

**Trinity Public Utilities District  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
January 09, 2014**

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room  
Weaverville, California

Board Present: Thomas Ludden, Richard Morris, Rose Owens, Keith Groves,  
Kelli Gant

Board Absent: None

Others Present: Paul Hauser, Julie Catanese, James Underwood, Andy  
Lethbridge, Karen Palmer, Kellie Ambrose

**1. President Groves called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.**

**2. Approval of the Agenda order**

Director Ludden motioned to approve the Agenda order. With a second from Director Gant the motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Keith Groves, Kelli Gant, Richard Morris, Thomas Ludden,  
Rose Owens

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**3. Consent Calendar**

Director Morris motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Second by Director Ludden, the Consent Calendar included:

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting December 12, 2013
- b. Approve Minutes of the Safety Meeting December 2, 2013
- c. Validate Bills of December, 2013
- d. Approve Financial Reports for November, 2013

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Keith Groves, Kelli Gant, Richard Morris, Thomas Ludden,  
Rose Owens

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

**4. Public Input**

- a. None

**5. Action Items**

- a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar  
None

b. Approve Professional Services Agreement for Economic Development Services

There was discussion regarding the payments being quarterly. Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Mr. Potter would accept annual payments instead of monthly or quarterly.

There was a discussion regarding what would be considered a new customer. District Counsel provided a suggested language modification that would clarify new customers.

Director Morris motioned to authorize the General Manager to execute the Professional Services Agreement with Mr. Mark D. Potter for Economic Development services as amended clarifying what is considered a new business and payment method. Seconded by Director Owens, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes:	Keith Groves, Kelli Gant, Richard Morris, Thomas Ludden, Rose Owens
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

6. Discussion Items

a. None

7. Reports

a. General Manager's Reports

• TAMWG Meeting

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Tom Stokely and the fishing guides have been actively working towards limiting the restoration efforts to the tributaries.

• Long Canyon Project

Mr. Hauser reported that the District has energized the first two residences in the Long Canyon Project. Currently Staff is working on preparing easements for the remaining customers which will be mailed out next week.

• Van Duzen Property

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that he has contacted Clarence Rose and requested that he assist the District with determining the value of the trees on the property.

• Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that he has had several discussions with David Myer's from the Shasta-Trinity National Forest Service and Jennifer Mata from the local Bureau of Land Management Office to develop a template.

Mr. Hauser also stated that Congressmen Huffman and LaMalfa are now co-sponsoring HR3326. He also mentioned that Ms. Stohr is continuing to be a major asset to the District in our efforts to pass this legislation.

- District Website

Mr. Hauser reported that some of the District's customers are continuing to utilize the website to pay their bill. Staff is working on a way to determine the exact numbers of payments received through the website.

Mr. Hauser also reported that December was the first month that the District stopped receiving payments in the field. He stated that the transition went smoothly and that the number of customer's on the disconnection list was reduced significantly.

- Power Outages

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there has been a very limited amount of power outages this winter. He reported that 10 customers were affected by a blown fuse caused by a bird at the Kingsbury Mobile Home Park in Hayfork, which lasted two and a half hours. Approximately 35 customers were without power for four hours in the Hardy Lane area in Hayfork due to a blown fuse. The District crews were unable to find a cause for the blown fuse. Approximately 20 customers experienced a power outage on Lower South Fork Road in Hyampom for four hours for a blown fuse. The District crews were unable to find a cause for the blown fuse.

Mr. Hauser warned the Board that the current drought we are experiencing is worse than the 1977 drought. It will now take multiple years for the lake to recover, which may affect the District's rates significantly.

- New Large Bucket Truck

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the new Large Bucket Truck is currently being repaired due to a blown head gasket. The vehicle has less than 4,000 miles on it. It will take an additional three weeks to complete the repairs so Altec has supplied the District with a rental truck.

## Not on the Agenda

- Relocate Utility Lines

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that the Resource Conservation District has provided the last of the maps regarding relocating the utility lines in the highway right-of-way.

Director Morris reviewed with the Board the collaborative group that has been developed to help assist the Forest Service in managing the Forest better.

b. Board Member Reports

Director Morris stated that he will giving a presentation about the District to the Historical Society at their dinner on January 11<sup>th</sup> at the Congregational Church. The meal will begin at 2:00 and the presentation will be around 3:00. He invited anyone who wanted to attend.

c. Committee Reports

None

**8. Communications Received**

- a. None

**9. Meetings and/or Workshops**

a. CMUA Capitol Days

February 3, 2014

Sacramento, CA

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that all of the arrangements have been made for this Conference.

b. 2014 APPA Legislative Rally

March 10-12, 2014

Washington, DC

Mr. Hauser stated that travel arrangements need to be made soon. He asked that Board members let Ms. Palmer know if they are available to travel on Sunday. Staff will provide flight information soon.

c. 2014 CMUA Annual Conference

April 1-3, 2014

Napa, CA

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the District should receive information on this Conference soon.

**10. Closed Session**

Director Morris motioned to go into Closed Session at 3:05 p.m., second by Director Gant, the Board entered into Closed Session on the following:

a. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.8

**Conference with Property Negotiator**

Agency Negotiator:

General Manager

Property:

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Lewiston

Dam Property

b. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9(b)

**Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

One Potential Case

c. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54957.6

**Conference with Labor Negotiator**

Agency Negotiator:

Trinity PUD Board of Directors

Employee Organization:

Unrepresented Employee:

General Manager

Mr. Lethbridge, Ms. Ambrose, and Ms. Palmer departed at 3:06 p.m.

Ms. Catanese departed at 3:35 p.m.

The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 4:00 p.m. President Groves reported that:

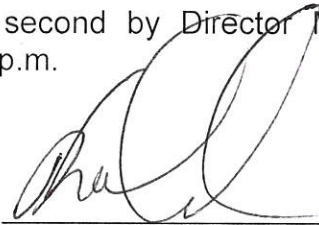
- a) The Board authorized the General Manager to begin the process to cancel the Lewiston Hydroelectric Project and refund the 2003 Certificates Of Participations.
- b) No Action Taken
- c) The Board accepted the General Manager's goals as presented with a modification to the weighting percentages.

**11. Public Input**

- a. None

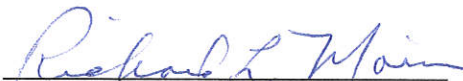
**12. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Director Ludden, second by Director Morris, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 4:00 p.m.



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Keith Groves, President

ATTEST:

  
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Richard L. Morris, Clerk