

Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
February 10, 2022

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room
26 Ponderosa Lane, Weaverville, California

Board Present: Alex Cousins, Andrew Johnson, Richard Morris, Michael Rourke

Board Present via Audio/Video

Teleconference: Kelli Gant

Board Absent: None

Others Present: Paul Hauser, Jim Underwood, Mike Garcia, Julie Catanese, Sarah Sheetz, Rick Leutwyler, George Lucky

Others Present via Audio/Video

Teleconference: Henry Miller, Jim Aven

1. President Rourke called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda Order

Director Cousins made a motion to approve the Agenda Order. Director Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Alex Cousins	-Aye
Kelli Gant	-Aye
Andrew Johnson	-Aye
Richard Morris	-Aye
Michael Rourke	-Aye

3. Closed Session Report of January 13, 2022 Meeting

Ms. Sheetz provided the closed session report of the January 13, 2022 meeting.

4. Public Input

None

5. Consent Calendar

Director Morris made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Cousins seconded the motion. The Consent Calendar included:

- a. Adopt Resolution 22-03 Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings
- b. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting January 13, 2022
- c. Approve Minutes of the Safety Meeting February 1, 2022
- d. Validate Bills of January 2022
- e. Approve Financial Reports of December 2021
- f. Approve Electric Service Contract in the amount of \$51,980.86 with Nikola Rakocevic.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Alex Cousins	-Aye
Kelli Gant	-Aye
Andrew Johnson	-Aye
Richard Morris	-Aye
Michael Rourke	-Aye

6. Action Items

- a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar
None

7. Reports:

- a. Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Reporting Metrics Update
Mr. Hauser reviewed the report, attached and incorporated herein, with the Board. Director Gant requested that the goals be added to the monthly report.
- b. General Managers Reports:
- Land Exchange
Mr. Hauser advised that there is nothing new to report on the Land Exchange.
 - Power Outages
Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board, attached and incorporated herein. There has been an increase in scheduled maintenance outages which are a result of the work the crews are doing.
 - Right-of-Way (ROW) Project Update
Mr. Hauser advised that the Right of Way Project is moving forward, with an anticipated Draft Environmental Impact Report in 2022. He advised that Aspen Environmental Group has assisted with a grant application to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection as well as an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help fund the project.
 - Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) Fiber Project Update/Oregon Mountain Communications Building Update
Mr. Hauser reported that the fiber from Weaverville to Keswick is now lit and available for TPUD use, and that the District is waiting on a contract from WAPA for commercial utilization. The District will discontinue satellite service at the Lewiston Substation once the fiber is connected. The availability of fiber to the District's substations opens up the feasibility of substation automation. The District Office is not yet connected to the fiber.
 - Trinity County Community Choice Aggregation
Mr. Hauser reported that the Trinity County Board of Supervisors approved implementing a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) with the District, with the goal to establish a Community Choice Aggregation District for the County. This action would allow non-District customers in Trinity County, most of whom are currently served by PG&E in the Southern Trinity and Down River areas of the County, to enjoy the benefit of the First Preference Power pricing, which would result in an overall reduction in utility bills for customers in these areas. Mr. Hauser has taken a preliminary look at the data, there appears to be the potential for a fourteen (14) percent increase in load, a full analysis is pending, and a draft JPA has been requested.
 - COVID 19 Legislation
President Rourke queried the Board to determine if all are comfortable resuming in-person meetings in March and inviting the Public's attendance in the Community Room. The Board concluded that the preference would be to allow for both in person and audio/video teleconferencing of the meetings as the State and County begin to relax restrictions relative to COVID-19.

Ms. Sheetz reported that the State had recently passed updated COVID-19 Legislation, that the District will continue to follow.

- Supply Chain Issues

Mr. Hauser advised that the District is having difficulty with obtaining equipment and supplies. Transformers, in particular, have a lead time in excess of two years. Director Morris inquired if there is a pool of utilities that share back and forth in emergencies. Mr. Hauser responded that unfortunately, all utilities are faced with the same situation. He advised the District is looking at refurbished Transformers, and that the District ordered conductor for the Weaverville 1102 and Hayfork reconductor projects last year. Mr. Garcia advised that the District has a decent stock, but using transformers for new business is risky, as back-ups are needed for equipment malfunctions and storms.

- Broadband/Grant Funding

Mr. Hauser advised that Velocity Communications may be interested in partnering with the District to pursue grant funding for the installation of broadband. Infrastructure funds are being made available for Broadband, especially in rural areas, but funds may be limited to public agencies and/or utilities and Velocity would likely need a public partner in order to acquire funding.

Director Johnson inquired as to what the District's responsibility would be, and if a financial match would be required. President Rourke asked if the District would act as the guarantor of the funds. Director Morris advised that if a partnership helps facilitate broadband in the County that he would be supportive as it would benefit the communities the District serves. Director Cousins stated that he supports the installation of broadband throughout the County, but has concerns about the District's responsibility, financial or otherwise, to maintain grant obligations. Director Johnson inquired if there were any other locally owned service providers that may benefit from a partnership. Director Cousins suggested that the District create a policy that states organizations seeking partnership could reach out to the District with proposals. Mr. Hauser thanked the Board Members for their comments and advised he would keep the Board informed.

c. Committee Reports

- Ad-hoc Forestry Committee

President Rourke reported that he met with Tom Walz and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) looking at potential issues that impact the Right of Way Project. He reported that the District would need an agreement, and will need to identify obstacles early on. He advised one topic discussed is valuation of biomass and merchantable timber. BLM shares the District's concerns about wildfire and is amenable to wildfire mitigation being part of the agreement.

- Ad-hoc Mission Statement Committee

Director Gant and Director Morris presented the Mission Statement proposal, attached and incorporated herein. Directors Morris and Gant invited the Board to comment and re-arrange the Mission Statements that have been presented if they would like. The topic will be included as a Discussion Item for March 10, 2022 meeting.

- Ad-hoc Rate Committee

No update

- Ad-hoc Public Communications Committee

No update

d. Board Member Reports

Directors Gant and Johnson reported on attendance at the CMUA Virtual Conference. Director Cousins advised he would be attending the NWPPA Board of Directors Meeting in March.

8. Discussion Items

None

9. Communications Received

The District received correspondence from Paul Wilks in Hyampom congratulating Mike Garcia on his recent promotion and thanking him for all of the hard work of crews during the recent storms.

10. Meetings and/or Workshops

- a. American Public Power Association – 2022 Legislative Rally
Mayflower Hotel, Washington DC
February 28 – March 2, 2022

The District cancelled its attendance at this Conference as many of the offices/agencies that would be beneficial to meet with are not yet open for meetings.

- b. California Municipal Utilities Association Annual Conference
Westin St. Francis, San Francisco, CA
April 3-5, 2022

Mr. Hauser requested that Board Members let Ms. Sheetz know if they would like to attend.

11. Public Input

Rick Leutwyler, a customer from Lewiston introduced himself and advised that he was going to be running for the Board of Supervisors for Trinity County.

George Lucky commented on the supply chain issues the District is facing.

The Board took a brief recess at 3:05 p.m. and entered Closed Session at 3:12 p.m.

13. Closed Session

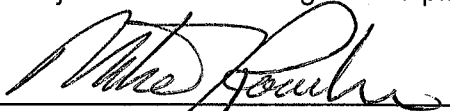
- a. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Two Potential Cases
No Reportable Action
- b. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §§54954.5(e), 54957
Conference with Labor Negotiator – Appointment, Employment of Public Employee: Lineman
Agency Negotiator: General Manager
Employee Organization: Trinity Public Utilities District Employees Association
No Reportable Action

- c. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of
Government Code section 54956.9
Three Potential Cases
 No Reportable Action

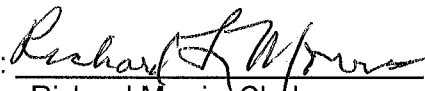
- d. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Claimant: Jean and Alfred Baldocchi
 No Reportable Action

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, President Rourke adjourned the meeting at 5:26 p.m.



Michael Rourke, President

ATTEST: 

Richard Morris, Clerk

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Wildfire Mitigation Efforts 2022 - Report to Date (1/31/2022)

Annual Pole Inspection Data

Patrol Inspection - all poles 1x every 2 years (target is 6,000/year)

Intrusive Inspection - due at 15 years, then 20 year interval if passes (target 1,000/year)

Date	1/1/2022 - 1/31/2022
Inspections Completed	38
Intrusives Completed	19
Poles Reported Damaged	4
Work Orders Completed	25

	November	December	January
Trims	335	247	465
Removal Class 1	488	437	465
Removal Class 2	112	70	81
Brush Cut	42	14	4
T&M Hours removals	155	44	104

ROW Brushing and Chipping		Total Crew Hours 138
Silvertop Tree Service		
Hyampom 60KV ROW	Douglas City 60KV ROW	
Tucker Hill ROW		
Watkins Tree Service	Various Removals	

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OUTAGE SUMMARY
JANUARY 4, 2022 - FEBRUARY 8, 2022

Time Off	Time On	Sub	Map Location	Feeder #	Out	Duration	Type	Cause Desc	Equip Desc
1/3/2022 19:08	1/4/2022 2:30	WAPA Trinity	Lake Forest Drive	T21	91	7:22	Line Section	Snow/Ice	Fuse
1/11/2022 13:16	1/11/2022 14:06	Lewiston	Goose Ranch/Salt Flat/Rush Creek Road	L01	162	0:50	Line Section	Broken Glass	Fuse
1/12/2022 8:00	1/12/2022 13:00	Lewiston	IOOF Camp/Buckhorn	L01	39	5:00	Line Section	Maintenance	Maintenance
1/13/2022 9:00	1/13/2022 16:32	Hayfork	Carter Gulch/Brady Rd./HWY 3	HF1	124	7:32	Line Section	Maintenance	OH Conductor
1/15/2022 5:54	1/15/2022 10:28	Mill Street	Constitution Drive	W02	2	4:34	Line Section	Overload	Fuse
1/17/2022 17:01	1/17/2022 19:45	Lewiston	Browns Mountain Rd/Steelhead Circle	L01	52	2:44	Line Section	Material or Equipment Fault/Failure	Fuse
1/21/2022 18:44	1/21/2022 19:44	Mill Street	Odd Fellows Ave	W07	5	1:00	Transformer	Animal/Bird	Fuse
1/22/2022 11:55	1/22/2022 15:14	Hayfork	Highland Drive	HF1	4	3:19	Transformer	Tree - Fir	OH Conductor
1/24/2022 17:42	1/24/2022 20:00	Hayfork	Oliva Drive	HF1	2	2:18	Transformer	Animal/Bird	Fuse
1/26/2022 8:00	1/26/2022 10:29	Lewiston	Mountain View Estates	L01	27	2:29	Line Section	Maintenance	Pole
1/30/2022 11:52	1/30/2022 13:30	Lewiston	Biggers Road/Steelbridge Road	L01	10	1:38	Line Section	Tree	OH Conductor
2/2/2022 8:00	2/2/2022 14:01	Douglas City	Indian Creek Lodge	DC1	8	6:01	Line Section	Maintenance	Maintenance
2/2/2022 10:58	2/2/2022 11:53	Mill Street	Little Browns Creek Road	W01	45	0:54	Line Section	Tree - Pine	OH Conductor
2/4/2022 7:00	2/4/2022 12:50	Mill Street	Oregon Mountain Repeater Site	W02	18	5:50	Line Section	Maintenance	No Equipment Failure
2/4/2022 7:00	2/4/2022 13:29	Mill Street	Ward Placer ** Only 10 mins am and pm	W02	11	6:29	Line Section	Maintenance	No Equipment Failure
2/4/2022 8:30	2/4/2022 13:44	Mill Street	Forest Avenue	W07	3	5:14	Transformer	Maintenance	No Equipment Failure
2/5/2022 9:31	2/5/2022 12:00	WAPA Trinity	North Lake View Drive	T21	1	2:29	Meter	Tree	OH Conductor

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Energizing Life in Trinity

Trinity PUD Vision

Who we aspire to be in the future

Our customers recognize Trinity PUD as a trusted community partner. We are a leader in our industry delivering sustainable 100% carbon-free electricity to help create a bright future for our families and county.

Trinity PUD Mission

The company's business, what we do, our core purpose

- 1) Founded in 1982, Trinity PUD is here to enhance Trinity County's economy by ensuring that our customers receive competitively priced 100% renewable Trinity River-generated hydroelectricity. Trinity PUD is here, and will be here, to protect and preserve our energy future while providing prompt, reliable response to the energy needs of our customers.

- 2) Trinity Public Utilities District delivers affordable 100% carbon-free electricity to our customers in a safe, sustainable, and reliable manner while successfully navigating a rapidly changing energy landscape and investing in the District's future.