Please let Ms. Palmer know if you plan on attending the Conference.

Julie Catanese, Andy Lethbridge, Kellie Ambrose and Karen Palmer departed the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

10. Closed Session

The Board resumed Closed Session at 3:30 p.m. to discuss the following:

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

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

One Potential Case

c. 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 4:15 p.m. President Morris reported that there was no action taken during Closed Session.

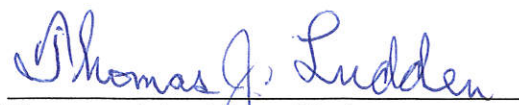
11. Public Input

a. None

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Owens, second by Director Gant, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 4:17 p.m.


Richard L. Morris, President

Attest: 
Thomas J. Ludden, Clerk