

**Trinity Public Utilities District**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**April 9, 2015**

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room  
Weaverville, California

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

Board Absent: None

Others Present: Paul Hauser, Julie Catanese, James Underwood, Andy  
Lethbridge, Karen Palmer, Aaron Rogers, Mark Feely, Trina  
Stokley,

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

**2. Approval of the Agenda order**

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**3. Consent Calendar**

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the Special Board Meeting March 13, 2015
- b. Approve Minutes of the Safety Meeting March 10, 2015
- c. Validate Bills of March, 2015
- d. Approve Financial Reports for February, 2015
- e. Approve Revisions to Retirement Reporting
- f. Validation of Payment of Claim

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**4. Public Input**

a. Trinity Little League Umpires Request

Mr. Mark Feely who is a member of both the Trinity County Friends of the Library and the Trinity Little League Umpires organization opened with a thank you to the District for the donation of used computers a few years ago. He then spoke to the Board about the need for Trinity County to develop a junior baseball program. He stated that they are currently

seeking donations from organizations and individuals to hire the semi-professional umpires that would be required for the junior league.

Mr. Hauser informed the Board and Mr. Feely that the Community Investment Policy does not allow the District to provide monetary assistance. However Board members, employees and the Employees' Association can donate if they would like.

Mr. Feely departed at 2:15 p.m.

b. Trinity Hospital

Mr. Aaron Rogers, the new CAO for Trinity Hospital addressed the Board thanking the District for supporting the Hospital over the years. He informed the Board that they are in the process of making significant changes at the Hospital and would like to have an open dialog with anyone who has suggestions or have experienced problems.

Mr. Rogers departed at 2:20 p.m.

c. Umpqua Signature Cards

Ms. Trina Stokley from Umpqua Bank thanked the District again for the decision to move its financial services to Umpqua Bank. She stated that the District and Umpqua has set May 1<sup>st</sup> as the transition date. She presented the District with the required signatures cards for the new bank accounts.

Ms. Stokley departed at 2:30 p.m.

**5. Action Items**

a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar

None

b. Adopt Resolution 15-03 Rescinding the Current Miscellaneous Service Charges and Adopting New Miscellaneous Service Charges

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He stated that the Resolution Number under the Alternatives was incorrect. He informed the Board that Cooperative Response Center is doing a great job so far. They are able to assist customer's more effectively and are providing better information regarding outages to both employees and to customers.

After a brief discussion, Director Owens motioned to adopt Resolution 15-03, Rescinding the Current Miscellaneous Service Charges and Adopting New Miscellaneous Service Charges as proposed by Staff. Seconded by Director Rose, the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

President Gant:	Aye
Director Morris:	Aye
Director Ludden:	Aye
Director Owens:	Aye
Director Rose:	Aye

c. Authorize Examination of Potential Rate Restructure

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Mr. Hauser presented the Board with a working spreadsheet and demonstrated different scenarios regarding a system access charge. He stated that with the current rate structure, customers who use very little energy do not cover the cost to maintain their electric facilities; therefore they are being subsidized by customers who use more energy. He stated that most utilities nationwide have moved toward creating a fixed charge to alleviate this subsidy.

Mr. Underwood will research what the procedure is regarding a Rate Restructure.

After much discussion, Director Morris motioned to authorize the General Manager to pursue a potential rate restructure for its Commercial, Residential, and Agricultural customers. Seconded by Director Owens, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

**6. Discussion Items**

a. None

**7. Reports**

a. General Manager's Reports

• Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group Meeting

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that he has been appointed to TAMWG as the District's representative with Ms. Julie Catanese as the alternate. He also informed the Board that President Gant was also appointed as a representative for the North Trinity Lake Alliance. The next meeting will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup> and a joint meeting with the Trinity Management Committee on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Due to the date for the joint meeting, the August Board meeting may need to be rescheduled.

Mr. Hauser informed the Board of the many issues regarding the river which the District will need to stay aware of.

• Long Canyon Project

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that phase two is about to begin. Due to the dry winter, the District is requesting that the start date be moved forward. The contractor has stated that he will be submitting a change order due to some additional work that the District has suggested.

- Land Exchange  
Mr. Hauser reported that the trip to Washington DC for the APPA Legislative Rally was successful. He has been contacted by David Myers to schedule a meeting regarding discussions on ways to speed up the process for the land exchange. This meeting will take place on May 4th.
- Power Outages  
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there were only a couple of outages to report since the last meeting. He stated that the largest one affected 125 customers in Big Bar and lasted three hours. The outage was due to a transmission line fuse blowing. There was a smaller outage on Oregon Street that affected eight customers. The cause was incorrect phasing by the District's line crew while they were restoring power from a planned maintenance outage.

Mr. Hauser mentioned to the Board that the Hospital had an overheated transformer which caused an outage.

- Lewiston Project  
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the Bureau of Reclamation will be testing the penstock at the Lewiston Substation sometime in April. Mr. Hauser also stated that Mr. Tom Miller from the City of Shasta Lake is negotiating a transmission contract with Western Area Power Administration.
- Balancing Authority of Northern California  
Mr. Hauser stated that there is still a lot of activity regarding the Energy Imbalance Management.

b. Board Member Reports

- Possible Brown Act Violation  
Director Morris stated that he was approached with a possible Brown Act violation. The individual questioned the number of Board Members participating in the Trinity Collaborative. There was discussion regarding the fact that Director Morris is the only Board Member who is representing the District. President Gant represents the North Lake Alliance and Director Rose represents forestry management. The District's attorney will look into the issue.

c. Committee Reports

- Trinity County Arts Council Request  
President Gant informed the Board that the Community Investment Committee met prior to the Board meeting. The Committee reviewed a request from the Trinity County Arts Council requesting assistance with installation of banners on the current street light poles, storage for the banners and modifications to the installation hardware. The Committee approved in kind assistance of \$3,500 by installing banners on the light

poles. The Committee denied the request that the District store the banners or make the necessary modifications to the hardware.

**8. Communications Received**

- a. None

**9. Meetings and/or Workshops**

- a. CMUA Annual Conference

April 14-16, 2015

Carlsbad, California

Mr. Hauser reported that travel, accommodations and registrations are completed.

- b. NWPPA Annual Conference

May 17-21, 2015

Anchorage, Alaska

Mr. Hauser requested that if Board members would like Ms. Palmer to make your airline reservations, please let her know. All other arrangements have been made.

- c. APPA Annual Conference

June 5-10, 2015

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Director Morris will be representing the Northwest Public Power Association at this conference. He stated that he is also planning on attending. If any other Board Members would like to attend please let Ms. Palmer know.

**10. Closed Session**

Director Owens motioned to go into Closed Session at 4:26 p.m., second by Director Ludden, the Board entered into Closed Session on the following:

- a. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)

**Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation**

Name of Case: PG&E v. McColm (& Related Cross-Complaint)

Ms. Catanese and Mr. Lethbridge departed at 4:27.


The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 4:42 p.m. President Gant reported that there was no action taken in Closed Session.


**11. Public Input**

- a. None

**12. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Director Owens, second by Director Ludden, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

  
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Kelli Gant, President

ATTEST:   
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Thomas J. Ludden, Clerk