

**Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 11, 2016**

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room
Weaverville, California

Board Present: Thomas Ludden, Richard Morris, Rose Owens, Kelli Gant (via telephone), Clarence Rose

Board Absent: None

Others Present: Paul Hauser, Julie Catanese, James Underwood, Andy Lethbridge, Karen Palmer, Amy Gittelsohn, Gale Ickes, Cristina Davies

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 Owens, the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

3. Consent Calendar

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting January 14, 2016
- b. Accept Minutes of the Safety Meeting January 5, 2016
- c. Validate Bills of January, 2016
- d. Approve Financial Reports for December, 2015

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

4. Public Input

- a. None

5. Action Items

- a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar
None

b. Adopt Resolution 16-02, Amending Rate Schedule 18, Drought Relief Surcharge

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Mr. Hauser pointed out that on the Rate Schedule; Staff missed removing Item 1 under Rates when the District removed the minimum charge on the electric bills.

For the benefit of the public present, Mr. Hauser reviewed how rain and snowpack impact the power rates and he briefly explained the power revenue requirement. Mr. Hauser also explained the different generation points that are missed when the water flow is increased down the river and how the combination of the drought and water releases affect power costs as well.

Mr. Hauser explained that the District's Bond requirement allows Bond holders to force the District to raise rates if current income is insufficient to cover costs. If the District allows the Drought Relief Surcharge to expire, next year we will be forced to increase our rates to cover this year's drought. He pointed out that extending the Surcharge will align the costs associated with the drought both financially and philosophically.

After further discussion, Director Owens motioned to Adopt Resolution 16-02, amending Rate Schedule 18 – Drought Relief Surcharge as modified by Staff. Seconded by Director Ludden, the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

Mr. Ickes departed at 2:34 pm

c. Amend the Meter Testing Policy

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. After a brief discussion, Director Ludden motioned to amend the Meter Testing Policy 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

6. Discussion Items

a. None

7. Reports

a. General Manager's Reports

- Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser stated that he has been attempting to contact Mr. Cousins to determine the status of the survey.

- Power Outages

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that since the last Board meeting there have been five significant outages. There was an outage in Coffee Creek which lasted five and a half hours affecting 40 customers. There was another outage in the Lewiston Lake/Trinity Lake area lasting five hours which affected 150 customers. Both of these outages were caused by trees in the line due to a storm. Pacific Gas & Electric Company had an outage on their transmission line that serves the Forest Glen Substation. This outage lasted five hours and affected 22 customers. There was an outage in the Bear Creek Road area which affected 30 customers and lasted almost three hours. Staff was unable to determine why a fuse blew which caused the outage. There was an outage in the Salt Flat/Goose Ranch Road area which was caused by a tree in the line. The outage affected 20 customers and lasted almost three hours.

Mr. Hauser stated that Staff is in the process of revamping the District's outage reporting and data collection. This will allow for more accurate information regarding the outage, including whether the fault occurred on private or Federal land.

- Lewiston Project

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the District is still studying the feasibility of the Project.

- Balancing Authority of Northern California

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that it will take a few months for the study to evaluate the economics of the Energy Imbalance Market to be completed.

- New Bill Print

Mr. Hauser reminded the Board that the District's software company is in the process of replacing their old bill print program and printer. Ms. Palmer and staff have completed reviewing the new bills. Therefore, the February bills will be with the new program and printer.

b. Board Member Reports

- California Municipal Utility Association Capitol Day

Mr. Hauser reported that the meetings that were held with Assemblyman Wood and Senator Maguire were very positive. Their meetings focused on biomass and marijuana issues.

- Collaborative
Director Rose informed the Board that there is progress being made. The Shasta-Trinity National Forest is now enlisting the assistance of the Collaborative in reviewing some of their old fuel reduction projects so that they can be completed.
- c. Committee Reports
- Community Investment Committee Regarding New Life Assembly of God Church Request
Director Rose reviewed the proposed project with the Board. He stated that the Committee approved the project subject to review by District Counsel regarding liability insurance.

Ms. Gittelsohn departed at 2:52 p.m.

8. Communications Received

- a. None

9. Meetings and/or Workshops

- a. American Public Power Association 2016 Legislative Rally
March 7-9, 2016
Grand Hyatt, Washington DC
Mr. Hauser reported that all of the arrangements have been made for the trip other than the special meetings which Ms. Stohr is scheduling.
- b. California Municipal Utility Association Annual Conference
April 10-12, 2016
San Francisco, CA
Mr. Hauser reported that an Agenda was received this week and asked that Board Members let Ms. Palmer know if they are interested in attending the Conference.
- c. Northwest Public Power Association Annual Conference
May 16-20, 2016
Marysville, WA
Mr. Hauser reminded the Board that President Morris will be presiding over the meeting this year. He asked that Board Members let Ms. Palmer know if they are interested in attending.
- d. American Public Power Association Annual Conference
June 10-15, 2016
Phoenix, AZ
Mr. Hauser stated that this is coming up.

Ms. Davies departed at 2:54 p.m.

10. Closed Session

Director Ludden motioned to go into Closed Session at 2:55 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 Property AP #024-200-19-00

Neighboring Weaverville Property


The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 3:10 p.m. President Morris reported that the Board took no action during Closed Session.

11. Public Input

- a. None

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Rose, second by Director Ludden, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 3:12 p.m.


Richard L. Morris, President

ATTEST: 
Clarence W. Rose, Clerk