

**Trinity Public Utilities District**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**July 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, Jerry Cousins, Amy  
Gittelsohn, Gerald Brasuell

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

**2. Approval of the Agenda order**

Director Rose requested that Item 3a, Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting June 11, 2015 be moved to 5a. Director Ludden motioned to approve the Agenda order as suggested by Director Rose. With a second from Director Morris, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Rose Owens

Abstain: None

**3. Consent Calendar**

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

- b. Approve Minutes of the Safety Meeting June 9, 2015
- c. Validate Bills of June, 2015
- d. Approve Financial Reports for May, 2015
- e. Approve Task Order GIS #7 with Power Engineers
- f. Approve Declaration of Surplus Vehicle

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Rose Owens

Abstain: None

**4. Public Input**

- a. None

**5. Action Items**

- a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar  
Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting June 11, 2015  
Director Rose suggested a wording change in the Preseason Fire Meeting under Board Member Reports.

Director Morris motioned to approve the minutes from June 11, 2015 as amended. Seconded by Director Rose, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

Director Owens arrived 2:03 pm

b. Approve Agreement for Line of Credit for Mountain Communities Healthcare District

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board.

Mr. Aaron Rogers, Chief Executive Officer from Mountain Community Healthcare District (MCHD) introduced Jerry Cousins and Jerry Roswell from the MCHD Board. He explained the process for the reimbursement funding. He stated that with the reimbursement, the hospital may be able to pay off loans that were acquired in 2012.

Jim Underwood arrived 2:15 pm

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that District's Counsel has suggested that there be a modification to the first paragraph on Page 5. It should read "Principal and interest shall be due and payable to Lender within the earlier, not later. He also stated that in the same paragraph November 16, 2015 should be changed to December 1, 2015.

Mr. Hauser also stated that this will allow the District to invest a portion of its reserves locally.

Director Morris motioned to support the hospital and the effort to keep the hospital afloat by authorizing the Board President to sign the Agreement as amended. Seconded by Director Ludden, 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

Mr. Rogers, Mr. Cousins, and Mr. Brasuell departed at 2:20 p.m.

**6. Discussion Items**

a. None

## 7. Reports

### a. General Manager's Reports

- Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group Meeting

Mr. Hauser reported that the first meeting of TAMWG after its reconstitution was held. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife gave a presentation that indicated the Trinity River's carrying capacity for fish may be at its limit.

Mr. Hauser also reported that the Trinity Management Counsel is discussing changing their bylaws to allow their meetings to be in closed session. This would effectively exclude all of the public including TAMWG members from their meetings.

- Long Canyon Project

Mr. Hauser reported that all of the conduit has been installed in the Mountain Aire Subdivision. After Mr. Sharp completes the repairs to the road, District staff can begin pulling the main wire through the conduit and supply energy to customers. The road work should be completed in a couple of weeks.

- Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser reported that Hunt Land Surveying Company has completed marking the Forest Service land that is next to the District's parcel at the airport in Weaverville. Once the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) assessment is completed, the District can contract for a formal survey. This process could take up to two years.

- Power Outages

Mr. Hauser reported that since the last Board meeting there has been one significant outage not including the ones that were caused by the electrical storms this week. The outage was caused by a tree on the line in Coffee Creek. It lasted two hours and affected approximately 40 customers.

The electrical storm this week affected approximately 480 customers in various parts of the District.

- Lewiston Project

Mr. Hauser stated that there is nothing new to report since the last Board meeting. The Bureau has been focusing much of its resources on the rewind of one of the units at Folsom.

- Balancing Authority of Northern California

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that BANC has decided to perform a complex cost/benefit analysis to help evaluate the Northwest Market Initiative.

- Bureau of Reclamation Payment  
Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that on June 23<sup>rd</sup> the District finally received the payment that was due in March from the Bureau. The Bureau has changed the way they process ACH payments.
- CalPERS Contribution Restructure  
Mr. Hauser reported that CalPERS has changed the way that they are billing agencies. They are now offering the District the opportunity to save \$6,000 by paying the unfunded liability of \$206,000 upfront instead of a portion every month. Staff has decided to take advantage of this opportunity.

Ms. Catanese departed at 3:00 p.m.

- National Rural Electric Cooperative Association  
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there would be benefits to the District becoming a coop instead of remaining a PUD. He stated that Staff will continue to investigate this possibility.

Not on the Agenda

- Senate Bill 350  
Mr. Hauser reported that the Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) bill continues to include the language that accepts the Trinity hydropower as renewable.
- Assembly Bill 243/Senate Bill 643  
Mr. Hauser stated that these bills would place stricter guidelines on marijuana growing and provide funding for local law enforcement. He has left a message with County representatives to ascertain whether or not the County will be supporting these bills. If they are supporting the bills, the District will formally support them as well.

b. Board Member Reports

- Forest Service  
Mr. Rose stated that he visited the Hyampom fire camp the day after the last Board meeting. He stated that the Forest Service did a good job on holding the fire to a lower acreage than it potentially could have been. He also stated that the collaborative has put pressure on the Forest Service to thin their plantations. The Forest Service has announced that they are now planning on thinning approximately 850 acres.

b. Committee Reports

None

**8. Communications Received**

a. None

**9. Meetings and/or Workshops**

- a. Northern California Power Agency Annual Conference  
September 30 – October 2, 2015  
Monterey, California

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there is still no information available for this conference. He stated that this is a good conference to attend.

**10. Closed Session**

Director Ludden motioned to go into Closed Session at 3:16 p.m., second by Director Rose, 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)
- b. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.8  
**Conference with Real Property Negotiator**  
Agency Negotiator: Trinity PUD General Manager  
Property: Van Duzen Property APN #018-090-64-00  
Property: Rush Creek Road  
Property: Weaverville APN #024-200-19-00

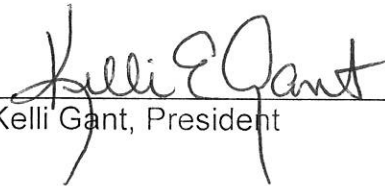
The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 3:52 p.m. President Gant reported that there was not action taken in Closed Session.

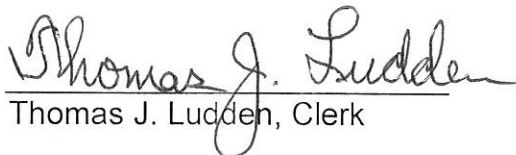
**11. Public Input**

- a. None

**12. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Director Owens, second by Director Morris, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

  
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Kelli Gant, President

ATTEST:   
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Thomas J. Ludden, Clerk