

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

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Weaverville, California  
Board Present: Thomas Ludden, Richard Morris, Kelli Gant, Rose Owens,  
Clarence Rose  
Board Absent: None  
Others Present: Paul Hauser, Julie Catanese, Andy Lethbridge, Karen Palmer,

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Abstain: None

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

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- c. Validate Bills of March, 2016
- d. Approve Financial Reports for February, 2016

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Clarence Rose  
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Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**4. Public Input**

- a. None

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b. Approve Amending the Access to District Facilities Policy

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He explained that the District's field staff is reporting an increase in access problems.

Director Rose suggested a couple of small wording changes to the Policy for clarity. After a brief discussion, Director Rose motioned to approve amending the Access to District Facilities Policy as revised. 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

**6. Discussion Items**

a. None

**7. Reports**

a. General Manager's Reports

• Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group Meeting

Mr. Hauser reported that the Bureau of Reclamation just announced that it is preparing to ramp up releases to the Trinity River beginning April 21<sup>st</sup>. Trinity Management Council is declaring it a wet year to allow the increased releases.

Mike McHugh arrived 2:30 pm

• Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that he received a telephone call from Mr. Dave Meyers from the Forest Service. There is a meeting scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss the status of the land exchange.

The Forest Service has reviewed the archeological survey and is requesting more information.

• Power Outages

Mr. Hauser reported that there was a large outage last night due to the strong winds and heavy rain. The District lost the 60 kV line to Douglas City and Hayfork. The outage lasted approximately 9 hours. He stated that there were several scattered outages as well.

- Lewiston Project  
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the Bureau of Reclamation has performed the complete flow test. Mr. Hauser stated that due to the renewable energy market, the value of the project has decreased.
- Balancing Authority of Northern California  
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Pac Corp is joining the Energy Imbalance Market (EIM). He will be attending a meeting in Sacramento to discuss the process they went through.
- On-Line Payments  
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Ms. Palmer has enabled the ability to obtain reports that indicate how many customers are paying their bills either online or with the SmartHub application. From March 13<sup>th</sup> – April 12<sup>th</sup> 144 customer paid their bills utilizing the SmartHub application on their phone and 346 customers have paid online. Staff will continue to monitor this to determine if the District needs to advertise this type of payment method.

#### Not on the Agenda

- Two Linemen Short  
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that currently the District is down two linemen due to injuries. One of the linemen is off on workers' compensation. Both linemen should return to work in two to three months. It did take longer to repair the damage caused by the storms with two of the linemen missing.
  - Line Extension  
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Mr. Scott Murrison has contacted the District requesting a line extension up Wildwood Road. The District had electric lines in the area that were idle and were removed two years ago after a forest fire. The line extension would benefit one customer. This may be agendized within the next few months.
  - CVP Power Vs. Market Power  
Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that the preparation for Western's next Marketing Plan has begun. He stated that Northern California Power Agency has filed a lawsuit because power customers are paying more than their share of the costs for fish restoration.
- b. Board Member Reports
- California Municipal Utility Association Conference  
Director Gant reported that the conference was excellent. The speakers during the luncheons were not political figures and discussed raising rates and water conservation.

- c. Committee Reports  
None

**8. Communications Received**

- a. None

**9. Meetings and/or Workshops**

- a. Northwest Public Power Association Annual Conference  
May 15-18, 2016  
Marysville, WA

Mr. Hauser reported that President Morris, Director Rose, and he will be attending the conference and all of the arrangements have been made.

- b. American Public Power Association Annual Conference  
June 10-15, 2016  
Phoenix, AZ

Mr. Hauser asked that if any Board Members were interested in attending to please let Ms. Palmer know.

**10. Closed Session**

Director Rose motioned to go into Closed Session at 3:20 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

- c. 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 3:45 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 Gant, second by Director Ludden, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

  
Richard L. Morris, President

ATTEST:   
Clarence W. Rose, Clerk