

Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 14, 2016

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

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

2. Approval of the Agenda order

Director Ludden motioned to approve the Agenda order. With a second from Director Gant, 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 Gant stated that she was not at the December 10th Board Meeting, therefore she would abstain from the vote approving the minutes. Director Ludden motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Second by Director Owens, the Consent Calendar included:

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting December 10, 2015
- b. Accept Minutes of the Safety Meeting December 1, 2015
- c. Validate Bills of December, 2015
- d. Approve Financial Reports for November, 2015

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Kelli Gant

4. Public Input

- a. None

5. Action Items

- a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar
None

b. Approve 2016 Board Meeting Dates

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to move the March meeting to March 17th, the May meeting to May 5th, and the August meeting to August 12th.

Director Ludden motioned to accept the 2016 Board Meeting dates as amended. Seconded by Director Gant, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

c. Approve Amendment to the Payment of Payables Policy

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He informed the Board that his debit card was compromised twice in two weeks; therefore Staff has already proceeded with the transition to credit cards.

After a brief discussion, Director Ludden motioned to amend the Payment of Payables Policy as presented. Seconded by Director Owens, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

d. Adopt Resolution 16-01 Amending Rate Schedule 7 & 8, Outdoor Area Lighting and Street and Highway Lighting Rate

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. There was discussion regarding the compatibility of Light Emitting Diode (LED) lighting in the Historic District in Weaverville. Staff will contact the Historical Society to discuss this before retrofitting fixtures.

Director Gant motioned to adopt Resolution 16-01, Amending Rate Schedules 7 & 8, Outdoor Area Lighting and Street and Highway Lighting Rates as presented. Seconded by Director Rose, the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

- e. Approve Declaration of Surplus Vehicle, 1999 Chrysler Sedan
Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board.

After a brief discussion, Director Ludden motioned to approve the declaration of the 1999 Chrysler Sedan as Surplus to the District's needs, and allow the General Manager to proceed with disposal of the vehicle pursuant to the District's 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. Brown Act

Director Rose expressed his concern that the District's Agenda should have an action item on public input to allow the Board to engage in discussions with the public when they are present and make comments. Mr. Underwood stated that to agendize an Action Item, the Agenda has to identify the action specifically. He also stated that there is nothing in the Brown Act that prohibits interaction with the public for clarification purposes or to direct Staff to discuss the issue with the public after the meeting. He stated that the Brown Act only prohibits the Board from taking action during Public Input.

7. Reports

a. General Manager's Reports

- Net Energy Metering Hearing at the California Public Utility Commission
Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that recently the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) held a hearing regarding Net Metering.
- Land Exchange
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the weather has not been conducive for Mr. Alex Cousins to complete the archeological survey.
- Power Outages
Mr. Hauser apologized that he did not have a detailed list of outages to report, however, there were significant outages in the northern section of the District due to heavy wet snow around Christmas.

Mr. Hauser reported that there was another recent outage in the northern section of the District due to another ringtail cat at the Trinity Substation. He is going to attempt to speak with Mr. Sabhash Paluru at the next Balancing Authority of Northern California meeting regarding placement of some sort of protection equipment at the substation.

- Lewiston Project

Mr. Hauser stated that the generation plant is still not operational.

- Balancing Authority of Northern California
Mr. Hauser reported that the District is involved in the study for BANC to join the California Independent System Operator's (CAISO) Energy Imbalance Market (EIM).
- Assembly Bill 1345
Mr. Hauser stated that Assemblyman Brian Dahle has pulled this bill. He stated that Assemblyman Dahle is attempting to craft a bill that will encourage Democratic support and a possible co-sponsorship. AB 1345 is an attempt to put a number on Greenhouse Gas Emissions caused by Forest Fires.

Director Rose mentioned that the Bill should include additional information regarding vegetation clearing as a management tool.

Not on the Agenda

- New Bill Print
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC), the Districts software company, is phasing out their old printer. To accommodate this, the District is working with them on a new bill print. Mr. Hauser shared with the Board some of the changes that will be on the new bill which will be effective in either February or March.

- b. Board Member Reports
None
- c. Committee Reports
None

8. Communications Received

- a. National Information Solutions Cooperative Capital Credit Summary
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the District will again receive a rebate from NISC.

9. Meetings and/or Workshops

- a. California Municipal Utilities Association Capitol Days 2016
February 1, 2016
Sacramento, CA
Mr. Hauser reported that Mr. Don Gilbert from Edelstein and Gilbert has arranged the necessary meetings.
- b. American Public Power Association 2016 Legislative Rally
March 7-9, 2016
Grand Hyatt, Washington DC
Mr. Hauser requested that any Board Member interested in attending to please let Ms. Palmer know as soon as possible. He also stated that Ms. Susan Stohr is working on the meeting schedule.

Mr. Hauser also requested direction from the Board on whether the District should invite a County Board of Supervisor to attend again this year. The Board concurred and directed Mr. Hauser to extend the invitation.

10. Closed Session

Director Ludden motioned to go into Closed Session at 3:22 p.m., second by Director Gant, 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 Property AP#024-200-19-00

Neighboring Weaverville Property

- b. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiator

Agency Negotiator: General Manager

Employee Organization: Trinity Public Utilities District Employees'

Association

The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 3:30 p.m. President Morris reported that the Board took no action.

11. Public Input

- a. None

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Rose, second by Director Owens, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 3:31 p.m.


Richard L. Morris, President

ATTEST: 
Clarence W. Rose, Clerk