

**Trinity Public Utilities District  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
August 12, 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, Kellie Haigh, Jeff Morris, John Letton

**1. President Gant 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 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

**3. Consent Calendar**

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting July 9, 2015
- b. Approve Minutes of the Safety Meeting July 7, 2015
- c. Validate Bills of July, 2015
- d. Approve Financial Reports for June, 2015
- e. Approve Nonrepresented Employees Salary Schedule for the Year Beginning July 1, 2015

**4. Public Input**

- a. None

**5. Action Items**

- a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar  
None
- b. Consider Approving Additional Funding Towards the World Endurance Mountain Biking Organization Weaverville Championship Event  
Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Mr. Hauser explained to the Board that Bill Sharp has agreed to complete the electrical work that is required. The District would fund the infrastructure to provide power to the bike pit area.

Mr. Jeff Morris thanked the Board of Directors for the assistance with the WEMBO race and provided them with a financial update.

After a brief discussion Director Morris motioned to approve the Additional Funding of \$8,000 towards the World Endurance Mountain Biking Organization Weaverville Championship Event. Seconded by Director Rose 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. Jeff Morris and Mr. Letton departed at 2:30 p.m.

c. Amend Investment of Reserves Policy

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Mr. Hauser explained that with the updated wording, the Policy provides the Board flexibility to fund additional projects. After a brief discussion, Director Rose motioned to approve the Amended Investment of Reserves Policy. 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 that the reason for our change in Board meeting day and time was due to a joint meeting with TAMWG.

• Long Canyon Project

Mr. Hauser reported that District crews are currently working in Long Canyon pulling wire through the conduit. It is estimated that by the end of next week crews should have seven additional customers ready to receive service. The individual customers will need to contact an electrician of their choice to install the electrical panel. Mr. Hauser also mentioned that the Long Canyon residents seemed to be pleased with the completed road work.

- Land Exchange  
Mr. Hauser reported that the ground is marked for surveying however the District will need to meet the Federal Standards for a Surveyor. We will not proceed with a survey until the Forest Service completes their field survey and assessments.
- Power Outages  
Mr. Hauser reported that since the last Board meeting, there has been one significant outage where a utility company in our area accidentally hit the District's underground primary. There were no injuries sustained to the employee because the District's underground fuse opened immediately.  
  
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there has been minimal impact to the District due to the wildfires this week. Most of the damage to be repaired is in the Plummer's Peak area that serves the towers for cell phone and internet services.
- Lewiston Project  
Mr. Hauser stated that he does not expect to hear anything new for at least two more weeks. Mr. Hauser reported that he will be able to witness the penstock flow which will allow him to determine what size unit the District can install.
- Balancing Authority of Northern California  
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that BANC has had a lot of activity in the Northwest region.
- Redding Airline Travel Bank  
Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that he received an email regarding interest on options of additional flights out of the Redding Airport with competitive pricing.
- Auction at the Trinity County Fair  
Mr. Hauser shared information and expenditures from the Trinity County Livestock Auction this year.

#### Not on the Agenda

- First Preference Power Costs  
Mr. Hauser reported that the Districts power costs are increasing October 1. He stated that more than likely Staff will need to present a rate increase to the Board next year.
- b. Board Member Reports  
President Gant advised Mr. Hauser as well as the Board of the new Occupancy Tax being presented to lodging businesses in Trinity County.

Director Morris inquired about customers receiving the Public Benefit Discount on their electric billings. Mr. Hauser advised the Board he would provide them with a list of all of the businesses who are currently receiving the discount.

**8. Communications Received**

- a. Thank You from the Watershed Research and Training Center

**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 Karen Palmer has already blocked out rooms for this conference, anyone interested in attending will need to contact Ms. Palmer. He stated that this is a good conference to attend.

**10. Closed Session**

Director Ludden motioned to go into Closed Session at 4:05 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

Ms. Catanese, Mr. Lethbridge, and Ms. Haigh departed at 4:06 p.m.

The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 4:26 p.m. President Gant reported that there was no action taken in Closed Session.

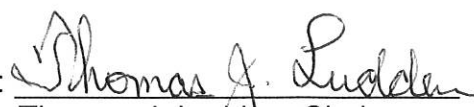
**11. Public Input**

- a. None

**12. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Director Owens, second by Director Morris, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

  
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Kelli Gant, President

ATTEST:   
Thomas J. Ludden, Clerk