

**Trinity Public Utilities District**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**May 10, 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, Marjie Watkins

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting April 12, 2018
- b. Accept Minutes of the Safety Meeting April 03, 2018
- c. Validate Bills of April, 2018
- d. Approve Financial Reports for March, 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. Fiscal Year 18/19 Budget Assumptions and District Goals

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He reported that the mapping system will change from Power Engineers to National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC), and the District will have a better product with the same or less cost.

There are more Line Extensions than normal, as well as funds to replace vehicles, overall expenses are on track. Western Area Power Administration calculated an increase in the Districts First Preference Percentage from 2.6% to 3.26%; power cost went up due to reduced precipitation.

There was Board discussion regarding adding wild fires into the Goals and Objectives portion of the District Goals FY18/19. Mr. Hauser reported an extra \$100,000 was added in the tree trimming budget for the upcoming year. The Board requested striking Goal # 3 on page # 1 "Reduce the rate differential between residential and commercial accounts." The Board also requested to number the Goals on the Report. The Board requests to see the changes at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

c. Considering Implementing an Electric Vehicle Charger Rebate

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He stated this is an opportunity for load growth in a positive way and expects no meaningful impact on the budget at this time. He reported the estimated cost for a residential charging port is \$1,000; the \$500 rebate would cover 50% of the cost.

Mr. Hauser discussed the benefits of charging times when the loads are down during the night and how the chargers can stagger charging times for customers on the same circuit. The Board discussed potential commercial charging stations requiring line extensions, how many charging rebates will be offered per customer, and implementing stations with Public Benefit funds.

Director Morris motioned to approve the Electric Vehicle Charger Rebate as presented, with a second from 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

## 6. Reports

a. General Manager's Reports

- Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser reported the District now has a Hazardous Materials Contractor engaged, with an estimated time of 6-8 weeks for completion of the assessment.

- Power Outages

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that on April 11<sup>th</sup> there was an outage in the Trinity Dam to Buckhorn area due to a dead tree on the line affecting 42 customers and lasted over 4 hours.

There was another outage on Kingsbury Road in Hayfork on May 6<sup>th</sup> and the cause was unknown. This outage lasted about 2.5 hours and affected 38 customers.

There was a scheduled outage in Hyampom on May 8<sup>th</sup> for tree removal. This outage lasted 5 hours and affected 190 customers.

Finally, there was a structure fire in Lewiston on May 9<sup>th</sup>. This outage affected 20 people and lasted 2 hours for at least 2 customers.

- Balancing Authority of Northern California  
Mr. Hauser reported Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) has been moving forward with joining the Energy Imbalance Market (EIM); California Independent System Operator (CAISO) is attempting to design a day-ahead market for the EIM.
- New Meter Installation  
Mr. Hauser reported 3,675 new meters have been installed; this is over the 50% mark. He is hoping to be at 95% by the end of July. The final 5% will be the time intensive, clean-up work consisting of problem meters and locations with access issues. As the crews move to more rural areas the installations will be more difficult.
- New Mapping System  
Mr. Hauser reported Andy Lethbridge and Dale Miller are involved in the conversion of the District's Geographic Information System (GIS) to National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC).
- District's Engineering Firm  
Mr. Hauser reported Eagle Rock is having problems meeting Air Quality regulations for running their generator for crushing. They are looking into a line extension to be able to run the crusher without a generator.
- Fire Legislation  
Mr. Hauser reported he is starting to look into Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems for controlling line re-closers.

b. Board Member Reports

- Trinity County Chamber of Commerce  
Director Morris thanked Director Gant for stepping up to be the County Chamber of Commerce President.
- Trinity High School Forestry Team  
Director Rourke reports the Trinity High School Forestry Team attended State Finals and earned the State Championship title. They will be traveling to National Finals in Indianapolis later this year.

- Trinity High School Scholarship Dinner  
Director Gant thanked the Board for sponsoring the Trinity High School Scholarship Dinner. She also reported she will be out of State for the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- Shaded Fuel Break  
Director Rose reported on his meeting in Sacramento.

b. Committee Reports  
None

**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, Director Morris, and Director Rose will be attending this conference.

**10. Closed Session**

Director Rourke motioned to go into Closed Session at 3:27 p.m., second by Director Ludden, the Board entered into Closed Session on the following:

- a. Closed Session Item Under Governmental Code §54956.9  
Conference with Legal Counsel  
Three Potential Cases


The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 4:02 p.m. President Rose reported that the Board took no action during Closed Session.


**11. Public Input**

a. None

**12. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Director Morris, second by Director Gant, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

  
Clarence W. Rose, President

ATTEST:   
Thomas J. Ludden, Clerk