

**Trinity Public Utilities District  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
August 8, 2013**

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, James Underwood, Andy  
Lethbridge, Karen Palmer, Lonnie Owens

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

**2. Approval of the Agenda order**

Director Ludden motioned to approve the Agenda order. With a second from Director Groves, 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 July 11, 2013
- b. Approve Minutes of the Safety Meeting July 8, 2013
- c. Validate Bills of July, 2013
- d. Approve Financial Reports for June, 2013

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. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar  
None

b. Award Bid 13-B3, Office Standby Generator

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Mr Hauser reported to the Board that we have experienced periodic problems with the current generator. He also reminded the Board that the last time the generator was out for bid the price was over budget. Staff then created a bid document for a smaller generator. Mr. Hauser also pointed out that the current generator is propane, however the tank will need to be replaced with a larger one.

After a brief discussion Director Ludden motioned to award Bid 13-B3 and authorize the General Manager to execute the Contract with Mountainside Construction in the amount of \$55,431.00. Seconded by Director Gant, 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**

a. General Manager's Reports

• Trinity River Fall Flows

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that the Bureau of Reclamation has released the Trinity River flow information indicating increased flows. The economic impact on water and power users for this increased release of water to go down the river (62,000 ac feet) is approximately \$30 million. A number of agencies have submitted comments regarding this increase as well as the lawsuit that was filed by the Wetlands Water District in an attempt for an injunction. Mr. Hauser stated that the District did not involve itself in the lawsuit for several reasons, one of which is that we are a very small utility.

Director Gant stated that the injunction covers just about everything from fish to power agencies not being kept whole.

Mr. Hauser stated that the economic impact to the District because of the Record of Decision (ROD) violation will increase the cost to our customers by approximately \$100,000.

• Long Canyon Project

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that the Long Canyon Project is moving forward. Sierra Pacific has signed the easement and has begun logging. The District will have to perform cleanup work for the actual power line. We hope to begin the construction of the electric line in about four weeks.

Mr. Hauser also informed the Board that he met with some of the homeowners last Saturday and they are very enthusiastic about the progress. At this time it does not look like we will be able to complete the Project by this winter.

- Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser reported that he and President Morris had the privilege of meeting with the David Meyers, Sharron Haywood's replacement. Mr. Hauser stated that Mr. Meyers contacted him to discuss the District's views regarding the proposed land exchange.

Mr. Hauser reported that he informed Susan Stohr of the meeting he and President Morris had and she will move forward with contacting Huffman's office. She will also update Mr. Hammond of the progress.

- District Website/SmartHub Demonstration

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Ms. Palmer is continuing to work on providing information to the District website developer. He also informed the Board that Ms. Palmer is also in the process of testing SmartHub, the online bill pay program and has included Director Gant in the testing of the Android application. Mr. Hauser provided the Board with a demonstration of the Website and SmartHub.

- Power Outages

Mr. Hauser reported that on July 26<sup>th</sup> there was a storm in the northern part of the County that mimicked the July 3<sup>rd</sup> storm. This storm brought down trees in Coffee Creek that took out eight spans of wire as well as causing outages in the Lewiston area. A portion of Coffee Creek was without power for twelve hours and Lewiston was without power for approximately three and a half hours.

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there were other small outages that were caused by trees in the lines over the last month.

- Lewiston Project

Mr. Hauser reported that the Bureau of Reclamation is still moving slowly. He reported that \$4 million is in the Bureau's budget for the Lewiston Powerhouse replacement, which will be funded by all of the power users. Mr. Hauser stated that the District is still waiting for the contract language to be approved by the Bureau's solicitor.

Mr. Hauser stated that we will need to have the contract in place before November because of the environmental work that will take approximately four months to complete. This will allow the construction on the Project to begin in March.

- BANC Meeting  
Mr. Hauser reported that the District is officially on the Balancing Authority of Northern California (BANC) Board. He reported that the timing is good since BANC will be beginning the strategic planning meetings starting the end of this month.
- Trinity Collaborative Update  
Mr. Hauser reported that he attended the tour of the plantations that took place last Friday. He stated that the impression he left with was that the Forest Service plantations are in poor shape because of their harvesting practices. The funding has decreased over the years, which has hurt the plantations.

Not on the Agenda

- Meeting with USDA Dave Meyers  
Mr. Hauser stated that when he and President Morris met with Mr Meyers this morning they also discussed the Biomass project that Trinity River Lumber Mill is working on. He has a high regard for the mill and its operation. Mr. Hauser stated that Mr. Meyers is very knowledgeable about forest economics.
- b. Board Member Reports
  - Community Choice Aggregation Districts  
Director Grove requested an update on the Community Choice Aggregation Districts (CCA). Mr. Hauser reported that he will contact the County CAO and inquire as to what progress has been made on the Project.
  - NWPPA Meeting  
President Morris reported that the Stewardship Contract was discussed at the NWPPA meeting. There is bipartisan support, however we will have to wait for more support prior to moving forward.
- c. Committee Reports  
None

**8. Communications Received**

- a. Sponsorship for New Airline  
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the District received a request to become involved with the group who is attempting to bring a new airline into the Redding Airport. This would allow a greater number of available flights and destinations.

**9. Meetings and/or Workshops**

- a. NCPA Annual Conference  
September 25-27, 2013  
Olympic Valley, CA

Mr. Hauser requested that the Board Members let Ms. Palmer know who will be attending so she can make the reservations. President Morris and Director Gant stated that they will attend with Mr. Hauser.

**10. Closed Session**

Director Ludden motioned to go into Closed Session at 3:30 p.m., second 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

The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 3:45 p.m. President Morris reported that Closed Session was for reporting purposes only. There was no action made in Closed Session.

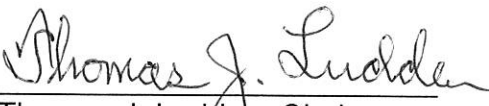
**11. Public Input**

- a. None

**12. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Director Owens, second by Director Groves, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

  
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Richard Morris, President

ATTEST:   
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Thomas J. Ludden, Clerk