

Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD
November 30, 2021

Location: Hayfork High School Library
231 Oak Avenue, Hayfork, CA 96041
Board Present: Alex Cousins, Andrew Johnson, Michael Rourke
Board Absent: Kelli Gant, Richard Morris
Others Present: Paul Hauser and Sarah Sheetz

1. President Rourke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda Order

President Rourke advised that Item 3a., Adoption of a Resolution Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference of Meetings was stricken from the Agenda, as the Resolution was adopted at the November 29, 2021 Special Meeting. Director Cousins made a motion to approve the Agenda Order, excepting Item 3a. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

~~3. Action Items~~

~~a. Adoption of Resolution 21-05 Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference of Meetings~~

4. Presentation and Discussion on Proposed Rate Restructuring

Mr. Hauser provided a presentation on the proposed Rate Restructuring. At the conclusion of the presentation, President Rourke invited questions and comments from those in attendance.

The Board received comments and questions on the following items that were discussed in more detail at the meeting:

- What is the total rate increase for Peanut at the end of the four years?
- What area of Hayfork will see an increase (a map was shared that roughly depicts Zone A, residential customers in areas outside of Zone A will not see an overall increase).
- The impact to Commercial Rates in Zone A, which will see an increase and was discussed in more detail.
- Clarification on the need for a Rate increase due to shrinking Reserves.
- Clarification on material prices increasing overall, as well as lead times to obtain materials.
- The competitive advantage low power rates have provided to local business and the potential impact of rate increases on the business future of the County.
- Support for the project to increase the Rights-of-Way in Trinity PUD's service territory.

- The qualifications to meet the Industrial Rate threshold.
- Is the District balancing the budget only with rate increases, are there any decreases in expenditures? This topic was discussed in further detail, noting that cuts would be a severe measure that would impact the level of service the District can provide.
- The potential of service in the Post Mountain/Trinity Pines area.
- The Districts existing solar policy.

5. Public Comment

None

5. Adjournment

There being no further business, President Rourke adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.



Michael Rourke, President

ATTEST: 
Richard Morris, Clerk