

**Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 10, 2021**

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room
26 Ponderosa Lane, Weaverville, California
Board Present: Kelli Gant, Andrew Johnson and Richard Morris
Board Absent: Alex Cousins and Michael Rourke
Others Present: Paul Hauser, Jim Underwood, Andy Lethbridge, Julie Catanese and Sarah Sheetz
Others Present via
Audio/Video
Teleconference: Jim Aven and Tom Walz

1. Director Gant called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda Order

Director Morris made a motion to approve the Agenda Order. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Kelli Gant, Andrew Johnson and Richard Morris
Noes: None
Absent: Alex Cousins and Michael Rourke
Abstain: None

3. Closed Session Report of May 13, 2021 Meeting

Ms. Sheetz provided the Closed Session Report of the May 13, 2021 Meeting.

4. Public Input

None

5. Consent Calendar

Director Morris made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, Director Johnson requested that Item 5c, Validate Bills of May 2021, be pulled as an Action Item for further discussion. Director Johnson seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended. The Consent Calendar included:

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting May 13, 2021
- b. Accept Minutes of the Safety Meeting April 27, 2021
- c. ~~Validate Bills of May, 2021~~
- d. Approve Financial Reports for April, 2021

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Kelli Gant, Andrew Johnson and Richard Morris
Noes: None
Absent: Alex Cousins and Michael Rourke
Abstain: None

6. Action Items

a. Item 5c Validate Bills of May 2021

Director Johnson inquired about the payment to Trent Construction for the Oregon Mountain Communications Building. Mr. Lethbridge advised it does not represent the full cost of construction, but is a progress payment. The building foundation is complete, the building has been constructed and the communications tower foundation is complete. The work is expected to be complete ahead of the August 2021 deadline.

Director Johnson inquired about the FY 2022 CVP O & M Program Billing payment. Mr. Hauser explained the billing process for payments to the Western Area Power Administration relative to the CVP O & M projects.

Director Johnson made a motion to Validate the Bills of May 2021, Director Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes:	Kelli Gant, Andrew Johnson and Richard Morris
Noes:	None
Absent:	Alex Cousins and Michael Rourke
Abstain:	None

b. Adopt Proposed Fiscal Year 21/22 Mission Statement and Goals, Budget, and Five-Year Financial Forecast

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board. Mr. Hauser highlighted the key budget assumptions. The proposed Budget assumes \$6,000,000 in loan proceeds, and sets a new base load that includes the 13% load growth but does not assume load growth in following years. The proposed Budget also includes an increase in power costs in the amount of 43% for FY 21/22. Director Gant inquired if future increases are budgeted. Ms. Catanese responded that they are not.

Director Morris inquired about the \$225,000 line item for staff vehicles and suggested that the District consider Electric Vehicles when possible.

Director Johnson asked if the reconductoring of the Weaverville 1102 Circuit Project is included in the budget. Mr. Hauser advised it is not included, as the District is waiting on the completion of the Five-Year Plan. There is a moratorium on adding large loads on the system until the Five-Year Plan is complete. Director Johnson advised that he would like to see the project included in the Budget.

Following further discussion and a request for staff to bring back a plan to implement the reconductoring of the Weaverville 1102 Circuit in FY 21/22, Director Johnson made a motion to Adopt the Proposed Fiscal Year 21/22 Mission Statement and Goals, Budget, and Five-Year Financial Forecast. Director Gant seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes:	Kelli Gant, Andrew Johnson and Richard Morris
Noes:	None
Absent:	Alex Cousins and Michael Rourke
Abstain:	None

c. Approve Update to the 2020 Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Following a discussion, Director Morris made a motion to approve the proposed Update to the 2020 Wildfire Mitigation Plan. Director Gant seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes:	Kelli Gant, Andrew Johnson and Richard Morris
Noes:	None
Absent:	Alex Cousins and Michael Rourke
Abstain:	None

7. Reports

a. Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Reporting Metrics Update

Mr. Hauser provided an update on the wildfire mitigation efforts which included the District's progress on inspections and vegetation management activity. He advised that the District is soliciting bids for brushing and chipping work as that type of clean-up work does not require certification to work around powerlines and will be a more cost effective way to continue to maintain our rights-of-way.

b. General Managers Reports:

- Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser reported that surveyors have been on-site for the United States Forest Service (Forest Service), which is a signal that progress is being made on the exchange.

- Power Outages

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Outage Summary, attached and incorporated herein, with the Board. He advised that customers in the North County remained without power following a fire in the Rainier Road area on the Trinity 21 Circuit. Although the fire was out, the Forest Service was waiting for a fire investigator to arrive.

- Right-of-Way (ROW) Project Update

Mr. Hauser advised that Aspen Environmental Group continues to do excellent work on the project for the District.

- Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) Fiber Project Update/Oregon Mountain Communications Building Update

Mr. Hauser advised that he expects District use of the fiber this summer.

- 40th Anniversary Celebration

The District's 40th Anniversary Celebration will take place in 2022, with an event scheduled for May 20, 2022. Additional details will be provided as the date approaches.

- Senate Bill 12

Mr. Hauser reported that he had a meeting with staff in Senator McGuire's office regarding concerns related to the proposed Senate Bill 12.

- Fault Tamers Demonstration
Mr. Lethbridge provided a demonstration of the non-expulsion fuses to the Board.

c. Committee Reports

- Ad-hoc Forestry Committee
None
- Ad-hoc Mission Statement Committee
None
- Ad-hoc Rate Committee
Director Johnson reported that the Committee met on June 3, 2021, and reviewed two rate scenarios. The Committee came up with five possibilities to review:
 - Rolling drought surcharge into rates
 - Bringing Zone A up to Zone B -or some variation of that
 - Increasing the base rate/System Access Charge
 - Explore ideas relative to high impact load customers
 - Explore the idea of a base energy usage charge

The Committee will schedule another meeting, bring back information to a future Board meeting and solicit input from the entire Board.

- d. Board Member Reports
None

8. Discussion Items
None

9. Communications Received
None

10. Meetings and/or Workshops

- a. Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) Annual Conference
September 29 – October 1, 2021
Silverado Hotel
Napa, CA
- b. Northwest Public Power Association Annual Conference
September 8-9, 2021
Kennwick, WA
- c. Golden State Power Cooperative Annual Meeting
October 12-13, 2021
Embassy Suites Riverfront Promenade
Sacramento, CA

Mr. Hauser requested that Board Members let Ms. Sheetz know if they would like to attend any of the upcoming conferences.

11. Public Input

None

The Board took a brief recess at 4:16 p.m.

12. Closed Session

The Board entered into Closed Session at 4:20 p.m.

- a. The Board took no action on the one potential case under Government Code §54956.9.
- b. The Board took no action on the existing litigation with Alfred and Jean Baldocchi under government code §54956.9.
- c. The Board voted to increase the Line Superintendent's salary from \$6,534.93 to \$6,730.98 per pay period; to increase the Chief Financial Officer's salary from \$5,578.53 to \$6,136.38 per pay period; to increase the Administrative Services Manager's salary from \$4,362.05 to \$4,711.01 per pay period; to increase the Technician's hourly rate from \$68.50 to \$70.56; and to increase the Custodian's hourly rate from \$25.75 to \$27.04.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, Director Gant adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.



Kelli Gant, Director

ATTEST: 

Richard Morris, Clerk

OUTAGE SUMMARY
MAY 11, 2021 - JUNE 10, 2021

Outage	Time Off	Time On	Sub	Map Location	Feeder	# Out	Duration	Type	Cause Desc	Equip Desc
206138	5/16/2021 6:00	5/16/2021 17:04	Douglas City	B-Bar-K/Readings Creek	DC1	218	11:04	Line Section	Maintenance	Maintenance
206139	5/16/2021 6:00	5/16/2021 16:57	Hayfork	Hayfork Substation	HF1, HF2, HF3	1520	10:57	Substation	Maintenance	Maintenance
206189	5/18/2021 16:42	5/18/2021 21:07	WAPA Trinity	R5050 - Dam	T21	818	3:40	Line Section	Vehicle Accident	Pole
206240	5/19/2021 16:59	5/19/2021 18:58	Lewiston	Goose Ranch Road	L01	3	1:59	Transformer	Tree	OH Conductor
206288	5/24/2021 7:00	5/24/2021 16:01	Big Bar	Big Bar	BB1	120	9:01	Line Section	Maintenance	Maintenance
206443	6/2/2021 0:09	6/2/2021 20:15	WAPA Trinity	Rainer Road	T21	794	18:21	Line Section	Tree - Fir	OH Conductor
206466	6/2/2021 20:25	6/2/2021 21:40	Big Bar	Big Bar	BB1	74	1:15	Line Section	Tree	OH Conductor
206559	6/5/2021 17:39	6/5/2021 22:23	Lewiston	R3722 - Coffin Road	L01	332	4:43	Line Section	Tree	OH Conductor
206592	6/9/2021 16:31	6/9/2021 18:30	Hayfork	Hayfork	HF1	21	1:58	Line Section	Tree	OH Conductor