

Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 12, 2014

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room
Weaverville, California

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

Board Absent: Kelli Gant

Others Present: Paul Hauser, Julie Catanese, James Underwood, Andy Lethbridge, Karen Palmer, Kellie Haigh, John Letton, Jeff Morris, Dean Meyers, Robert Mountjoy, Richard Stiliha

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

2. Approval of the Agenda order

President Groves requested that Item 3e, Amending Rate Schedule 17, be removed from the Consent Calendar. Director Ludden motioned to approve the Agenda order as amended moving item 3e, Adopt Resolution 14-01, Amending Rate Schedule 17 from Consent to Action. With a second from Director Owens the motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Kelli Gant

Abstain: None

3. Consent Calendar

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting May 8, 2014
- b. Approve Minutes of the Safety Meeting May 6, 2014
- c. Validate Bills of May, 2014
- d. Approve Financial Reports for April, 2014
- f. Validate Denial of Claim
- g. Approve Task Order GIS #9 with Power Engineers
- h. Approve Professional Services Agreement 007-6633 and Task Order #007-6633-001 to Provide Miscellaneous Engineering Support, Maintenance of Substations, and Other Major Electric Equipment

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Kelli Gant

Abstain: None

4. Public Input

a. Dean Meyers Request for Recognition

Mr. Dean Meyers from Hayfork informed the Board that Hayfork Valley PUD and Mr. Jim Simpson have not received enough recognition for their roles in Trinity PUD's success. Mr. Meyers informed the Board of the stumbling blocks that were put into Hayfork Valley PUD's way when they attempted to take over PG&E facilities in Hayfork.

After a brief discussion, the Board requested that Mr. Meyers provide Staff with proposed additions to the District history that is posted on the website.

Mr. Dean Meyers and Mr. Robert Mountjoy departed at 3:30 p.m.

5. Action Items

a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar

Adopt Resolution 14-01, Amending Rate Schedule 17, Renewable Electric Generating Facility Net Metering and Solar Power Incentive

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. After a brief discussion regarding the Administrative Charge, Director Ludden motioned to adopt Resolution 14-01, amending Rate Schedule 17, Renewable Electric Generating Facility Net Metering and Solar Power Incentive as presented. Seconded by Director Owens, the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

President Groves:	Aye
Director Gant:	Absent
Director Morris:	Aye
Director Ludden:	Aye
Director Owens:	Aye

b. Adopts Proposed FY 14/15 Budget and Five Year Financial Forecast

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the weather played a role in the lower than expected operating receipts in Fiscal Year 13/14. He also stated that another increase in power cost is anticipated in October from Western Area Power Administration due to the extreme drought. Mr. Hauser reviewed the Budget with the Board.

After a brief discussion, Director Morris motioned to adopt the proposed FY 14/15 Budget and Five Year Financial Forecast as presented. Seconded by Director Owens, the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

President Groves:	Aye
Director Gant:	Absent
Director Morris:	Aye
Director Ludden:	Aye
Director Owens:	Aye

c. Consider Supporting the Trinity County Chamber of Commerce Effort to Bring a Major Mountain Biking Event to Trinity County in 2015

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Mr. John Letton and Mr. Jeff Morris discussed with the Board the way this type of event could promote economic development in Trinity County.

Mr. Richard Stiliha also spoke up supporting this event, stating it could be a good investment in promoting the community and the County.

Director Morris motioned to approve the requested one time donation of \$10,000 earmarked to assist the Trinity County Chamber of Commerce's effort to bring the World Endurance Mountain Biking Organization World Solo 24-Hour Mountain Bike Championship to Weaverville in October of 2015. Seconded by Director Owens, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

Mr. John Letton and Mr. Jeff Morris departed at 3:20.

d. Award Bid 14-B4, Ground Level Vegetation Clearing

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Mr. Hauser explained to the Board that Staff determined that the low bidder was considered non-responsive. This decision was based on previous experience when Firestorm was awarded this bid and they did not complete the work requiring the District to cancel the Contract.

After a brief discussion, Director Ludden motioned to award Bid #14-B3, 2014 Ground Level Vegetation Clearance and Removal to the Trinity County Resource Conservation District for a not-to-exceed cost of \$33,959. Seconded by Director Morris, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

6. Discussion Items

a. None

7. Reports

a. General Manager's Reports

- TAMWG Meeting

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that at the last meeting Mr. Tom Stokely gave an update on AB 1914, which died on the suspense calendar. Mr. Stokely assured the TAMWG members that even though AB 1914 did not pass, they will continue to pursue similar legislation.

- Long Canyon Project

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the District is continuing to receive easements from property owners in the Long Canyon area. He also stated that District crews are moving forward with the installation of electricity. Mr. Hauser mentioned that the District may need to send out specific letters to different property owners in the next couple of months to obtain their easements.

- Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser reported that the Land Exchange legislation is still moving forward. Senator Feinstein's office is preparing to introduce the legislation within the next few weeks.

- District Website

Mr. Hauser mentioned to the Board that the District is still seeing a gradual increase in payments being made through the website.

- Power Outages

Mr Hauser reported to the Board that there were not any significant outages to report since the last meeting. There were only four outages affecting one customer each.

- Lewiston Project

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that since the District cancelled the project the Bureau has discovered significant ways to cut costs to build the project. There will be a four day cost analysis meeting in Sacramento beginning July 14th, which he is planning to attend.

- BANC

Mr. Hauser reported that the new General Manager, Jim Shettler, is moving the Balancing Authority of Northern California (BANC) in the right direction. He also mentioned that it is necessary for Western to stay involved in BANC, otherwise the District could be back in the California ISO.

- AB 1914

This was discussed previously.

- Vehicle Accident
Mr. Hauser mentioned to the Board that while in a District vehicle, an employee hit another District vehicle that was parked in the back parking lot. There were no injuries and there was moderate damage to one vehicle.
- Air Transportation Board
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the Redding Air Transportation Board is still working on finding a new carrier to provide air travel from the Redding Airport. The process is taking longer than they originally expected and have requested an extension.
- Late Claim
Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that Ms. Angel Franklin has filed a claim with the District. The claim is being denied because it was filed more than six months from the date of occurrence.

Not on the Agenda

- Historical Document
Mr. Hauser mentioned to the Board that it might be beneficial for the District to have a publisher capture the history of the District and how water issues affect Trinity County. There was discussion regarding contacting a local individual to gather all of the information and sending it to a publisher.
- b. Board Member Reports
Director Morris reported that he and Mr. Hauser attended the Northwest Public Power Association's (NWPPA) Annual Conference. He stated that Mycoff and Frye had a presentation at the conference regarding the importance of keeping a manager.

President Groves mentioned to the Board that he met with Trinity County Supervisor Judy Pfluger at the dam. They discussed water issues. They also discussed the possibility of Trinity County Board of Supervisors sending two members to the Northern California Power Agency Annual Conference.

- b. Committee Reports
None

8. Communications Received

- a. None

9. Meetings and/or Workshops

- a. NCPA Annual Conference
September 17-19
Napa, California

President Groves suggested that the District formally invite the Trinity County Board of Supervisors to this Conference.

10. Closed Session

Director Owens motioned to go into Closed Session at 4:02 p.m., second by Director Morris, the Board entered into Closed Session on the following:

- a. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiator

- Agency Negotiator: General Manager
- Employee Organization: Line Superintendent
Budget Officer
Office Administrator
Assistant Office Administrator

- b. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.8

Conference with Real Property Negotiator

- Agency Negotiator: Trinity PUD General Manager
- Property: Van Duzen Property AP #018-090-64-00

- c. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.8

Conference with Real Property Negotiator

- Agency Negotiator: Trinity PUD General Manager
- Property: Weaverville Property AP #024-200-19-00

Mr. Richard Stiliha, Mr. Andy Lethbridge, Ms. Julie Catanese, Ms. Kellie Haigh, and Ms. Karen Palmer departed at 4:03 p.m.

The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 5:20 p.m. President Groves reported that:

Item 10(a) – The Board authorized the following pay increases to be effective with the pay period including July 1:

- The Line Superintendent’s pay will increase 3.5% for an annual income of \$141,702.595.
- The Budget Officer’s pay will increase 3.5% for an annual income of \$78,241.80 and will receive an additional week of vacation every year.
- The Office Administrator’s pay will increase 3.5% for an annual income of \$92,287.35 and will receive an additional week of vacation every year.
- The Assistant Office Administrator’s pay will increase 3.5% for an annual income of \$74,983.47.

Item 10(b) – No Action Taken

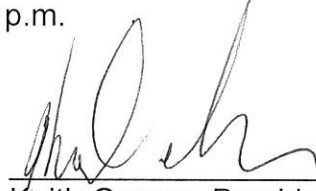
Item 10(c) – No Action Taken

11. Public Input


- a. None

12. Adjourn

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



Keith Groves, President

ATTEST: 
Richard L. Morris, Clerk