

**Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 10, 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, Amy Gittelsohn, Mike McHugh

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

2. Approval of the Agenda order

Director Rose requested that Agenda Item 3d, Approve Financial Reports for September, 2016, be moved to Action Item 5a. Director Owens motioned to approve the Agenda order as requested by Director Rose. With a second from 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

3. Consent Calendar

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting October 13, 2016
- b. Accept Minutes of the Safety Meeting October 04, 2016
- c. Validate Bills of October, 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

Approve Financial Reports for September, 2016

Director Rose questioned the Budget Comparison Report line item Administrative and general \$135k variance between the Actual and Budgeted. Ms. Catanese stated that the difference is due to the purchase and improvements of the Laag property.

Director Gant questioned the Budget Comparison Report line item Non-operating revenues of \$496k variance between the Actual and Budgeted. Ms. Catanese stated that the variance reflects joint pole amounts that were invoiced in 2015/2016 Fiscal Year and paid in FY 2016/2017.

Director Rose motioned to approve the Financial Reports for September, 2016. Seconded by 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

b. Adopt Resolution 16-06 Rescinding the Current Miscellaneous Service Charges and Adopting New Miscellaneous Service Charges Along with Rate Schedules 1, 3, 9, 11, and 19

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He reiterated that the proposed changes to the Rate Schedules are follow up to the Board Action that was taken last month which increased the System Access Charge.

After a brief discussion, Director Ludden motioned to adopt Resolution 16-06 to rescind the current Miscellaneous Service Charges and adopt new Miscellaneous Service Charges along with amending Rate Schedules 1, 3, 9, 11, and 19 as presented. Seconded by 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

c. Amend the District's Drug and Alcohol Policy

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He stated that most of the changes are legal in nature. Board Members asked if the Policy could apply to Directors as well as employees.

After a brief discussion with the District's Legal Counsel, the Board tabled any decision until next month to allow Staff the time to investigate whether Directors can be added to the Policy and if so include such language.

d. Approve Declaration of Surplus Vehicle for the 2007 Chevrolet Pickup

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board.

After a brief discussion, Director Ludden voted to declare the 2007 Chevrolet Pickup as Surplus to the District's needs, and allow the General Manager to proceed with disposal of the vehicle pursuant to the District Policy. Seconded by 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

6. Discussion Items

- a. None

7. Reports

a. General Manager's Reports

- Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group Meeting

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Trinity River Restoration is considering changing the spring releases to February and March. He stated that he received notice today that to change the release dates, Trinity River Restoration will be required to complete an Environmental Impact Study. Because of this requirement they will not be changing the flows for 2017.

- Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser stated that the Agreement to Initiate is in place.

- Power Outages

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there was only one large outage which was today. Trinity County Resource Conservation District's contract tree trimming company dropped a tree on the 60 kV line this morning in the area of the Little Browns Creek fire. The power to Douglas City and Hayfork was affected for approximately an hour.

The only other significant outage was when a tree fell and broke a cross arm in the Buckhorn area. The outage affected 25 customers and lasted approximately 8 hours.

- Balancing Authority of Northern California

Mr. Hauser reported that he has attended discussions and meetings regarding Sacramento Municipal Utilities District move into the Energy Imbalance Market. He stated that BANC will be involved in the transition.

Mr. Mike McHugh arrived at 2:45 p.m.

Not on the Agenda

- Central Valley Project Technical Committee
Mr. Hauser reported that there are efforts to require power companies to assist with paying the cost for twin tunnels (California Water Fix) though there would not be any additional electric generation.
- Klamath River Dam Removal
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there may be an opportunity for the District to submit comments on the Klamath River Dam removal. This is because the Trinity River water could be used for flushing the silt out of the Klamath River.

b. Board Member Reports

- Economic Development
Director Rose stated that Paul Ryan is concerned with the many misplaced timber workers. Because of his concern, there is a potential that philosophical changes could be made as to how the federal timber lands are going to be managed.
- Mercer Frasier Asphalt Plant
Director Gant questioned the status of the Mercer Frasier Asphalt Plant. Mr. Hauser stated that the District is waiting for the electrician to determine the feasibility of installing soft start on all of the motors. Currently all of the equipment at the Plant is programmed to start up at the same time, which drops the voltage in the area drastically.

c. Committee Reports

None

8. **Communications Received**

- a. Thank You From Eskaton Hayfork Manor
Mr. Hauser stated that Eskaton Hayfork Manor thanked the District for the meat they received from the Trinity County Food Bank.
- b. Thank You From Special District Risk Management Authority
Mr. Hauser stated that the District was a founding member of Special District Risk Management Authority.

9. **Meetings and/or Workshops**

- a. California Municipal Utility Association Capitol Day
Sheraton Grand
Sacramento, CA
January 30, 2017
Mr. Hauser stated that the District typically attends this event. He asked that Board Members let Ms. Palmer know if they would like to attend.

- b. 2017 American Public Power Agency Legislative Rally
Mayflower Hotel
Washington DC
February 27-March 1, 2017

Mr. Hauser asked Board Member to please let Ms. Palmer know as soon as possible if they plan to attend the Rally.

10. Closed Session

Director Owens motioned to go into Closed Session at 2:55p.m., second by Director Rose, the Board entered into Closed Session on the following:

- a. 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 3:15 p.m. President Morris stated that there was no reportable action taken during Closed Session.

11. Public Input

- a. None

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Ludden second by Director Owens, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 3:17 p.m.


Richard L. Morris, President

ATTEST: 
Clarence W. Rose, Clerk