

**Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 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, Karen Palmer, Kellie Haigh, Theresa Vess

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

2. Approval of the Agenda order

Director Ludden motioned to approve the Agenda order. With a second from 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

3. Consent Calendar

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the Special Board Meeting October 9, 2015
- b. Approve Minutes of the Safety Meeting October 6, 2015
- c. Validate Bills of October, 2015
- d. Approve Financial Reports for September, 2015

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. Rate Restructure

Ms. Theresa Vess addressed the Board regarding the Rate Restructure. She stated that the System Access Fee is not fair. She stated that someone at the front desk told her it was to allow her to access the computer. She also wanted assurance that the District's rates were still lower than Pacific Gas and Electric. President Gant explained the reason for the System Access Fee and assured her that PG&E's rates were more than double then the District's rates.

5. Action Items

a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar

None

b. Adopt Resolution 15-08 Amending Rate Schedule 11, Unmetered Services

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the Resolution number is incorrect. The Board adopted Resolution 15-07 last month when the Commercial Rate Schedule was changed. This Resolution should be 15-08.

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He explained that Velocity Technology's internet services have the majority of the devices that are on the Unmetered Services Rate Schedule. PG&E has been installing an automatic switch for the Big Flat area which will also be on this Rate Schedule.

After a brief discussion, Director Morris motioned to change the Resolution Number as suggested and Adopt Resolution 15-08, Amending Rate Schedule 11 as presented. Seconded by Director Ludden, the motion passed with the following role call vote:

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

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 Ms. Robin Shrock, the Director of Trinity River Restoration Program, has resigned.

• Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there has been progress with the Land Exchange. He has a meeting with Ms. Irwin from the Forest Service tomorrow to discuss the archeological survey. He also stated that because the District has no plans to change anything on the property it will qualify for the lowest level of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

• Power Outages

Mr. Hauser reported that there has been only one significant outage since the last Board Meeting. One of the three 60 kV switches at the Hyampom Substation burned up. Two of the three switches have been replaced in the last few years.

- Lewiston Project

Mr. Hauser reported that the bad relay at Lewiston 350 kW Generator has still not been replaced. He reminded the Board that the relay needs to be replaced in order to test the pen stock.

- Lewiston Transformers

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the four new transformers have finally all arrived, however there are still some missing parts. He stated that Staff has completed the test for the load transfer so now the only concern is the weather. It is necessary to have a week of clear weather to replace the transformers.

Mr. Hauser also informed the Board that when they approved the bid for the transformers, Staff was anticipating having to pay the sales tax on the quarterly Use Tax Return. He stated that General Pacific has included the sales tax on the invoice and the transformers came in under the approved amount.

- Balancing Authority of Northern California

Mr. Hauser reported that there continues to be a lot of activity.

- California Independent System Operator Symposium

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that he attended the CAISO Symposium. A panel that was comprised mainly of European companies expressed the need for higher energy costs to support the integration of intermittent resources.

Mr. Hauser explained to the Board that the energy costs from Western have increased from \$0.018 per kWh in October of 2011 to \$0.0423 per kWh for October 2015.

b. Board Member Reports

- Community Choice Aggregation

President Gant requested an update regarding the Community Choice Aggregation (CCA). She stated that the County CAO has informed her that the District is holding up the process. Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the District is still waiting for the paperwork from the County to obtain the information required from PG&E.

- Shaded Fuel Break

Director Rose stated that Six Rivers National Forest has almost completed the Nation Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to allow the salvage logging to begin in the burn area.

- Firewood Processing Plant
Director Rose reported to the Board that he attended the presentation at the Firewood Processing Plant in Hayfork. Mr. Jim Jungwirth expressed gratitude to the District for the installation of the electric service.
- Hospital
There was discussion regarding the optimistic presentation from Mr. Aaron Rogers regarding the hospital finances. It has been reported that the hospital is becoming financially solvent.
- Northern California Water Resources Control Board
President Gant updated the Board on her application to NCWRCB. She stated that she has been interviewed several times. She stated that California Environmental Impact was the last interview

c. Committee Reports

8. Communications Received

- a. None

9. Meetings and/or Workshops

- a. California Municipal Utility Association Capitol Days
February 1, 2016
Sacramento, California

Mr. Hauser stated that the CMUA Capitol Days is approaching.

- b. American Public Power Association Legislative Rally
March 7-9, 2016
Grand Hyatt, Washington, DC

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Ms. Palmer has booked hotel rooms at a hotel that is close to the Hyatt. He stated that she called the day the block of rooms opened and the entire hotel was sold out. We are on a waiting list in case there are any cancelations. He asked that the Board Members contact Ms. Palmer if they are interested in attending.

10. Closed Session

Director Morris motioned to go into Closed Session at 3:42 p.m., second by Director Rose, 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: Weaverville APN #024-200-19-00

The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 4:18 p.m. President Gant reported that the Board took no action.

11. Public Input


a. None

12. Adjourn

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



Kelli Gant, President

ATTEST: 
Thomas J. Ludden, Clerk