

**Trinity Public Utilities District**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**January 8, 2015**

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room  
Weaverville, California

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

Board Absent: None

Others Present: Paul Hauser, Julie Catanese, James Underwood, Andy Lethbridge, Kellie Haigh, Jaime Green, Alex Cousins, Jeff Morris, Pam Augspurger, Eric Anderson, Jim Allen, John Letton

**1. President Gant called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.**

**2. Approval of the Agenda order**

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the Second Reading and Adoption of the Proposed Ordinance 14-01, Director Compensation and Approve Amendment to the Expense and Use of Public Resources Policy was accidentally omitted from the agenda. The Second Reading was advertised in the Trinity Journal. Director Ludden motioned to approve the amended Agenda. With a second from Director Owens, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

**3. Consent Calendar**

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting December 11, 2014
- b. Approve Minutes of the Safety Meeting December 2, 2014
- c. Validate Bills of December, 2014
- d. Approve Financial Reports for November, 2014

The motion passed with the following voice call vote:

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

**4. Public Input**

- a. None

**5. Discussion Items:**

- a. Update on Weaverville 24 World Endurance Mountain Biking Organization  
Jeff Morris provided the Board with an update and summarization of the upcoming race. Mr. Morris informed the Board that the race will require an estimated budget of \$150,000 to \$200,000. They have currently raised \$42,000 not including the additional sponsor commitments. Mr. Morris discussed the events that have been planned as well as an estimate of how many riders would be in attendance.

Mr. Cousins, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Letton departed at 2:55 p.m.

**6. Action Items:**

- a. Items pulled from Consent Calendar

None

- b. Approve Contract with Evergreen Job & Safety Training

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He explained that the proposed contract is more cost effective than any other option.

After a brief discussion, Director Ludden motioned to authorize the General Manager to execute the Contract with Evergreen Job & Safety Training. Seconded by Director Owens, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

- c. Award Bid 14-B7, Single Phase Power Transformer/Lewiston Substation

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He explained to the Board that the original bid had a potential typo in the low bidder's response that required clarification.

After a brief discussion, Director Morris motioned to authorize the General Manager to Award Bid 14-B7, Single Phase Power Transformer for the Lewiston Substation to General Pacific for a not-to-exceed amount of \$546,597.96. Seconded by Director Ludden, the motion was passed with the following voice vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

- d. Adopt Resolution 15-01, Resolution in Appreciation of Keith Groves  
Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He also reviewed the Resolution with the Board asking for any desired modifications or changes. He stated that the Resolution will be framed and presented to Mr. Groves during the February Board of Supervisor's Meeting.

After a brief discussion Director Morris motioned to adopt Resolution 15-01, Resolution in Appreciation of Keith Groves. Seconded by Director Owens, the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

- e. Review Board Member Candidates

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He briefly reviewed the five applications that the District received and suggested that the Board consider an Ad Hoc committee to analyze the candidates and present two or three candidates to be interviewed by the entire Board during the February meeting. Director Ludden nominated Director Morris and Director Gant as the Ad Hoc committee. Seconded by Director Owens, motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

- f. Second Reading and Adoption of Proposed Ordinance 14-01, Director Compensation and Approve Amendment to the Expense and Use of Public Resources Policy

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Ordinance and Policy with the Board. After a brief discussion, Director Morris motioned to adopt Proposed Ordinance 14-01, Director Compensation and approve Amendment to the Expense and Use of Public Resources Policy. Seconded by Director Ludden, the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

## 7. Reports

- a. General Manager's Reports

• Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the Land Exchange Bill was part of a lands package. He stated that this is the first lands package bill to pass Congress since 2009. The District's goal is to complete the Land Exchange Project within a year; however there are still other factors that could potentially delay the project.

- Power Outages  
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that with the weather being mild the District has experienced very few outages. He stated that there was only one outage which occurred on December 24, 2014 in the Forest Glen area and affected three customers. The cause of the outage was due to a problem on the PG&E transmission line.
- Governor Brown's State of the State Speech  
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Shasta Lake City continues to be interested in the Lewiston Project.
- Bureau of Reclamation's Decision on 50,000 Acre-feet for Humboldt  
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that he participated in a conference call a few days ago regarding the Bureau of Reclamation's decision. The Bureau is now stating that the 50,000 acre-feet release is above and beyond the current Record of Decision flows and can be used for anything, not just consumption.

Not on the Agenda

- New Lineman  
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that hiring a new lineman was a difficult decision. All five candidates that were interviewed met the District's qualifications as well as having strong ties to Trinity County.

b. Board Member Reports  
None

c. Committee Reports  
None

8. **Communications Received**  
None

9. **Meetings and/or Workshops**

10. **Closed Session**

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

- Liability Claims Item Under Government Code §54956.95  
**Conference with Legal Counsel – Liability Claims**  
Claimant: Thomas Reese  
Agency Claimed Against: Trinity Public Utilities District
- Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9(b)  
**Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**  
One Potential Case

Mr. Green, Ms. Augspurger, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Allen, Mr. Lethbridge, and Ms. Haigh, departed at 3:40 p.m.

Ms. Catanese departed at 4:13 p.m.

The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 4:20 p.m. President Gant reported that:

- a) Director Morris motioned to reject the claim submitted by Mr. Reese. Seconded by Director Owens, the motioned passed with the following voice vote

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

- b) The Board authorized the General Manager to send correspondence to CalPERS.


**11. Public Input**

- a. None

**12. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Director Owens, second by Director Morris, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

  
Kelli Gant, President

ATTEST:   
Thomas J. Ludden, Clerk