

**Trinity Public Utilities District**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**January 10, 2019**

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room  
Weaverville, California

Board Present: Thomas Ludden, Richard Morris, Kelli Gant, Mike Rourke

Board Absent: Clarence Rose

Others Present: Paul Hauser, Julie Catanese, Andy Lethbridge, Karen Palmer, Sarah Sheetz, John Brower, Andrew Franklin, Jacob Soutsos, Richard Soutsos, Evan Barrow, Dana Hauser, Tom Northrop and Jim Aven.

**1. Vice-President Gant called the meeting to order at 2:01p.m.**

**2. Approval of the Agenda order**

Director Morris made a motion to approve the Agenda order. Second from Director Ludden, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

**3. Consent Calendar**

Director Ludden made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Second by Director Morris, the Consent Calendar included:

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting December 13, 2018
- b. Accept Minutes of the Safety Meeting December 4, 2018
- c. Validate Bills of December 2018
- d. Approve Financial Reports for November 2018

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

**4. Public Input**

John Brower, a rate payer who resides in Junction City recognized the asset that Trinity PUD is for our community. He voiced concern relative to Trinity PUD employees and Board Members being involved with commercial cannabis permitting politics.

Andrew Franklin, a rate payer who resides in Junction City requested that General Manager Hauser, Director Morris and President Rose recuse themselves from any commercial cannabis issues that come before the Board, as they are each signatory on a lawsuit that names hundreds of rate payers within the District.

Jacob Soutsos, a rate payer who resides in Junction City questioned the District's policy relative to capping residential service at 400 amps per parcel.

Richard Soutsos, a rate payer who resides in Junction City stated that he was attending to inform himself. He questioned the 400 amp per residential parcel cap for residents who have homes, warehouses, and also cottage cannabis grows.

Evan Barrow, a rate payer who resides in Hayfork inquired as to how a resident could go about developing property if there is a 400 amp per parcel cap. He stated that the cap really dictates how one would proceed with involvement in the cannabis industry.

Jim Aven stated that he did not realize that there was a 400 amp per parcel cap but that it could be a concern for him relative to the viability of having a home, workshop and station for charging an electric vehicle.

Vice-President Gant thanked the attendees for their comments and requested that staff agendaize a discussion of the 400 amp per residential parcel cap on the February Agenda.

**5. Action Items**

- a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar
  - i. None
- b. Award Bid 18-B-6, Asphalt Paving of New Parking Area

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board.

After a brief discussion, Director Morris made a motion to approve Bid 18-B6 for asphalt paving with Eagle Rock, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$79,137.70. Director Ludden seconded the motion.

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

- c. Adopt the District's Unmanned Aerial System (UAS/Drone) Practices & Usage Guidelines

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board and advised that Staff would provide a presentation of drone footage at a future meeting.

After a brief discussion, Director Rourke made a motion to Adopt the Unmanned Aerial System (UAS/Drone) Practices & Usage Guidelines. Director Morris seconded the motion.

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

d. Amendment to the District's Drug and Alcohol Policy

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board.

After a brief discussion, Director Ludden made a motion to approve an amendment to the District's Drug and Alcohol Policy. Director Morris seconded the motion.

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

## 6. Reports

### a. General Manager's Reports

- Land Exchange

No new information.

- Power Outages

Mr. Hauser reported on the most significant outages that had occurred since the last Board meeting, which included:

- 1 hour outage in Junction City due to a resident falling a tree across power lines affecting 84 customers.
- 13 hour outage in Hyampom due to a tree through primary lines that affected 333 customers.
- 3 hour outage affecting Oregon Mountain, Junction City and Helena areas due to a tree through power lines affecting 619 customers.
- 3 hour outage in Hayfork due to a jumper being burned near the substation affecting 895 customers.
- 4.5 hour outage in Weaverville due to a transformer fire that resulted from a next on the pole affecting 1192 customers.

There was a discussion regarding low voltage and the effects of wildlife on our system.

- Outage Management System

Mr. Hauser reported that the District has "gone live" with the Outage Management System. Staff is working to become familiar with the

system and its capabilities prior to a mass notification to customers of this new technology. In the future, the District will be able to notify customers electronically of planned or current outages, as well as keep them up to date on estimated times for restoral. The technology is also meant to assist the field staff with pinpointing the cause of an outage more quickly.

- New Meter Installation

There are approximately 200 meters remaining to be installed.

- Western Area Power Administrations Fiber

Mr. Hauser reported that Sonja Anderson was recently named as Senior Vice-President and Regional Manager for WAPA's Sierra Nevada Region. He will contact WAPA to inquire on the status of the Report.

- Radio System

Mr. Hauser reported that he and Mr. Lethbridge are investigating the possibility of the District using a radio system for GPS communication, and possibly data services. The District has contracted with BKI to specify needs.

- Solar Rooftop Mandate

Mr. Hauser reported that he had a chance to review the cost justification report for California's new Rooftop Solar Mandate conducted by a consulting firm called E3. He informed the Board of miscalculations in the Report relative to our service territory. He stated the District may consider making a request to our state representatives to sponsor legislation granting Trinity County an exemption from the mandate.

b. Board Member Reports

Director Morris commended Vice-President Gant for her appointment to American Public Power Association's National Policy Maker's Council. He stated that this is a prominent position and is particularly powerful for the District to have a Board Member named to that organization.

c. Committee Reports

None.

**7. Discussion Items**

None.

**8. Communications Received**

a. Letter from American Public Power Association

The District received a letter from the American Public Power Association dated December 19, 2018, thanked the Board for nominating Vice-President Gant to the Policy Makers Council and advised that she has been selected to serve for a three-year term.

**9. Meetings and/or Workshops**

- a. California Municipal Utilities Association Capitol Day  
Sheraton Grand, Sacramento, CA  
February 4, 2019
- b. American Public Power Association Legislative Rally  
The Mayflower Hotel, Washington DC  
February 25-27, 2019
- c. California Municipal Utilities Association Annual Conference  
Rancho Bernardo Inn, San Diego, CA  
March 31-April 2, 2019

Mr. Hauser requested that Board Members inform Ms. Palmer if they plan to attend upcoming meetings or workshops.

**10. Closed Session**

The Board convened in Closed Session at 2:46 p.m. regarding the following:

- a. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9  
**Conference with Legal Counsel**  
Two Potential Cases

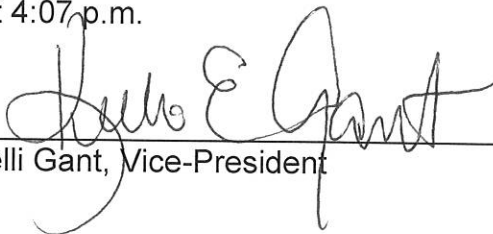
The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 4:05 p.m. Vice-President Gant reported that the Board took no action in Closed Session.


**11. Public Input**

- a. None

**12. Adjourn**

Vice-President Gant adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

  
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Kelli Gant, Vice-President

ATTEST:   
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Michael D. Rourke, Clerk