

**Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 08, 2016**

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room
Weaverville, California
Board Present: Thomas Ludden, Rose Owens, Kelli Gant, Clarence Rose
Board Absent: Richard Morris
Others Present: Paul Hauser, Julie Catanese, James Underwood, Andy Lethbridge, Karen Palmer, Mike McHugh

1. Vice-President Gant called the meeting to order at 2:02 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, Rose Owens, Kelli Gant, Clarence Rose
Noes: None
Absent: Richard Morris
Abstain: None

3. Consent Calendar

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the Special Board Meeting August 12, 2016
- b. Accept Minutes of the Safety Meeting August 02, 2016
- c. Validate Bills of August, 2016
- d. Approve Financial Reports for July, 2016

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

4. Public Input

- a. None

5. Action Items

- a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar
None

- b. Authorize Advertisements for Public Power Week

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He informed the Board that several customers have asked if the District will offer the double rebate for heat pumps and water heaters again.

After a brief discussion, Director Ludden motioned to authorize the General Manager to place the proposed advertisement and Letter to the Editor in the local paper and to double the Heat Pump Rebate and Water Heater Rebate for installations during the month of October in celebration of Public Power Week. Seconded by Director Rose, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

Mr. Jim Underwood arrived at 2:03 p.m.

c. Nomination of Two Board Members to the Community Investment Committee

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Director Ludden nominated President Morris and Director Owens to serve on the Community Investment Committee. Seconded by Director Rose, the nomination passed with the following voice vote:

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

d. Adopt Resolution 16-05 Relating to Implementation of Ordinance 16-01 Affecting Customer Rates

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that he emailed Amy Gittelsohn from the Trinity Journal to find out if she had any questions regarding the rate increase.

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He also explained the need to increase the flat charge by \$4 per month. He reminded the Board that the cost to purchase power drives the District's rates more than anything else. He explained that power generation is no longer a consideration in discussions at the Bureau of Reclamation regarding water releases at the various dams.

Mr. Mike McHugh arrived at 2:32 p.m.

After further discussion, Director Owens motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance 16-01 addressing the rate increase as proposed with the seconded reading at the October Board meeting. Seconded by Director Ludden the first reading was approved. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

6. Discussion Items

- a. None

7. Reports

a. General Manager's Reports

- Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group Meeting
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the Bureau of Reclamation has proposed earlier releases down the Trinity River next year.
- Land Exchange
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the archeological survey is close to completion.
- Power Outages
Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that there were two outages since the last Board meeting. Both outages affected approximately 52 customers in the Poker Bar area and were caused by separate trees falling onto the power line. The first outage lasted forty minutes and the second lasted 3 minutes.
- Balancing Authority of Northern California
Mr. Hauser discussed with the Board the status of the meetings he has been attending.

Not on the Agenda

- Operations & Maintenance Governance Board
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that several of the power customers have composed a letter to the Bureau of Reclamation stating that they will be withholding a portion of their advance funding in 2021.
 - Broadband
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Western Area Power Administration has decided to change their policy regarding customers utilizing their fiber cable to provide high-speed internet services.
 - Yes on G Request
Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that he has been approached by members of the Yes on G Committee wondering if the District would be willing to place a sign at the District office.
- b. Board Member Reports
None
 - c. Committee Reports
None

8. Communications Received

- a. None

9. Meetings and/or Workshops

- a. Northern California Power Agency Annual Conference
September 21-23, 2016
Resort at Squaw Creek – Olympic Valley

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that all of the arrangements have been made. There will be a dinner with Western Area Power Administration personnel one of the evenings.

10. Closed Session


- a. None

11. Public Input

- a. None

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Owens, second by Director Ludden, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 3:25 p.m.



Richard L. Morris, President

ATTEST:



Clarence W. Rose, Clerk