

Trinity Public Utilities District
NOTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 12, 2017

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room
Weaverville, California
Board Present: Thomas Ludden, Richard Morris, Clarence Rose, Kelli Gant
Board Absent: Mike Rourke
Others Present: Paul Hauser, Julie Catanese, James Underwood, Andy Lethbridge, Karen Palmer, Amy Gittelsohn (arrived at 2:17 p.m.)

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

2. Approval of the Agenda order

Director Gant motioned to approve the Agenda order. With a second from Director Ludden, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

3. Consent Calendar

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting September 25, 2017
- b. Approve Minutes of the Safety Meeting September 12, 2017
- c. Validate Bills of September, 2017
- d. Approve Financial Reports for August, 2017

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

4. Public Input

- a. Patricia McColm

Ms. McColm was not present; therefore there was no public input.

5. Action Items

- a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar

None

- b. Consider Support for Temporary Housing for Helena Fire Victims

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. District Counsel explained the program and stated that there have been three travel trailers donated by individuals to date.

Amy Gettelsohn arrived at 2:17 p.m.

After a brief discussion, Director Ludden motioned to approve a one-time donation of \$15,000 to assist the Helena Fire Transitional Housing Project. Seconded by Director Gant, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes:	Thomas Ludden, Richard Morris, Kelli Gant, Clarence Rose
Noes:	None
Absent:	Mike Rourke
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 meeting was cancelled

- Land Exchange
Mr. Hauser stated that due to the ongoing fire season, there is nothing to report at this time.

- Power Outages
Mr. Hauser reported that the largest outage was on October 9th. There was a major wind storm that blew through the downriver canyon causing multiple outages in the Junction City area. The outage affected approximately 540 customers and lasted up to 15 ½ hours.

Mr. Hauser also reported that there was an outage in Coffee Creek that affected about 41 customers lasting three and a half hours. The outage was caused by a tree on the line.

- Balancing Authority of Northern California
Mr. Hauser stated that there is nothing new to report at this time.

- Update on New Meter System
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the District has over 200 new meters deployed. Currently District Staff, the District's billing software company, and the new meter company are working on the communication process between the meters and the District's billing system. He stated that the official start up week begins on October 23rd. Once the bugs are worked out, Staff will begin scheduling the system wide deployment.

- District Refinancing
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that he, Ms. Catanese, and Ms. Palmer went to San Francisco last week to Standards and Poors (S&P) for a rating presentation. He stated that it went well and that S&P has decided to keep the District's rating at AA-.

Mr. Hauser stated that Ms. Catanese and Ms. Palmer have done the majority of the work on the refinancing and S & P Rate Presentation. President Morris stated that Mr. Hauser is applauded throughout the industry on his integrity and advocacy for Trinity County and the District. Mr. Hauser stated that without a good support Staff and the support from the Board he would not be able to travel as much.

- Golden State Power Cooperative
Ms. Palmer gave a brief update on the Golden State Power Cooperative (GSPC) Annual meeting that she attended yesterday. She stated that GSPC is attempting to obtain special legislation for cooperatives that the District and other public utilities are working on also. She stated that it might be beneficial if the District was able to join as an associate member so that the cooperatives and the public utilities join forces.

b. Board Member Reports

- Western Area Power Authority Meeting in Weaverville
President Rose stated that Director Morris showed slides of the area that is under Trinity Lake now prior to the building of the dam. Currently the Bureau of Reclamation and Western Area Power Administration are attempting to acquaint their upper management employees with the communities they serve.

b. Committee Reports

None

8. Communications Received

- a. None

9. Meetings and/or Workshops

- a. California Municipal Utilities Association Capitol Day
Sheraton Grand, Sacramento
January 29, 2018
Mr. Hauser asked that if any Board Member is interested in attending to please let Ms. Palmer know.
- b. American Public Power Association Legislative Rally
The Mayflower Hotel
February 26-28, 2018
Mr. Hauser asked that if any Board Member is interested in attending to please let Ms. Palmer know.

Amy Gittelsohn 2:50 pm

10. Closed Session

Director Morris, motioned to go into Closed Session at 2:50 p.m., second by Director Gant, the Board entered into Closed Session on the following:

- a. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9

Conference with Legal Counsel

Three Potential Cases

- b. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiator

Agency Negotiator: Board Of Directors

Employee Organization: Unrepresented

The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 4:30 p.m. President Rose reported that:

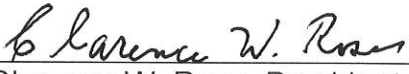
- a. The Board took no action.
b. The Board voted to provide Mr. Lethbridge a one-time payment of \$5,000 in recognition for his outstanding work on the Helena Fire.

11. Public Input


- a. None

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Ludden, second by Director Morris, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 4:32 p.m.



Clarence W. Rose, President

ATTEST: 

Thomas J. Ludden, Clerk