

Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
July 14, 2022

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room
26 Ponderosa Lane, Weaverville, California
Board Present: Kelli Gant, Nicholas Goulette, Andrew Johnson, Michael Rourke
Board Absent: None
Others Present: Paul Hauser, Jim Underwood, Mike Garcia, Julie Catanese, Sarah Sheetz,
David DeLange, Dale Miller and James Aven
Others Present via
Audio/Video
Teleconference: Larry Glass, Amanda Barragar

1. President Rourke called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda Order

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

Alex Cousins	-Absent
Kelli Gant	-Aye
Andrew Johnson	-Aye
Nicholas Goulette	-Aye
Michael Rourke	-Aye

3. Closed Session Report of the June 9, 2022 Regular Meeting. Ms. Sheetz provided the closed session report of the June 9, 2022 Regular Meeting.

4. Public Input
None

5. Consent Calendar

Director Goulette made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Gant seconded the motion. The Consent Calendar included:

- a. Adopt Resolution 22-10 Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings
- b. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting June 9, 2022
- c. Approve Minutes of the Special Board Meeting June 9, 2022
- d. Approve Minutes of the Safety Meeting June 21, 2022
- e. Validate Bills of June, 2022
- f. Approve Financial Reports of May, 2022
- g. Approve Electric Service Contract with 2190 Barker, LLC, for 320 amp underground service on Barker Valley Road in Hayfork.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Alex Cousins	-Absent
Kelli Gant	-Aye
Andrew Johnson	-Aye
Nicholas Goulette	-Aye
Michael Rourke	-Aye

6. Action Items

a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar

None

b. Approve Amendment to the Trinity Public Utilities District Wildfire Mitigation Plan and Submission to the Wildfire Safety Advisory Board

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board. Following a discussion on the proposed changes, Director Goulette made a motion to approve the Amendment, with additional changes to include updating the map on page 32 with a more current map, updating the Organizational Chart and updating the Mission Statement. Director Gant seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Alex Cousins	-Absent
Kelli Gant	-Aye
Andrew Johnson	-Aye
Nicholas Goulette	-Aye
Michael Rourke	-Aye

c. Approve Unrepresented Salary Schedule

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board. After a discussion, Director Goulette made a motion to approve the four (4) Salary Schedules for unrepresented employees for submission to CalPers. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Alex Cousins	-Absent
Kelli Gant	-Aye
Andrew Johnson	-Aye
Nicholas Goulette	-Aye
Michael Rourke	-Aye

7. Reports:

a. Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Reporting Metrics Update

Mr. DeLange reviewed the report with the Board, highlighting the number of Work Orders completed so far this year, as well as the significant increase in the number of tree removals during the month of June. He advised that the District recently contracted with Watkins Tree Service and plans to contract with Jurin Logging to remove some standing dead trees in the Big Bar Area. A discussion regarding contractual requirements for wildfire mitigation took place.

b. General Managers Reports:

• Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser advised there is no new information on the Land Exchange, but advised that some of the same people working on the Land Exchange are also working on review the District's Right-of-Way project, which is taking significant time.

• Balancing Authority of Northern California

Mr. Hauser advised that there has been recent communications on resource sufficiency for the State due to heat. He advised that California is typically short when it comes to resources, and relies on imports from the Pacific North West. The two scenarios most likely to effect imports to the State of California are 1) if transmission lines were jeopardized due to fire near the Oregon/California intertie, or 2) a heat wave in the Pacific North West. The possibility of rolling black outs in Trinity County is less than the State, but there is a potential due to the low reservoir levels.

- Power Outages

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board. There was a discussion about the outage on June 28, 2022 that affected most of the District. Mr. Garcia reminded the Board that there is a planned power outage on July 24, 2022 that will affect customers in Junction City, Big Bar, Hyampom and Grouse Creek. The District is undertaking the reconductoring of the Weaverville 1102 Circuit to increase capacity in the Junction City Area. PG&E will also be performing work on the transmission lines in the area as well as replacing four poles in the Grouse Creek Substation.

- Right-of-Way (ROW) Project Update

Mr. Hauser advised that the Environmental Document continues through the review process by the various agencies.

- Trinity County Fair Livestock Auction

Mr. Hauser advised that he will be attending the Trinity County Fair Livestock Auction on Saturday, July 16, 2022. The budget for the 2021 Auction was \$15,000. The Board agreed to the same budget for this year's Auction. The District expends Public Benefit Funds on the livestock and the animals are processed and donated to the Roderick Senior Center in Hayfork and the Trinity County Food Bank in Weaverville.

- Recognition of Mike Rourke, 2022 California Agricultural Teachers Association Hall of Fame

Mr. Hauser advised that President Rourke was recently inducted into the California Agricultural Teachers Association Hall of Fame this year along with 5 other teachers. The Board and Staff congratulated President Rourke.

- Cal OES/FEMA Submissions

The District is expecting approximately \$800,000 in reimbursement for the Winter 2021 Storms; and approximately \$690,000 for the Monument Fire.

c. Committee Reports

- Ad-hoc Forestry Committee

None

- Ad-hoc Public Communications Committee

None

d. Board Member Reports

Director Johnson reported on the Electric Bus Demonstration put on by the Trinity County Office of Education and advised that Trinity Alps Unified is looking to get two new electric school buses. Mr. Hauser advised that the District is willing to assist in any way that they can.

Director Gant regretfully informed the Board that she would be resigning effective August 31, 2022. She stated that she has enjoyed working with the Board and Staff and that it was not an easy decision. Mr. Hauser thanked Director Gant for her more than ten years of service to the District and its customers. President Rourke also thanked Director Gant and expressed appreciation for her contributions.

The Board directed staff to advertise the vacancy and solicit applications.

8. Discussion Items

None

9. Communications Received

The District received correspondence received from The Trinity Trail Alliance thanking it for the Dry Bags provided for the La Grange Classic.

10. Meetings and/or Workshops

- a. Northern California Power Agency
September 21 – September 23, 2022
Resort at Squaw Creek
Olympic Valley, CA

- b. Golden State Power Cooperative Annual Meeting
October 4, 2022
Hilton Palm Springs
Palm Springs, CA

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

11. Public Input

The Board took a brief recess at 2:43 p.m. and entered Closed Session at 2:55 p.m.

12. 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 §54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Claimant: Rory Barrett
No Reportable Action

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

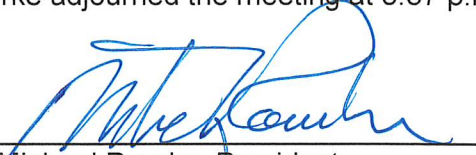
- d. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54957.6
Conference with Labor Negotiator
Agency Negotiator: General Manager
Employee Organization: Trinity Public Utilities District Employees Association

Director Goulette made a motion to approve the proposed Agreement with the Trinity Public Utilities District Employees Association as presented to include a ten (10) percent pay increase in 2022, and three and three quarter (3.75) percent pay increases in 2023, 2024, and 2025; with an Agreement effective date of July 24, 2022, terminating on July 1, 2026. Director Gant seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:


Alex Cousins	-Absent
Kelli Gant	-Aye
Andrew Johnson	-Aye
Nicholas Goulette	-Aye
Michael Rourke	-Aye

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, President Rourke adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.



Michael Rourke, President

ATTEST: 

Andrew Johnson, Clerk

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Wildfire Mitigation Efforts
2022 - Report to Date (6/30/2022)

Annual Pole Inspection Data

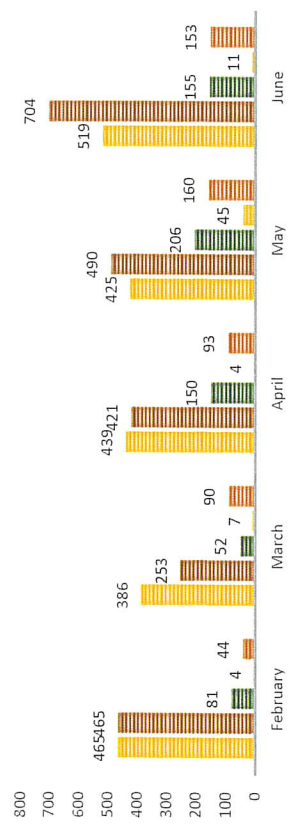
Patrol Inspection - all poles 1x every 2 years (target is 6,000/year)
Goal to complete all Intrusives due and past due by 12/31/2022



Date	ANNUAL GOAL	1/1/2022 - 6/30/2022 COMPLETED
Inspections	3000	1,662
Intrusives	2285	1,353
Poles Reported Damaged		319
Work Orders Completed		169

	SILVERTOP TREE SERVICE				
	February	March	April	May	June
Trims	465	386	439	425	519
Removal Class 1	465	253	421	490	704
Removal Class 2	81	52	150	206	155
Brush Cut	4	7	4	45	11
T&M Hours removals	44	90	93	160	153

	TREE WORK BY THE NUMBERS					
	February	March	April	May	June	
PRC 4292 Pole Clearing	Watkins tree service					
Total needed	917					15 Days Hazrd tree removal
Completed to date	912					3 Crews
						Little Browns Creek, Knolls



Due to the exceptional tree mortality Trinity County is experiencing additional crews were added to try and keep up with dead trees.

OUTAGE SUMMARY


Jun 8, 2022 thru July 11, 2022

TIME OFF	TIME ON	SUB	LOCATION	FEEDER	# OUT	DURATION	TYPE	CAUSE
7/11/2022 12:23	7/11/2022 13:24	Lewiston	Mountain View Estates	L01	1110	1:01	OH Conductor	Tree
6/28/2022 12:53	6/28/2022 13:10	WESTERN	All Subs except PG&E Served		7002	0:17	Line Section	Squirrel
6/27/2022 13:12	6/27/2022 22:05	WAPA Trinity	Hatchet Creek	T21	183	8:53	OH Conductor	Tree
6/26/2022 5:45	6/26/2022 10:30	Lewiston	Poker Bar/Vitzum Gulch/Steel Bridge	L01	430	4:45	Transformer	Tree
6/25/2022 7:45	6/25/2022 11:05	Douglas City	B-Bar-K/Indian Creek/Union Hill/Steiner Flat	DC1	427	3:20	Substation	Animal
6/16/2022 16:49	6/16/2022 20:30	Lewiston	Poker Bar/Steel Bridge/Old Lewiston Road	L01	519	3:40	OH Conductor	Tree
6/14/2022 7:00	6/14/2022 12:20	Hayfork	Barker Valley/Frontier Village/Summit Creek	HIF2	305	5:20	Line Section	Planned
6/12/2022 15:02	6/12/2022 18:30	Lewiston	Buckhorn	L01	18	3:28	Fuse	Tree

Trinity Public Utilities District
Nonrepresented Employees - Bi-weekly Salary Schedule
Effective for Pay Period Beginning April 17, 2022

	<u>Effective Date</u>		<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
General Manager	9.6.2021	\$	9,366.60	\$ 9,366.60
Electric Superintendent	10.31.2021	\$	7,403.85	\$ 7,403.85
Chief Financial Officer	6.27.2021	\$	6,136.38	\$ 6,136.38
Administrative Services Manager	6.27.2021	\$	4,711.01	\$ 4,711.01
System Engineer	4.17.2022	\$	5,769.23	\$ 5,769.23
Vegetation Manager	4.17.2022	\$	5,769.23	\$ 5,769.23

Approved: _____


Michael Rourke, President

Attested: _____


Andy Johnson, Clerk

**Trinity Public Utilities District
Nonrepresented Employees - Bi-weekly Salary Schedule
Effective for Pay Period Beginning October 31, 2021**


	<u>Effective Date</u>		<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
General Manager	9.6.2021	\$	9,366.60	\$ 9,366.60
Electric Superintendent	10.31.2021	\$	7,403.85	\$ 7,403.85
Chief Financial Officer	6.27.2021	\$	6,136.38	\$ 6,136.38
Administrative Services Manager	6.27.2021	\$	4,711.01	\$ 4,711.01

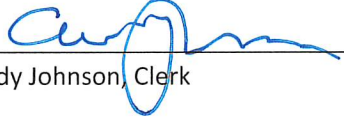
Approved: 
Michael Rourke, President

Attested: 
Andy Johnson, Clerk

Trinity Public Utilities District
Nonrepresented Employees - Bi-weekly Salary Schedule
Effective for Pay Period Beginning September 6, 2021

	<u>Effective Date</u>		<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
General Manager	9.6.2021	\$	9,366.60	\$ 9,366.60
Electric Superintendent	6.27.2021	\$	6,730.98	\$ 6,730.98
Chief Financial Officer	6.27.2021	\$	6,136.38	\$ 6,136.38
Administrative Services Manager	6.27.2021	\$	4,711.01	\$ 4,711.01

Approved: 
Michael Rourke, President

Attested: 
Andy Johnson, Clerk

Trinity Public Utilities District
Nonrepresented Employees - Bi-weekly Salary Schedule
Effective for Pay Period Beginning June 12, 2022

	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
General Manager	9.6.2021	\$ 9,366.60	\$ 9,366.60
Electric Superintendent	6.12.2022	\$ 8,144.23	\$ 8,144.23
Chief Financial Officer	6.12.2022	\$ 6,750.02	\$ 6,750.02
Administrative Services Manager	6.12.2022	\$ 6,057.69	\$ 6,057.69
System Engineer	6.12.2022	\$ 6,057.69	\$ 6,057.69
Vegetation Manager	6.12.2022	\$ 6,057.69	\$ 6,057.69

Approved: _____


Michael Rourke, President

Attested: _____


Andy Johnson, Clerk