

**Trinity Public Utilities District**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**January 12, 2017**

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,

**1. President Rose 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 Morris 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 Morris motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Second by Director Ludden the Consent Calendar included:

- a. Approve Minutes of the Special Board Meeting December 08, 2016
- b. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting December 08, 2016
- c. Accept Minutes of the Safety Meeting November 29, 2016
- d. Validate Bills of December, 2016
- e. Approve Financial Reports for November, 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. Approve 2017 Board Meeting Dates

President Rose requested that the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting be changed to February 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hauser stated that he needed to be out of town at a meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>, but was available on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

After a brief discussion, Director Morris motioned to approve the 2017 meeting dates as amended with the February meeting to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup>. 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. Determine Process to Fill a Vacancy on the Board of Directors

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. President Rose suggested that he and Director Gant serve on the ad hoc committee.

After a brief discussion, Director Gant motioned to direct Staff to: 1) Post the Notice of Vacancy in the District's office and local Post Offices as presented, 2) Advertise in the January 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the Trinity Journal, 3) Place a Notice of the vacancy and requests for Statement of Interest on the December electric bills and on the District's website, and 4) The Board to appoint President Rose and Director Gant to serve on the ad hoc committee to review the Statements of Interest. Seconded by Director Morris, 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. Adopt Resolution 17-01, Resolution in Appreciation of Rose Owens

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board and read the Resolution.

After a brief discussion, Director Ludden motioned to 1) Adopt Resolution 17-01 as presented, 2) Direct Staff to prepare the Resolution suitable for a wall hanging, and 3) Formally present the Resolution to Rose Owens at the February Board meeting. Seconded by Director Morris, the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

President Rose: Aye  
Director Morris: Aye  
Director Gant: Aye  
Director Ludden: Aye  
Director Owens: Abstain

## 6. Discussion Items

### a. Director Stipend Payment Method

Director Ludden questioned the District changing the Directors stipend from a paycheck with taxes deducted to the new method. After a brief discussion, Staff was directed to obtain an opinion from the District's labor attorney and bring this matter back to the Board.

## 7. Reports

### a. General Manager's Reports

#### • Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group Meeting

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Unit 1 that is being repaired at Trinity Powerhouse and should be operational by April 28<sup>th</sup>. The Trinity River Restoration may hold the increased releases until the unit is operational.

#### • Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the District has received the draft archeological report.

#### • Power Outages

Mr. Hauser reported that there have been three larger outages due to storms and weakened trees. The longest outage lasted a little over eleven hours in the northern part of the District with approximately 800 customers affected. The second longest outage was seven and a half hours in the Coffee Creek area. This outage affected around 100 customers. Mr. Hauser stated that there was an outage in the Douglas City, Lewiston, Buckhorn area that lasted approximately two and a half hours affecting about 1,200 customers.

Mr. Hauser stated that there was an outage in the Hayfork area that lasted about two and a half hours, affecting 2,500 customers. The District's field personnel could not find the cause for this outage.

Mr. Hauser advised the Board that the new Sno-Cat should be here within the next few weeks.

#### • Balancing Authority of Northern California

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there are ongoing meetings between Sacramento Municipal Utility District, California Independent System Operator, and selected members of the Balancing Authority of Northern California.

#### • SB1029 – Compliance Requirement to Obtain New Debt

Ms. Catanese explained to the Board that there is a new requirement which became effective January 1, 2017. SB 1029 mandates that the District must have certain language in the Debt Policy.

- Rural Economic Development Loan Grant  
Mr. Hauser reported that Ms. Palmer and Ms. Catanese worked hard to get everything in place for the loan. He stated that the District should have the money soon.
- Hayfork Bally Repeater  
Mr. Hauser reported that Mr. Lethbridge worked hard to get the new repeater on Hayfork Bally installed and running. The radio reception in the southern area of the District is better than anyone can remember.

b. Board Member Reports  
None

c. Committee Reports  
None

## 8. **Communications Received**

- a. Letter from National Information Solutions Cooperative  
Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that since National Information Solutions Cooperative, the District's software and hardware company, is a Cooperative, the District will be receiving an annual patronage payment.

## 9. **Meetings and/or Workshops**

- a. California Municipal Utility Association Capitol Day  
Sheraton Grand  
Sacramento, CA  
January 30, 2017  
Mr. Hauser reported that all of the travel arrangements have been made. He stated that the dinner with Don Gilbert and staff will be held the evening of the 30<sup>th</sup> after the reception.
- b. 2017 American Public Power Agency Legislative Rally  
Mayflower Hotel  
Washington DC  
February 27-March 1, 2017  
Mr. Hauser reminded the Board to let Ms. Palmer know what their travel arrangements will be or if she should make the arrangements for you.
- c. California Municipal Utility Association Annual Conference  
Sheraton Resort  
Carlsbad, CA  
March 28-30, 2017  
Mr. Hauser requested that any Board Members who wish to attend to let Ms. Palmer know. There was question regarding the location, which Ms. Palmer will verify.

**10. Closed Session**

Director Morris motioned to go into Closed Session at 4:15 p.m., second by Director Ludden, 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

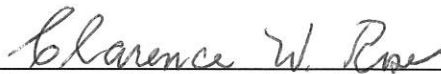
The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 4:18 p.m. President Rose reported that there was no action taken by the Board during Closed Session.

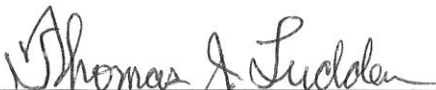
**11. Public Input**

- a. None

**12. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Director Owens, second by Director Gant, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

  
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Clarence W. Rose, President

ATTEST:   
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Thomas J. Ludden, Clerk