

**Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 13, 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, Jesse Pike

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting August 09, 2018
- b. Validate Bills of August, 2018
- c. Approve Financial Reports for July, 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. Nomination of Two Board Members to the Community Investment Committee

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He stated that there will be a request from the Hayfork Elementary School presented to the committee next month.

Director Ludden nominated Director Morris and President Rose. Seconded by Director Rourke, the nomination passed with the following voice vote:

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

c. Authorize Advertisements for Public Power Week in October

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. There was a brief discussion regarding heat pump water heaters.

Director Ludden motioned to; 1) authorize the General Manager to place the advertisement and Letter to the Editor in the local paper, and 2) to double the Heat Pump Rebate and Water Heater Rebate for installations during the month of October in celebration of Public Power Week. Seconded by 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

d. Declare Replaced Computers Surplus Equipment

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. After a brief discussion, Director Ludden motioned to declare the computer equipment surplus and donate the computers and monitors to the Trinity County Library. Seconded by 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

e. Award Bid 18-B4, Bobcat E35 Compact Excavator

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board.

After a brief discussion regarding the difference between an excavator and a backhoe, Director Gant motioned to award Bid Number 18-B4 to Bobcat of Redding, California with a not-to-exceed amount of \$55,968.25. Seconded by 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

- f. Award Bid 18-B5, Polaris All-Terrain Vehicle
Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board.

After a brief discussion, Director Gant motioned to award Bid 18-B5 to Lee's Honda of Redding, California for a not-to-exceed amount of \$20,391.43. Seconded by 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

- g. Vehicle Purchase
Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board.

After a brief discussion, Director Morris motioned to approve the purchase of a 2019 AM55E Bucket Truck from Altec Industries of Dixon, California in the amount of \$263,864.28. 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

- h. Authorize the Purchase of Nine Electronic Reclosure Controls
Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board.

After a brief discussion, Director Ludden motioned to authorize the purchase of nine Cooper Power System Form Six Recloser Controls for a not-to-exceed amount of \$50,723.91. Seconded by 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

6. Reports

a. General Manager's Reports

- Land Exchange

The United States Forest Service has recently approved the hazardous materials inspection plan. They have stated that the inspection will begin when they are available to accompany him.

- Power Outages

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that at least half of the outages since the last meeting were caused by the reclosure settings for fire prevention.

There were four other types of outages since the last meeting. The first one was in Trinity Center/Coffee Creek area which was caused by a broken tie wire. This outage lasted about three and a half hours and affected 500 customers. The next outage which lasted almost two hours in Junction City was caused by a tree falling across the powerline affecting 119 customers. The last two outages were in Douglas City that affected 452 customers for approximately an hour. These outages were caused by a goose flying into the powerline.

- Balancing Authority of Northern California

Mr. Hauser reported that Sacramento Municipal Utility District will go live with the Energy Imbalance Market in April.

- Western Area Power Administration Fiber

Mr. Hauser reviewed the progress with obtaining permission from Western Area Power Administration (Western) to use their fiber for highspeed internet. During the Carr Fire, Western discovered that they needed to develop a better way to communicate with their crews when they are working in Trinity County. The best way to achieve this is through their fiber that will be connected to the District's office.

- Energy Net Program

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Staff will be meeting with the Trinity County Health and Human Services Department tomorrow to determine if they are interested in administering the District's Energy Net Program.

- 4-H Livestock Auction

Mr. Hauser provided the Board with pictures of the animals that were purchased by the District. The District donated the steer and one pig to the Trinity County Food Bank. The other two pigs were donated to the Rodrick Senior Center.

- County Housing

Mr. Hauser stated that he met with the County Administrative Officer regarding the housing project the County is working on. He stated that the County might be interested in purchasing the 77-acre parcel by the airport.

b. Board Member Reports

- Election Year Change

Director Gant asked if there was a plan developed for the longer terms to comply with the new legislation. Staff will investigate this.

c. Committee Reports

None

7. Discussion Items:

a. Service to Federal Schedule 2 Substance Locations

Mr. Hauser provided the Board with the Draft Policy. Director Gant informed Staff that the reference to Schedule 2 should be changed to Schedule 1.

8. Communications Received

a. Trinity Trail Alliance

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the Trinity Trail Alliance thanked the District for its participation in the La Grange Classic this year. They are offering sponsorship for next year's race.

Mr. Pike departed at 3:40 pm.

9. Meetings and/or Workshops

a. Northern California Power Agency Annual Conference

September 26-28, 2018

Monterey, California

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that it was discovered that the hotel reservations were one day short, and the hotel is booked for that last night. Staff is working on finding accommodations close to the conference for the last night.

President Rose requested a five-minute recess at 3:43 p.m. Ms. Catanese and Mr. Lethbridge departed.

10. Closed Session

Director Morris motioned to go into Closed Session at 3:51 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 – General Manager

Ms. Palmer departed at 4:15 pm.

The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 5:25 p.m. President Rose reported that the Board took the following action:

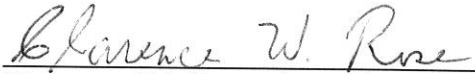
- a. The Board voted unanimously to deny all claims submitted through September 13, 2018. The Board voted unanimously to retain additional legal counsel.
- b. The Board approved a one-time 12% incentive payment to the General Manager for fulfilling his annual goals.

11. Public Input

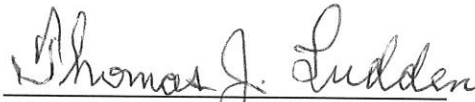
- a. None

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Ludden, second by Director Rourke, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 5:27 p.m.



Clarence W. Rose, President

ATTEST: 

Thomas J. Ludden, Clerk