

Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 08, 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

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

a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting November 10, 2016

b. Accept Minutes of the Safety Meeting November 01, 2016

c. Validate Bills of November, 2016

d. Approve Financial Reports for 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
None

b. Election of Officers of the Trinity P.U.D. for 2017

President Morris opened nominations for President. Director Ludden nominated Director Rose. Director Ludden motioned that the nominations for President be closed. Seconded by Director Gant, the nominations were closed. Director Rose was elected President of the Board for 2017.

President Morris opened nominations for Vice-President. Director Ludden nominated President Morris. Director Ludden motioned that the nominations for Vice-President be closed. Seconded by Director Gant, the nominations were closed. President Morris was elected Vice-President of the Board for 2017.

President Morris opened nominations for Clerk. Director Gant nominated Director Ludden. Director Gant motioned that the nominations for Clerk be closed. Seconded by Director Owens, the nominations were closed. Director Ludden was elected Clerk of the Board for 2017.

- c. Ratify No Change to Rate Schedule 10 – Public Benefit Discount Amount
Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He reminded the Board what qualifies for use of the Public Benefit Discount.

Ms. Amy Gittelsohn arrived at 2:06 p.m.

After a brief discussion, Director Gant motioned to ratify no change to Rate Schedule 10 – Public Benefit Discount of 25% for Calendar Year 2017. 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

- d. Ratify No Change to Rate Schedule 16 – Project Agreement Number 1 Surcharge

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He reminded the Board the reason for this Surcharge to all County electric accounts.

After a brief discussion, Director Gant motioned to ratify no change to Rate Schedule 16 – Project Agreement No. 1 Surcharge. 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

- e. Accept Auditor's Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2016

Ms. Catanese reviewed the Report with the Board. She explained the General Accounting Standards Board (GASB) 68 requirement regarding pension liability. She assured the Board that GASB 68 does not affect the District's cash flow or ratio for compliance with our Bond holders.

After a brief discussion, Director Owens motioned to accept the Auditor's Report for Fiscal Year 2016 as presented. Seconded by Director Rose, 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

- f. Award Bid 16-B3 Annual Vegetation Pruning & Removal for 2017
Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He explained to the Board some of the reasons why the District only received two bids.

After a brief discussion, Director Gant motioned to authorize the General Manager to approve and execute the Contract for Vegetation Pruning and Removal with A Cut Above Tree Service Incorporated 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

- g. Approve Contract with Evergreen Job & Safety Training for 2017
Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Mr. Hauser reminded the Board that he has been directed by the Board to maintain a high standard for employee safety. He stated that Evergreen Job & Safety meets the Districts needs for safety training.

After a brief discussion regarding rubber gloving, Director Gant motioned to approve the Professional Services Contract with Evergreen Job & Safety Training for a not-to-exceed cost of \$23,695.52 as presented. Seconded by Director Rose, 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

- h. Approve Agreement to Continue to Retain Edelstein, Gilbert, Robson & Smith, State Lobbyists
Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He stated that it is important to have a lobbyist stay involved at the State level to protect the District's ability to provide low cost hydroelectricity.

After a brief discussion, Director Gant motioned to approve the Agreement with Edelstein, Gilbert, Robson & Smith, State Lobbyists for a not-to-exceed amount of \$55,000 per year as presented. 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

i. Approve Purchase of Four Track Sno-Cat

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He discussed some of the improvements to the newer Sno-Cats and the differences between a dual track vs four track machine.

After a brief discussion, Director Ludden motioned to approve the purchase of a 2017 Tucker Tera XL from Tucker Sno-Cat Corporation for the not-to-exceed amount of \$191,506.14. 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

j. Amendment to the District's Drug and Alcohol Policy

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He reminded the Board that at last month's meeting Staff was directed to research a way for Board Members to be included in the Policy. Mr. Hauser reported that since Directors cannot be terminated they should not be included directly in the Policy. Staff will continue their research to find other ways such as the Conflict of Interest Policy to include the Directors.

Director Owens motioned to approve the amendment to the District's Drug and Alcohol Policy as presented. 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

• New Employee

Mr. Hauser introduced the District's new Clerk, Marjie Watkins to the Board. He explained that Ms. Watkins grew up in Weaverville and is an excellent addition to the office.

- Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group Meeting
Mr. Hauser stated that the time table for the pulse flows will not be changed this year. The Bureau of Reclamation stated that they can postpone the increased flows for a week if necessary to maximize generation.

Ms. Catanese stated that the gravel augmentation will be discussed at the next meeting along with the fishery management.

- Land Exchange
Mr. Hauser reported that the District has received the bill from the United States Forest Service for the land exchange.
- Power Outages
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there was an outage in Hyampom due to a bad transformer. The outage lasted about 6 ½ hours and affected 8 customers. He stated that there was another outage that affected 28 customers in the Tucker Hill area that lasted about 45 minutes. District crews were unable to find a cause for this outage. He stated that there was a blown fuse in Hayfork in the Kingsbury Mobile Home Park that affected 10 customers and lasted an hour and fifteen minutes. He also mentioned that there was an outage in the Buckhorn area today that affected 15 customers for about 5 hours due to broken cross arms during the snow storm.
- Balancing Authority of Northern California
Mr. Hauser stated that there is nothing new to report.
- United States Bureau of Reclamation
Mr. Hauser stated that there is an effort to educate the Bureau of Reclamation in energy production and costs. Currently the Bureau has a strong focus on water issues.

Not on the Agenda

- Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant
Mr. Hauser updated the Board with the current status of the Tule Creek Forest Product project.
- Northwest Public Power Association Workshop
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that he has been asked to participate in the panel for the Pot and Power Workshop put on by Northwest Public Power Association. The Workshop will be held on February 9th in Portland, Oregon

b. Board Member Reports

- Trinity Hospital
Director Rose reported that the Hospital Tax, Measure G, passed. He stated that the Hospital has a sustainable model that is better than it has been in the past.

- Resignation of Board Member
Director Owens informed the Board that she will be retiring from the Board effective February 16, 2017 due to health reasons. She stated that it has been a pleasure to serve on the District's Board.

- c. Committee Reports
None

8. Communications Received

- a. None

9. Meetings and/or Workshops

- a. California Municipal Utility Association Capitol Day
Sheraton Grand
Sacramento, CA
January 30, 2017

Mr. Hauser requested that Board Members who would like to attend the Capitol Day contact Ms. Palmer as soon as possible so she can complete the registration. Directors Ludden, Morris, Rose, and Gant stated they would like to attend.

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

Mr. Hauser requested that Board Members contact Ms. Palmer to let her know if they would like to attend the Rally.

10. Closed Session


- a. None

11. Public Input


- a. None

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Owens, second by Director Gant, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



Clarence W. Rose, President

ATTEST: 

Thomas J. Ludden, Clerk