

**Trinity Public Utilities District**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**April 12, 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, Amy Gettelsohn

**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 Rourke, 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 March 08, 2018
- b. Accept Minutes of the Safety Meeting March 06, 2018
- c. Validate Bills of March, 2018
- d. Approve Financial Reports for February, 2018

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. Adopt Resolution 18-02 Amending Rate Schedule 18 – Drought Relief Surcharge

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He reminded the Board of some of the confusions associated with the declaration of a low water year and implementation of the Drought Relief Surcharge. There was discussion regarding changing the name of the charge and the impact it causes on the District's reserve policy. The Board suggested striking the word "all" regarding the applicable customers. The Board also suggested defining the Bulletin 120 report by adding Statewide. The Board also suggested removing Special Conditions 1 since it is not applicable any longer.

Director Gant motioned to Adopt Resolution 18-02 Amending Rate Schedule 18 – Drought Relief Surcharge with all of the suggested amendments. Seconded by Director Rourke, the motion passed with the following Roll Call Vote:

President Rose: Aye  
Director Ludden: Aye  
Director Rourke: Aye  
Director Morris: Aye  
Director Gant: Aye

c. Adopt Resolution 18-03 Amending Rate Schedules 1 and 3

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He stated that making this change will assist to offset additional costs that the District might incur do to overloaded equipment.

After a brief discussion, Director Rourke motioned to Adopt Resolution 18-03 Amending Rate Schedules 1 and 3 as presented. Seconded by Director Morris, the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

President Rose: Aye  
Director Ludden: Aye  
Director Rourke: Aye  
Director Morris: Aye  
Director Gant: Aye

d. Approve Extending Bid 16-B1 for Utility Class Wood Poles

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. After a brief discussion regarding bidding both fir and cedar poles next year, Director Morris motioned to approve the contract extension for Bid 16-B1 utility Class Wood Poles with McFarland Cascade and authorize the General Manager to sign the Contract Extension 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 spoke with a company from Shasta Lake City who will be providing a proposal for the hazardous material assessment. After the assessment has been completed and reviewed, the District will decide whether or not to move forward in obtaining the appraisal.

- Power Outages

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that on March 22<sup>nd</sup> the District experienced numerous outages due to a storm. The largest of these outages was in Weaverville affecting 550 customers and lasted a little over an hour.

There was another outage in the Coopers Bar area in Junction City that was caused by a tree on the line. This outage lasted about five and a half hours and affected 125 customers.

The Buckhorn area experienced an outage that affected 42 customers and lasted about four hours. This outage was caused by a tree on the line also.

- Balancing Authority of Northern California

Mr. Hauser stated that there is nothing new to report. The California Independent System Operator is encouraging utilities to join the Energy Imbalance Market.

- National Rural Electric Cooperative Associations Legislative Meeting

Mr. Hauser stated that he and Ms. Susan Stohr attended follow-up meetings regarding shaded fuel breaks and vegetation management.

Mr. Hauser stated that participating with Golden State Power Cooperative (GSPC) was very good. GSPC reaches out to a lot of legislators who may or may not represent all of the different entities.

- New Meter System

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there are about 2,500 TWAC's meters installed. He also stated that the District will participate in the beta application for the new handheld units. They should be arriving next week.

- District Website

Mr. Hauser stated that Ms. Palmer has sent all of the policies and rate schedules to Atomic 8 Ball for the secure login. Hopefully by the next meeting the secure login will be operational.

- Wildfire Legislation  
Mr. Hauser reported that Senate Bill 901 will require all utilities to develop criteria to de-energize electric lines during high fire danger. He will be attending a meeting regarding this in San Diego next month.
- Trinity County Ambulance Company  
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the Trinity County Life Support is attempting to become a special district which would enable them to obtain certain grants. It would also increase the amount they could receive from Medical and Medicare.
- Excavator Purchase  
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that one of the major purchases that Staff will be requesting in the next budget year is an excavator. The cost will be approximately \$75,000. He stated that within the last year it has been difficult to obtain assistance from local contractors because they have been very busy.

b. Board Member Reports

- California Municipal Utility Association Meeting  
President Rose reported that there was an interesting presentation titled "Don't Fall in the Potholes". He also stated that Mr. Dan Beans gave a presentation on reorganization.

Director Rourke stated that it was a very good meeting and that he learned a lot.

b. Committee Reports

- Ad Hoc Rate Committee  
President Rose stated that the passage of the Drought Relief Surcharge was a suggestion from the Committee. There are still a lot of ideas that they are working on.

**7. Discussion Items:**

- a. None

**8. Communications Received**

- a. None

**9. Meetings and/or Workshops**

- a. Northwest Public Power Association Annual Conference  
Boise Centre, Boise, Idaho  
May 20-23, 2018

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the travel packets are completed for this conference.

**10. Closed Session**

Director Morris motioned to go into Closed Session at 3:28 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**

The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 3:56 p.m. President Rose reported that the Board denied all Helena fire claims that have been presented since the last Board Meeting.

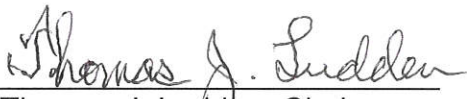
**11. Public Input**

- a. None

**12. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Director Ludden, second by Director Rourke, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

  
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Clarence W. Rose, President

ATTEST:   
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Thomas J. Ludden, Clerk