

**Trinity Public Utilities District  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
February 08, 2018**

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 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, Kelli Gant, Clarence  
Rose, Mike Rourke

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 Regular Board Meeting January 11, 2018
- b. Accept Minutes of the Safety Meeting January 02, 2018
- c. Validate Bills of January, 2018
- d. Approve Financial Reports for December, 2017

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. Validate Denial of Claim and Deny Appeal

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Director Morris motioned to validate the denial of the claim from Ms. McColm and deny Ms.

McColm's appeal. Seconded by Director Gant, 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

c. Approve Hydropower Development Agreement with Kinet, Incorporated

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Mr. Hauser also provided a brief history on the Lewiston Hydroelectric Project and the Lease of Power Privilege for the Board's benefit.

Mr. Underwood suggested that the Board proceed in approving the contractual relationship with Kinet by directing the Board Chair to sign a document that has been reviewed and approved by Legal Counsel.

Director Morris motioned to authorize the Board President to sign an agreement with Kinet, Incorporated subject to review and edits that need to be incorporated in the agreement as approved by Legal Counsel. Seconded by 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

d. Approve Membership Agreement to Join the Golden State Power Cooperative as a Class B Associate Member

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He reminded the Board that the District shares similar interests with the cooperatives in California. He stated that if the Board approves the District joining Golden State Power Cooperative (GSPC) he will attend the Nation Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) legislative rally in Washington DC instead of the Northwest Public Power Association's (NWPPA) meeting in Washington, DC.

After a brief discussion, Director Rourke motioned to approve the Membership Agreement as presented to join the Golden State Power Cooperative as a Class B Associate Member. Seconded by Director Gant, 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

e. Award Bid 18-B1 Aggregate Base Rock for Parking Area

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. After a brief discussion, Director Gant motioned to award Bid 18-B1 for installed aggregate base rock for a new parking area with a not-to-exceed cost of \$8,904.00 to Eagle Rock Incorporated, and authorize the General Manager to execute the Contract as presented. Seconded by 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

**6. Reports**

a. General Manager's Reports

• Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that he attended a meeting with John Driscoll and the United States Forest Service. There is hope that the Land Exchange will begin to move forward again.

• Power Outages

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that there were several significant outages since the last Board Meeting. The first one occurred in Hayfork which was caused by a tree. The outage affected approximately 250 customers and lasted three hours. The next one occurred in the North County affecting about 769 customers and lasted two and a half hours. There was an outage on McAlexander Road in Hayfork, which was caused by a tree. It affected about 28 customers and lasted approximately five hours. The last two outages were caused by snow. One was in Junction City, the other one was in Hayfork. The Junction City outage affected 91 customers and lasted almost two hours. The outage in Hayfork affected 157 customers and lasted two and a half hours.

• New Meter System Update

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that next week the District's Meter Technicians and Anxiter will begin the big roll out of meter exchanges. The first priority is to exchange the meters in Weaverville and Junction City since the current automated system is having problems. The next phase will be Douglas City. He stated that by the end of March the rest of the District's substations should have the necessary equipment installed and ready for meter deployment.

Not on the Agenda

- Central Valley Project Improvement Act  
Mr. Hauser reported that the meeting that he and Director Gant attended in Washington, DC was beneficial. He stated that there should be a follow-up meeting during the Legislative Rally at the end of the month.
- Right-of-Way Legislation  
Mr. Hauser stated that the right-of-way legislation is being discussed again now that fire season is over. He stated that there should be a meeting set up in Washington, DC during the Legislative Rally.
- District Website  
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the updated District website is ready to go live. District Staff will be working with our website company, Atomic 8 Ball, on completing the secure section for Board Member information.

b. Board Member Reports

- Trinity High School Dream Makers Gala  
Director Gant informed the Board that the Trinity High School Dream Makers Gala will be held Friday, April 20, 2018. She reminded the Board that the Gala proceeds go to the Weaverville Rotary Scholarship Foundation. The Board agreed that the District should participate again this year.
- Forest Service Use Permits  
President Rose informed the Board that while the US Forest Service reviews all use permits, cultivation permits will require a different review process.
- Rotary Club Presentation  
President Rose informed the Board that he provided a presentation to the Rotary Club. Part of the presentation was the right-of-way video that the Board viewed at the January meeting.

c. Committee Reports

None

**7. Discussion Items:**

a. Ad Hoc Rate Committee

Mr. Hauser reminded the Board that there have been discussions regarding the Drought Relief Surcharge. He mentioned that the Board might want to have an ad hoc committee analyze different rate options to replace the surcharge. Director Gant and President Rose volunteered to be on the committee. A meeting was set for the following afternoon.

**8. Communications Received**

a. None

## 9. Meetings and/or Workshops

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

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that everything is in order for this trip. He also stated that Ms. Susan Stohr is in the process of setting up the individual meetings.

- b. California Municipal Utilities Association Annual Conference  
Westin St. Francis, San Francisco  
March 25-27, 2018

Mr. Hauser asked that Board Members please let Ms. Palmer if they are interested in attending this conference.

- c. NWPPA Annual Conference  
Boise Centre, Boise, Idaho  
May 20-23, 2018

Mr. Hauser asked that Board Members please let Ms. Palmer if they are interested in attending this conference.

## 10. Closed Session

Director Ludden, motioned to go into Closed Session at 3:52 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

The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 4:20 p.m. President Rose reported that the Board took the following action:

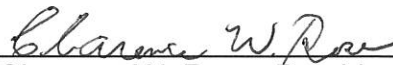
- 1) Approve payment of claim for Wendy Drake.
- 2) Deny all Helena fire claims that have been presented to date.

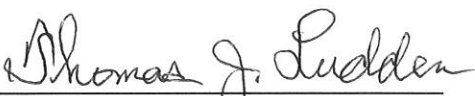
## 11. Public Input

- a. None

## 12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Rourke, second by Director Morris, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

  
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Clarence W. Rose, President

ATTEST:   
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Thomas J. Ludden, Clerk