

**Trinity Public Utilities District  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
March 17, 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

**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 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 Regular Board Meeting February 11, 2016
- b. Accept Minutes of the Safety Meeting February 9, 2016
- c. Validate Bills of February, 2016
- d. Approve Financial Reports for January, 2016

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. None

**5. Action Items**

- a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar  
None

b. Appoint the District's Voting Delegate and Alternate for Cooperative Response Center

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. After a brief discussion Director Rose motioned to appoint the General Manager as the District's Voting Delegate and the Office Administrator as the Alternate Voting Delegate for Cooperative Response Center, Inc. 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

c. Approve the Professional Services Contract with Susan Stohr for Federal Lobbying

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He informed the Board that typically the District has paid Ms. Stohr around \$15,000 per year for her services.

After a brief discussion, Director Ludden motioned to authorize the General Manager to execute the Professional Services Contract with Susan Stohr as presented. 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

• Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that Mr. Cousins has completed the archeological survey and submitted it the Forest Service a little over a month ago.

• Power Outages

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there were three significant unplanned outages since the last Board meeting. The first one was in the Old Lewiston Road/Poker Bar Road area. This outage was caused by a tree falling on the power line during a storm. It affected approximately 342 customers and lasted a little over four hours.

The second outage was in the Junction City area and was caused by a customer cutting a tree down and it landing on the powerline. This outage affected approximately 50 customers and lasted about four and a half hours.

The last significant outage was in the Buckhorn area. This outage was caused by strong winds knocking a tree over into the power line. Due to the rough remote terrain, the outage lasted about 26 hours and affected ten customers.

- Lewiston Project  
Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that the Bureau of Reclamation is scheduling a full test of the pen stock Thursday next week. He also stated that the generation unit is now fully operational.
- Balancing Authority of Northern California  
Mr. Hauser reported that an intensive study of the financial implications of joining the Energy Imbalance Market is underway.
- California Office of Emergency Services Reimbursement  
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Ms. Kim Hale worked very hard to obtain reimbursement from the Office of Emergency Services for the fires last year. The District received a call last week informing us that we will be provided a check for a little over \$48,000.

#### Not on the Agenda

- Joint Pole  
Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that Mr. Dale Miller and Ms. Kellie Haigh have been working on back logged Joint Pole documents. To date they have billed around \$500,000 to the various telephone companies.
  - Letter from Lewiston Friends of the Library  
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the District received a letter yesterday from the Friends of the Library in Lewiston requesting the District waive any billings for electricity. He stated that he will be writing them a letter to inform them that the District cannot grant their request.
- b. Board Member Reports
- American Public Power Association 2016 Rally  
Director Gant stated that the Rally and meetings in Washington, DC were very productive. She stated that the District gained a lot with speaking with representatives and with Robert Bonnie.

Director Rose stated that his meeting with the Department of the Interior was good. They were able to discuss the Endangered Species Act and ways that different agencies can improve their working relationships.

- c. Committee Reports  
None

**8. Communications Received**

- a. None

**9. Meetings and/or Workshops**

- a. California Municipal Utility Association Annual Conference  
April 10-12, 2016  
San Francisco, California

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that we need to register for the conference by the end of the week. President Morris, Director Gant, Director Rose all stated that they would attend.

- b. Northwest Public Power Association Annual Conference  
May 15-18, 2016  
Marysville, Washington

Mr. Hauser requested that Board Members inform Ms. Palmer if they plan to attend the Conference. President Morris and Director Rose stated that they would like to attend. Director Owens said she might be able to attend.

- c. American Public Power Association Annual Conference  
June 10-15, 2016  
Phoenix, Arizona

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there is still time to decide if they would like to attend the Conference.

**10. Closed Session**

Director Rose, motioned to go into Closed Session at 2:30 p.m., second by Director Ludden, 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 §54956.9(b)

**Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

Two Potential Cases

The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 3:13 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 3:15 p.m.



Richard L. Morris, President

ATTEST:   
Clarence W. Rose, Clerk