

**Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 11, 2014**

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, Kellie Haigh, Amy Gittlesohn (arrived at 2:12 p.m.)

1. President Groves called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda order

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

3. Consent Calendar

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting November 13, 2014
- b. Approve Minutes of the Safety Meeting November 4, 2014
- c. Validate Bills of November, 2014
- d. Approve Financial Reports for October, 2014

The motion passed with the following roll call 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. Election of Officers to the Trinity P.U.D. for 2015

President Groves opened the nominations for President. Director Ludden nominated Director Morris who respectfully declined the nomination stating he would like to nominate Director Gant.

Director Morris motioned that the nominations for President be closed. Seconded by Director Owens, the nominations were closed. Director Gant was elected President of the Board for 2015.

President Groves opened the nominations for Vice-President. Director Ludden nominated Director Morris, seconded by Director Gant. Director Morris was elected Vice-President of the Board for 2015.

President Groves opened the nominations for Clerk. Director Morris nominated Director Ludden, seconded by Director Owens. Director Ludden was elected Clerk of the Board for 2015.

c. Ratify No Change to Rate Schedule 10- Public Benefit Discount Amount

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board.

After a brief discussion, Director Morris motioned to ratify no change to Rate Schedule 10 – Public Benefit Discount. Seconded by Director Ludden, the motion was passed with the following voice vote:

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

d. Ratify No Change to Rate Schedule 16- Project Agreement Number 1 Surcharge

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board.

After a brief discussion, Director Ludden motioned to ratify no change to Rate Schedule 16 – Project Agreement Number 1 Surcharge. Seconded by Director Owens, the motion was passed with the following voice vote:

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

e. Ratify No Change to Rate Schedule 14- Deregulation Surcharge

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board.

After a brief discussion, Director Owens motioned to ratify no change to Rate Schedule 14 – Deregulation Surcharge. Seconded by Director Gant, the motion was passed with the following voice vote:

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

f. Adopt Resolution 14-03 Certificate of Guaranty for Payments to Cooperative Response Center, Inc.

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He explained that CRC required the District to approve a Resolution in order to join their organization.

Director Morris motioned to adopt Resolution 14-03 Certificate of Guaranty for Payments to Cooperative Response Center, Inc. Seconded by Director Gant, the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Richard Morris: Aye
Rose Owens: Aye
Thomas Ludden: Aye
Kelli Gant: Aye
Keith Groves: Aye

g. First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 14-01, Director Compensation and Review Amendment to the Expense and Use of Public Resources Policy

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Mr. Underwood investigated compensations for Board members and discovered that California has a cap on their pay. He informed the Board that many utilities outside of California do pay more, however with California's constraints we are prohibited in doing so. After a brief discussion by the Board it was decided that new Board members would be paid \$200.00 per month for the first year. After their first year of serving on the District's Board the member's pay would be increased to the maximum amount of \$400.00 per month.

Director Owens motioned to adopt the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 14-01, Director Compensation and Review of the Amendment to the Expense and Use of Public Resource Policy Draft, seconded by Director Morris.

h. Accept Auditor's Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2014

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that we received an exceptional audit report for last fiscal year. He also stated that the report is in draft form due to the fact that the Auditor completing the report had a family emergency. Mr. Hauser commended Ms. Catanese on her hard work during the audit process.

After a brief discussion Director Ludden motioned to accept the Auditor's Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2014, seconded by Director Gant, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

Richard Morris: Aye
Rose Owens: Aye
Thomas Ludden: Aye
Kelli Gant: Aye
Keith Groves: Aye

i. Determine Process to fill a Vacancy on the Board of Directors

Mr. Hauser reviewed with the Board the options available to fill the vacant position on the Board of Directors. After discussing all of the options, it was decided that the Board would appoint someone to fill the vacant position from District residents that submitted a Statement of Interest. During the discussion, timelines as well as advertising the vacancy was agreed upon. The Board directed Staff to advertise the vacancy in the Trinity Journal as well as placing a message on the Districts December billing statements.

Director Owens motioned to: 1) Post the Notice of Vacancy in the District's office, 2) Advertise in the December 17 and 24, 2014 editions of the Trinity Journal, and 3) Place a Notice of the Vacancy and requests for Statement of Interest on the December billing as space allows and the District's website. Seconded by 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

6. Discussion Items

None

7. Reports

a. General Manager's Reports

• Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group Meeting

Mr. Hauser advised the Board of the next meeting date.

• Long Canyon Project

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that the District now has nine Long Canyon customers connected to our system. Due to the lower bid price for the installation of the main power line, costs have decreased which is enticing more customers to proceed with connections.

Mr. Hauser stated that during a common meeting, feedback was positive regarding Bill Sharp and the District's work on this project. Mr. Hauser would like to see at least thirty customers connect to our system in that area.

- Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the Land Exchange Bill passed out of the House and is expected to pass the Senate as well.

Mr. Morris commended Mr. Hauser on his work on this Bill. He suggested that the District should send out official thank you letters to everyone involved once this is completed.

- Power Outages

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there were two significant outages since the last Board meeting. The most recent outage being the one today that affected Western Area Power Administration's (Western) 60 kV line. Approximately 90% of our system was without power, however due to the joint effort with Western and the District, power was restored very quickly.

The other outage was caused by the District's tree contractor, A Cut Above. This outage affected the Douglas City Area. Poor rigging caused a tree to fall through the power lines, though this error caused an outage everyone was thankful that there were no injuries.

- Lewiston Project

Mr. Hauser advised the Board that he had a meeting at the Lewiston power plant with Tom Miller who is the Electric Director for Shasta Lake City. Mr. Miller has expressed interest in the Lewiston Project.

- Balancing Authority of Northern California

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there is a significant study of the Security Constrained Economic Dispatch. It should be some months before the study is completed..

Mr. Morris thanked Mr. Hauser for all of his hard work and serving on the BANC Board.

Not on the Agenda

- Cal Pers Audit

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the District has finally received a response to the CalPERS Audit. The District only has twenty-one days to respond to the audit. Mr. Underwood has reviewed the audit and will request an extension for the District's response.

b. Board Member Reports

- Rodrick Senior Center

Director Owens mentioned that the Senior Center in Hayfork is struggling with their funding.

- Jim Pope Retirement Dinner
Director Morris updated the Board on the recent retirement party he attended for Jim Pope in Lodi. He stated it was a gathering worth attending. Mr. Hauser commended Director Morris for attending.
- Bicycle Race
Director Gant spoke to the Board regarding the upcoming bicycle race to be held here in October. She is concerned about accommodating the large amount of tourists that will be attending the race.
- Humboldt Bay Presentation
Director Groves reported on the Supervisor's meeting he attended regarding Humboldt Bay's presentation and viewpoint on water rights and diversions.

- c. Committee Reports
None

8. Communications Received
None

9. Meetings and/or Workshops

- a. CMUA Capitol Days
February 2, 2015
Sacramento, CA
Mr. Hauser reminded the Board members what a great opportunity this meeting provides the District to lobby our State Representatives.
- b. APPA Legislative Rally
March 9-11, 2015
Grand Hyatt, Washington DC
Mr. Hauser reminded the Board that rooms have already been reserved for this event.
- c. CMUA Annual Conference
April 14-16, 2015
Carlsbad, CA
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that he plans to attend the CMUA Annual Conference. He requested that Board members who are interested in attending to please inform Ms. Palmer.

10. Closed Session

Director Owens motioned to go into Closed Session at 3:40 p.m., second by Director Morris the Board entered into Closed Session on the following:

- a. 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

- b. 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
- c. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54957.6
Conference with Labor Negotiator
Agency Negotiator: Trinity PUD Board of Directors
Employee Organization: Unrepresented Employee:
General Manager

Ms. Gittelshon, Mr. Lethbridge, Ms. Haigh, and Ms. Catanese departed at 3:40 p.m.

The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 4:36 p.m. President Groves reported that there was no action taken in Closed Session.

11. Public Input

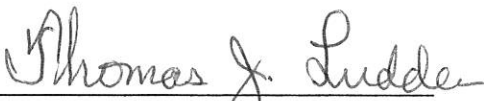
- a. None

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Gant, second by Director Ludden, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 4:37 p.m.



Kelli Gant, President

ATTEST: 

Thomas J. Ludden, Clerk