

**Trinity Public Utilities District**  
**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD**  
**September 8, 2022**

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room  
26 Ponderosa Lane, Weaverville, California  
Board Present: Alex Cousins Nicholas Goulette, Andrew Johnson, Michael Rourke  
Board Absent: None  
Others Present: Paul Hauser, Jim Underwood, Julie Catanese, Sarah Sheetz, David DeLange, Dale Miller, James Aven and Jill Cox

**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, excluding Item 3. Director Goulette seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Alex Cousins, Nick Goulette, Andy Johnson, Mike Rourke  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

~~**3. Presentation of Resolution of Appreciation of Dick Morris**~~

Item will be moved to a future Board Meeting.

**4. Presentation by Anton Koshevnikov of GEOSi on Pole GPS Re-survey Project**

Anton Koshevnikov joined the meeting via teleconference and provided a presentation, attached and incorporated herein, on the recently completed GPS Re-survey Project. Mr. Hauser thanked Mr. Koshevnikov for his work, and noted that System Engineer Dale Miller also had a substantial role in the successful completion of the project.

**5. Closed Session Report of the July 14, 2022 Regular Meeting.** Ms. Sheetz provided the closed session report of the July 14, 2022 Regular Meeting.

**6. Public Input**

None

**7. Consent Calendar**

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting July 14, 2022
- b. Approve Minutes of the Safety Meeting July 19, 2022
- c. Validate Bills of July, 2022
- d. Validate Bills of August, 2022
- e. Approve Financial Reports for June, 2022
- f. Approve Financial Reports for July, 2022
- g. Approve Electric Service Contract with Bojan Boskovic for a line extension at 421 Summit Creek Road in Hayfork

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Alex Cousins, Nick Goulette, Andy Johnson, Mike Rourke  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

## 8. Action Items

- a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar  
None

- b. Accept Resignation from Director Kelli Gant and interview candidates to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board. Following a discussion, Director Cousins made a motion to accept the resignation of Director Gant and Interview candidates to fill the vacant seat. Director Goulette seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Alex Cousins, Nick Goulette, Andy Johnson, Mike Rourke  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

- c. Authorize Purchase of Equipment from Wesco in the amount of \$184,584.80 plus tax and freight.

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board. After a discussion, Director Cousins made a motion to approve the purchase of equipment from Wesco in the amount of \$184,584.80 plus tax and freight. Director Goulette seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Alex Cousins, Nick Goulette, Andy Johnson, Mike Rourke  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

- d. Authorize Advertisements for Public Power Week

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board. After a discussion, Director Johnson made a motion to authorize the General Manager to place the proposed advertisement and submit the Letter to the Editor in the Trinity Journal; and authorize the doubling of the rebate amounts during the month of October in celebration of Public Power Week. Director Cousins seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Alex Cousins, Nick Goulette, Andy Johnson, Mike Rourke  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

- e. Nomination of Two Board Members to the Community Investment Committee

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board. Directors Johnson and Goulette were nominated to serve on the Community Investment Committee for the October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023 year. The nominations were accepted.

- f. Adopt Resolution 22-11 to Amend the District's Flexible Spending Account Plan to Increase the Annual Employee Contribution to \$2,850 for Calendar Year 2023.

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board. After a discussion, Director Goulette made a motion to Adopt Resolution 22-11, Amending the District's 125 Plan and 2) authorize Staff to execute the necessary documents to Amend the Plan. Director Cousins seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Alex Cousins -Aye  
Andrew Johnson -Aye  
Nicholas Goulette -Aye  
Michael Rourke -Aye

## 9. Reports:

### a. Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Reporting Metrics Update

Mr. DeLange summarized the Report, attached and incorporated herein.

### b. General Managers Reports:

#### • Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser reported on recent developments on the Land Exchange. He thanked Director Cousins for facilitating discussions with the Trinity River Restoration Project, who would like access to the Sky Ranch parcel in order to move projects forward.

#### • Balancing Authority of Northern California (BANC)

Mr. Hauser reported on the recent heat wave in California and the Pacific North West and the impact on the electric grid in California. He advised he has participated in twice daily calls for the past week with BANC, the California Independent System Operator and the Governor's Office regarding the potential of rolling black outs. The State issued a Flex Alert on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, which resulted in 2,400 megawatts of energy savings.

#### • Power Outages

Mr. Hauser advised that the District will be conducting a maintenance project on Sunday, September 25, 2022, which will affect all circuits out of the Mill Street Substation from 6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The project is to reconductor the 60kV line that serves the Substation from the Western Area Power Administration's switchyard on the east side of Weaverville. The project is part of the District's continue emphasis on infrastructure upgrades. Mr. Hauser also advised that the District's lines remain on sensitive safety settings, which results in the increased frequency and duration of outages.

#### • Right-of-Way (ROW) Project Update

Mr. Hauser advised that recent tours of project sites with the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Services resulted in requests for additional View Shed Analysis in corridors that the agencies deem critical. A scope of work and cost estimate for the additional analysis is pending from Aspen Environmental Group.

#### • Trinity County Fair Livestock Auction

Mr. Hauser reported that prices were down some at the Livestock Auction, but that there were more participants. He commented that there were many organizations who stepped up to support the local youth. The District purchased a steer, a turkey and five hogs. The meat was donated to the Trinity County Food Bank and the Roderick Senior Center. President Rourke advised that there were twenty percent more animals at the fair and thanked the District for it's continued support.

#### • Electric Bus Acquisition by Trinity Alps Unified School District

Mr. Hauser advised that he and Jaime Green, Trinity Alps Unified School District Superintendent, have had several discussions regarding the School District's acquisition of electric buses. Mr. Green advised that the School District has obtained funding for three buses, charging stations and infrastructure for the charging stations. Director Cousins inquired about electrifying the District's fleet. Mr. Hauser advised that the District is on a waiting list for a Ford Lightning, but that the technology for electric line trucks or bucket trucks is not advanced enough to make them feasible for use in the District.

c. Committee Reports

- Ad-hoc Forestry Committee  
No report
- Ad-hoc Public Communications Committee  
No report

d. Board Member Reports

Director Goulette reported that the Watershed Center is going to be performing some fuels reduction work in the Douglas City area, connecting up with a fuel break that runs along Democrat Ridge.

**10. Discussion Items**

None

**11. Communications Received**

The Board reviewed correspondence received from Garrick Koeller and Eva Taylor, Trinity High School FFA Students, correspondence from Ronald Rowland regarding outstanding service received from Trinity PUD employees, and a thank you note from the Trinity Center Community Church regarding the recent installation of an area light in its parking lot.

**12. Meetings and/or Workshops**

- a. Northern California Power Agency  
September 21 – September 23, 2022  
Resort at Squaw Creek  
Olympic Valley, CA  
Paul Hauser, Jim Underwood and Sarah Sheetz will attend.
- b. Golden State Power Cooperative Annual Meeting  
October 4, 2022  
Hilton Palm Springs  
Palm Springs, CA  
Paul Hauser and Sarah Sheetz will attend.

The Board took a brief recess at 4:03 p.m., and entered into closed session at 4:14 p.m.

**13. Closed Session**

- a. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9  
**Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**  
Claimant: Rory Barrett  
No Reportable Action
- b. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54957(b)(1)  
**Appointment of Board Member**  
The Board reported that candidate Amanda Barragar was appointed to fill the remainder of the term created by the resignation of Director Gant. Ms. Barragar will be sworn in at the October 13, 2022 meeting, for a term that expires December 1, 2024.

c. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54957.6

**Conference with Labor Negotiator**

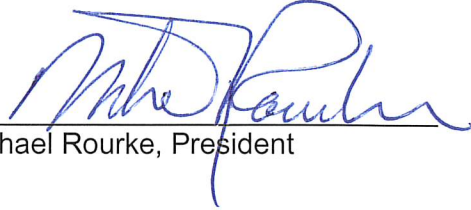
The Board approved a one-time twelve percent incentive payment to the General Manager for fulfilling his annual goals.

**14. Public Input**

None

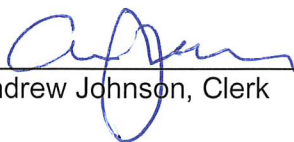
**15. Adjournment**

There being no further business, President Rourke adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.



Michael Rourke, President

ATTEST:

  
Andrew Johnson, Clerk

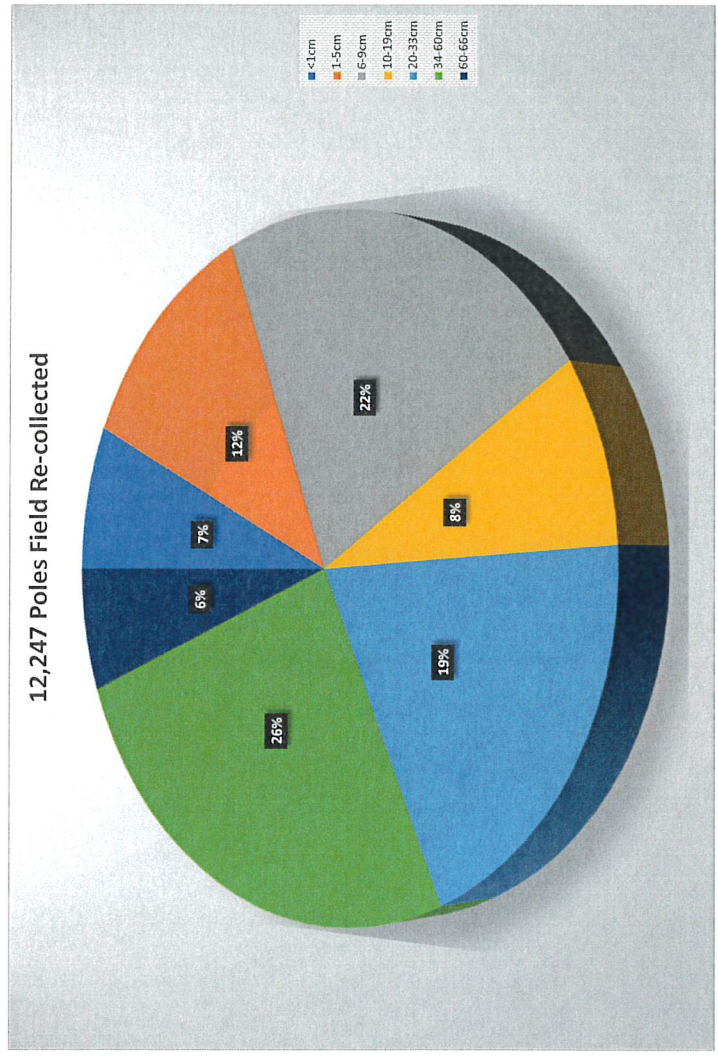
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12,247 poles collected  
75 field days

163 poles per day

14 days QA/QC  
9,721 poles RTK/DGPS  
2,529 poles offset RTK/DGPS

<1cm	858
1-5cm	1470
6-9cm	2694
10-19cm	980
20-33cm	2327
34-60cm	3184
60-66cm	734
	12247



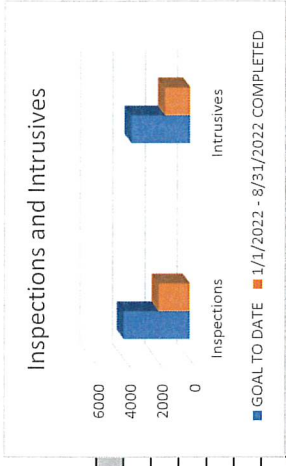
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**Wildfire Mitigation Efforts  
2022 - Report to Date (8/31/2022)**

**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	GOAL TO DATE	1/1/2022 - 8/31/2022 COMPLETED
Inspections	4078	1,906
Intrusives	3616	1,539
Poles Reported Damaged		344
Work Orders Completed		214

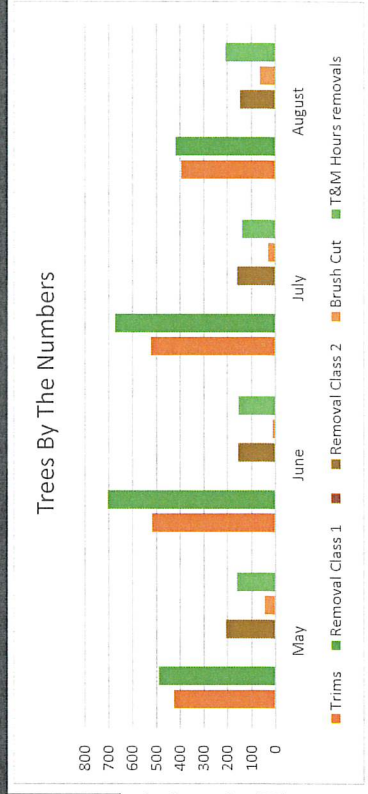


	April	May	June	July	August
Trims	439	425	519	524	394
Removal Class 1	421	490	704	672	418
Removal Class 2	150	206	155	159	147
Brush Cut	4	45	11	31	65
T&M Hours removals	93	160	153	139	209

PRC 4292 Pole Clearing		Watkins tree service
Total needed	917	14 Days Hazard tree removal
Completed to date	917	3 Crews
Retreated	141	Helena, Brooks, TDB, Lewiston

**Feller Buncher Project**  
800ft of new road built - 60+ trees felled - 2 day total = \$14,206.00

Brushing/Chipping	
~2.5 miles of ROW	152 hours \$21,528.00



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



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OUTAGE SUMMARY  
 JULY 12, 2022 - SEPTEMBER 5, 2022

Outage	Time Off	Time On	Sub	Map Location	Feeder	# Out	Duration	Cause Desc	Equip Desc
217068	7/14/2022 18:30	7/14/2022 19:50	Big Bar	Straw House/Steel Head Cottages	BB1	17	1:20	Tree	Fuse
217127	7/18/2022 6:29	7/18/2022 7:40	Mill Street	Weaverville	W07	634	1:11	Unknown Cause	No Equipment Failure
217223	7/20/2022 23:38	7/21/2022 6:10	Douglas City	Steiner Flat/Tucker Hill/Union Hill	DC1	142	6:32	Tree - Oak	OH Conductor
217228	7/24/2022 6:00	7/24/2022 21:57	FB1101	Grouse Creek	GC1	7	15:57	PG&E Maintenance	Maintenance
217226	7/24/2022 6:00	7/24/2022 22:08	Hyampom	Hyampom	HY01	192	16:08	PG&E Maintenance	Maintenance
217225	7/24/2022 6:00	7/24/2022 21:59	Big Bar	Big Bar	BB1	114	15:59	PG&E Maintenance	Maintenance
217224	7/24/2022 7:00	7/24/2022 13:25	Mill Street	Junction City Circuit	W02	504	6:25	Maintenance	Maintenance
217416	7/29/2022 19:33	7/29/2022 21:00	Big Bar	Price Creek Road	BB1	3	1:27	Lightning	Fuse
217419	7/30/2022 0:33	7/30/2022 2:45	Lewiston	Top of the Grade	L01	41	2:12	Tree	Cross Arm or Crossarm Brace
217364	8/2/2022 10:00	8/2/2022 12:01	Grouse Creek	Grouse Creek	GC1	7	2:01	Maintenance	Maintenance
217591	8/3/2022 18:56	8/4/2022 1:40	Lewiston	Wilson Road	L01	453	6:44	Material or Equipment Fault/Failure	UG Primary Cable
217631	8/9/2022 14:58	8/9/2022 16:16	Lewiston	Coffin Road/Poker Bar/Steel Bridge	L01	513	1:17	Tree - Pine	OH Conductor
217816	8/21/2022 8:52	8/21/2022 9:52	Mill Street	Mountain View/Masonic	W03	53	1:00	Animal/Bird	Fuse
217916	8/25/2022 9:57	8/25/2022 11:30	Hayfork	Summit Creek Road	HF2	30	1:33	Animal/Bird	OH Conductor
217964	8/28/2022 8:47	8/28/2022 15:57	Hayfork	Hayfork	HF	1501	7:10	Maintenance	Maintenance
217965	8/28/2022 8:49	8/28/2022 12:00	Douglas City	DC South Area	DC1	218	3:10	Maintenance	Maintenance
218303	9/5/2022 16:03	9/5/2022 19:00	WAPA Trinity	Trinity Center/Coffee Creek	T21	580	2:57	Unknown Cause	No Equipment Failure