

Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
August 14, 2025

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room
26 Ponderosa Lane, Weaverville, California
Board Present: Alex Cousins, Andy Johnson, Michael Rourke, Joseph Trindade
Board Absent: Nick Goulette
Others Present: Paul Hauser, Jim Underwood, Sarah Sheetz, Julie Catanese, David DeLange, James Aven, Jeff Morris, Francisco Martinezcuello

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

2. Approval of the Agenda Order

- a. Director Cousins made a motion to approve the Agenda Order. Director Trindade seconded the motion. Before a vote on the motion occurred, Mr. Underwood advised the Board that the District received a summons and complaint following publication of the Agenda, and recommended that the Board consider addition of the Item to the Closed Session Agenda Under Government Code §54956.9 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Ivan and Elizabeth Vlahov, due to the urgency of the District's response. Director Cousins amended his motion to approve the Agenda Order to include Item 11c, Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Claimant: Ivan and Elizabeth Vlahov. Director Trindade seconded the motion.

The motion passed by 4/5ths vote with the following roll call vote:

Alex Cousins	-aye
Mike Rourke	-aye
Joe Trindade	-aye
Andrew Johnson	-aye
Nick Goulette	-absent

3. Public Input

None

4. Consent Calendar

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

- a. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting, June 12, 2025
- b. Accept Minutes of Safety Meeting, July 8, 2025
- c. Validate Bills of June 2025
- d. Validate Bills of July 2025
- e. Approve Financial Reports for May 2025
- f. Approve Financial Reports for June 2025
- g. Ratify Contract for Electric Services in the amount of \$44,854.74 for additional service at 1950 Brady Road in Hayfork.

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes:	Alex Cousins, Mike Rourke, Joe Trindade, Andrew Johnson
Noes:	None
Absent:	Nick Goulette
Abstain:	None

5. Action Items

- a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar
None

b. Approve Unrepresented Employees Salary Schedule

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Following a brief discussion Director Cousins made a motion to approve the current salary schedule for Unrepresented Employees as presented. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Alex Cousins, Mike Rourke, Joe Trindade, Andrew Johnson
Noes: None
Absent: Nick Goulette
Abstain: None

c. Ratify Agreement with Baker Tilly US, LP for audit services in the amount of \$49,000 for Fiscal Year 24/25 and \$51,500 for Fiscal Year 25/26.

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Following a brief discussion Director Johnson made a motion to ratify the Agreement with Baker Tilly as the District's auditor for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025 for a fee of \$49,000 and year ending June 30, 2026 for a fee of \$51,000 and a Single Audit for a fee of \$20,000, and authorize the General Manager to execute the Engagement Letter. Director Trindade seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Alex Cousins, Mike Rourke, Joe Trindade, Andrew Johnson
Noes: None
Absent: Nick Goulette
Abstain: None

d. Approve Green Energy Icon for Distribution and Use by District Customers

Ms. Sheetz reviewed the Report with the Board. Following a brief discussion, Director Trindade made a motion to approve the Green Energy Icon for Distribution and Use. Director Cousins seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Alex Cousins, Mike Rourke, Joe Trindade, Andrew Johnson
Noes: None
Absent: Nick Goulette
Abstain: None

e. Amend the Utility Account Deposits and Connection and Reconnection Policies

Ms. Sheetz reviewed the Report with the Board. Following a brief discussion, Director Cousins made a motion to amend the Connection and Reconnection; and the Utility Account Deposit Policies as presented. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Alex Cousins, Mike Rourke, Joe Trindade, Andrew Johnson
Noes: None
Absent: Nick Goulette
Abstain: None

f. Amend the Incentive for Customers to Install Electric Heat Pumps, Electric Hot Water Heaters and Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Policies

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Following a brief discussion, Director Cousins made a motion to amend the Incentive for Customers to Install

Electric Heat Pumps, Electric Hot Water Heaters and Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Policies. Director Trindade seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes:	Alex Cousins, Mike Rourke, Joe Trindade, Andrew Johnson
Noes:	None
Absent:	Nick Goulette
Abstain:	None

g. Amend Agreement with Aspen Environmental Group extending term to July 2026, and authorizing automatic one-year extensions of the Agreement

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Following a brief discussion, Director Cousins made a motion to approve the Third Amendment to the Master Agreement with Aspen Environmental Group through August 14, 2026, and Authorize the General Manager to execute the Amendment. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Alex Cousins	-aye
Mike Rourke	-aye
Joe Trindade	-aye
Andrew Johnson	-aye
Nick Goulette	-absent

6. Reports

a. Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Reporting Metrics Update – June and July, 2025

Mr. Delange reviewed the Wildfire Mitigation Reporting Metrics with the Board, noting the new format. Mr. Delange reported that the District recently participated in an Audit performed by the California Public Utilities Commission and will be updating some inspection targets in 2026. System hardening and vegetation management efforts continue.

b. General Manager's Reports

i. Land Exchange/USFS Visit

Mr. Hauser reported that the Land Exchange is moving forward again and summarized correspondence from Trinity County Supervisor Jill Cox regarding the topic. The District recently received a visit from Reggie Woodruff, Deputy Director Lands, Minerals and Geology, United States Forest Service. Staff and Board Member Alex Cousins provided a tour of the Trinity River Lumber Mill, visited the District's Rights-of-Way to demonstrate current conditions, provided a presentation on the Right of Way Project, and toured Trinity Powerhouse.

ii. Balancing Authority of Northern California (BANC)

Mr. Hauser reported that the process for BANC to move into the Extended Day Ahead Market continues to move forward slowly.

iii. Power Outage Summary, June and July 2025

Mr. Hauser reported several factors contributed to a more lengthy Outage Summary, including that the report covers two months, there were many small maintenance outages and a few significant July thunderstorms. The District

remains on fire safety protocols, which increases the frequency and duration of outages.

iv. Northwest Public Power Association Correspondence

Mr. Hauser reported on the NWPPA letter supporting the Fix our Forests Act.

v. Grants Update

Ms. Sheetz reported that there has been some progress on the grant status for the following grants currently being tracked:

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Wildfire Defense Grant, \$9.5 million funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (IIJA)

Status: The Grant Agreement has been reviewed and approved USDA and countersigned by the District. We are awaiting final signature and obligation of funds.

Community Facilities Grant – Sno Cat acquisition, \$236,140.

Status: Grant Specialist has advised that the grant has received final approval, awaiting obligation of funds.

Community Facilities Grant (FY 2026) – Fault Tamers, \$523,499

Status: Notified by Congressman Huffman’s office that this application is being moved forward, but has been reduced to \$360,000. Award is dependent on Congress passing a budget.

Cal Fire – Fuels Reduction Grant, \$950,000

Status: Application for a shaded fuel break on the 60kV line from Weaverville to Hayfork submitted and under review.

c. Committee Reports

- Ad-hoc Forestry Committee
None

d. Board Member Reports

Director Trindade advised that the sawmill at Hayfork High School is moving forward with possible completion by the end of August.

7. Discussion Item

None

8. Communications Received

The Board received correspondence from Cole Bradford, Lily Jurin, Trinity High School Future Farmers of America Club, Jayden Bayley and Sean Rourke.

9. Meetings and/or Workshops

- a. Golden State Power Cooperative – Annual Conference
San Diego, CA

September 29-30, 2025

- b. Northern California Power Agency Annual Conference
Monterey, CA
September 24-26, 2025

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

10. Public Input

None

The Board took a brief recess at 2:54 p.m. and entered Closed Session at 2:55 p.m.

11. Closed Session

- a. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Claimant: California Fair Plan Association
No Reportable Action
- b. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Five Potential Case(s)
No Reportable Action
- c. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Claimant: Ivan and Elizabeth Vlahov
No Reportable Action

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, President Rourke adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

/s/ Michael Rourke
Michael Rourke, President

ATTEST: /s/ Nicholas Goulette
Nicholas Goulette, Clerk

Trinity Public Utilities District
Nonrepresented Employees - Bi-weekly Salary Schedule

	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
General Manager	9.1.2024	\$ 11,089.13	\$ 11,089.13
Assistant General Manager	6.22.2025	\$ 8,713.58	\$ 8,713.58
Electric Superintendent	12.08.2024	\$ 8,927.75	\$ 8,927.75
Electric Superintendent	6.22.2025	\$ 9,374.16	\$ 9,374.16
Assistant Electric Superintendent	6.22.2025	\$ 7,819.88	\$ 7,819.88
Chief Financial Officer	6.22.2025	\$ 8,567.74	\$ 8,567.74
System Engineer (1)	12.22.2024	\$ 6,906.09	\$ 6,906.09
System Engineer (1)	6.22.2025	\$ 7,251.39	\$ 7,251.39
System Engineer (2)	3.3.2025	\$ 6,906.09	\$ 6,906.09
System Engineer (2)	6.22.2025	\$ 7,251.39	\$ 7,251.39

Approved: 
Michael Rourke, President

Attested: 
Nicholas Goulette, Clerk