

**Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 09, 2017**

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room
Weaverville, California
Board Present: Thomas Ludden, Richard Morris, Clarence Rose, Kelli Gant,
Mike Rourke
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 Morris 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, Mike Rourke
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

3. Consent Calendar

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting October 12, 2017
- b. Accept Minutes of the Safety Meeting October 03, 2017
- c. Validate Bills of October, 2017
- d. Approve Financial Reports for September, 2017
- e. Validate Denial of Claim

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

4. Public Input

- a. None

5. Action Items

- a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar
None
- b. Administer Oath of Office for Richard Morris and Mike Rourke
Ms. Palmer administered the Oath of Office for Richard Morris and Mike Rourke.

6. Discussion Items

- a. None

7. Reports

a. General Manager's Reports

- Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group Meeting
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there has not been a meeting and that TAMWG has been permanently suspended.
- Land Exchange
Mr. Hauser reported that he has spoken with Mr. David Myers requesting that the Land Exchange be concluded prior to the end of the year. He also informed the Board that Mr. Joe Smailes from Quincy will be the new District Ranger in Weaverville.
- Power Outages
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the only large outage since the last Board meeting was in the Trinity Center/Coffee Creek area. The outage affected approximately 592 customers and lasted a little over three hours.
- Balancing Authority of Northern California
Mr. Hauser stated that there is still nothing to report at this time.
- District Refinancing
Mr. Hauser stated that Ms. Catanese and Ms. Palmer did the majority of the work on this endeavor. The outcome is a \$2.58 million savings for the District.
- Update on New Meter System
Mr. Hauser reported that the District's staff is pleased with the results from the first 292 meters that have been installed. The only problem is that the new meter system is interfering with the old system reporting in Weaverville.

Not on the Agenda

- Satellite Communications
Mr. Hauser reported that he was able to attend a demonstration of a GPS/Satellite communication system. This system would allow field staff to isolate outages sooner and to maintain contact with District vehicles. The system could be used in substations where there is no internet service or cell phone service. It will assist in radio communications in area's where there is poor coverage.

- Watershed Center Request

Mr. Hauser reported that the Firewood Processing Center has closed, however, the Watershed Center will continue to pay the loan.

Mr. Hauser stated that the Watershed Center is now requesting that the District's Community Investment Program assist in providing power to the peeler shed. The cost of this assistance is estimated at \$40,000. The Board suggested that the District not approve the request until the loan for the Firewood Processing Center is paid in full.

- Electric Services to Large Load Customers

Mr. Hauser stated that he has discussed concerns with County Supervisor Groves regarding the influx of requests for large electrical services. He stated that the District's current electric infrastructure is not capable of supporting a large number of these services. He stated that he will be setting up a meeting with Supervisor Groves and Morris to discuss this further.

- Golden State Power Cooperative

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that he has been contacted by the Manager of the Golden State Power Cooperative. She wanted to inform the District that their Board has agreed to include public agencies into the cooperative as associate members. Mr. Hauser explained the benefits to the District of joining this cooperative.

- Drones

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the District is in the process of purchasing a Drone. The device would be used to patrol line for outages, maintenance, and tree trimming purposes. Mr. DeLange, the District's Vegetation Program Manager, has obtained a rural industrial pilots license.

b. Board Member Reports

- United States Forest Service Reorganization

Ms. Gant informed the Board that the Shasta/Trinity unit will be effectively separated for recreation management purposes.

- Agenda Modification

President Rose suggested moving the Discussion Item to be after Reports.

- Salvage Logging

Mr. Rourke informed the Board that he was in Washington, DC with three students who will be attending Cal Poly and majoring in Forestry. He stated that while there they discussed salvage logging processes with Senator LaMalfa.

c. 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 requested that the Board let Ms. Palmer know if you plan to attend this conference.

- b. American Public Power Association Legislative Rally
The Mayflower Hotel
February 26-28, 2018

Mr. Hauser requested that the Board let Ms. Palmer know if you plan to attend this Rally.

10. Closed Session

Director Ludden motioned to go into Closed Session at 3:43 p.m., second by Director Rourke, 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 5:05 p.m. President Rose reported that the Board took the following action during Closed Session:

- a. No Reportable Action was taken
- b. The Board voted to increase the General Managers salary by 4% retroactive to his anniversary date of September 6th.


11. Public Input

- a. None

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Gant, second by Director Ludden, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 5:08 p.m.


Clarence W. Rose, President

ATTEST: 
Thomas L. Ludden, Clerk