

Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 9, 2014

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room
Weaverville, California
Telephone Conference Call
4231 Moore Lane
Loomis, California

Board Present: Thomas Ludden, Richard Morris, Rose Owens, Keith Groves,
Kelli Gant (Via Telephone)

Board Absent: None

Others Present: Paul Hauser, Julie Catanese, James Underwood, Karen Palmer,
Kellie Haigh, Jim Cook

1. President Groves called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Four Board Members were present at the PUD one Board Member was present in Loomis California. President Groves reminded the Board Members present that when they speak they should their name for Director Gant's benefit.

2. Approval of the Agenda order

Director Ludden motioned to approve the Agenda order. With a second from Director Owens, the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

President Groves: Aye
Director Gant: Aye
Director Morris: Aye
Director Ludden: Aye
Director Owens: Aye

3. Consent Calendar

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

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting September 11, 2014
- b. Approve Minutes of the Safety Meeting September 9, 2014
- c. Validate Bills of September, 2014
- d. Approve Financial Reports for August, 2014

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

President Groves: Aye
Director Gant: Aye
Director Morris: Aye
Director Ludden: Aye
Director Owens: Aye

4. Public Input

- a. None

5. Action Items

a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar

None

b. Adopt Resolution 14-02 Designation of Agent for Non-State Agency

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Mr. Hauser stated that even though the District did not experience damage to our facilities during the recent Oregon Mountain Fire, we did incur some overtime charges and vehicle charges to ensure that the District facilities were not in danger. He reminded the Board that this Resolution is strictly to designate certain employees who will be responsible to complete the necessary paperwork over the next three years if there are other state disaster declarations.

After a brief discussion, Director Ludden motioned to Adopt Resolution 14-02 Designation of District Agent as presented. Seconded by Director Morris, the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

President Groves: Aye
Director Gant: Aye
Director Morris: Aye
Director Ludden: Aye
Director Owens: Aye

c. Award Bid 14-B5 Fire Mitigation Right-of-Way Clearing

Mr. Hauser introduced Jim Cook a representative from the Trinity County Grants Department.

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He mentioned that the low bidder was a local employer. He stated that the remaining funds in the Grant would cover the cost for the project unless there is a change order submitted for additional work.

After a brief discussion, Director Gant motioned to Award Bid 14-B5 for Fire Mitigation Right-of-Way Clearing and authorized the General Manager to approve the Contract with Trinity County Resource Conservation District for a not-to-exceed cost of \$124,750.00 as presented. Seconded by Director Morris, the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

President Groves: Aye
Director Gant: Aye
Director Morris: Aye
Director Ludden: Aye
Director Owens: Aye

Mr. Cook thanked Mr. Lethbridge and Ms. Palmer for their hard work in preparing the bid and informed the Board that the County looks forward to working with the District on this project.

Mr. Jim Cook departed at 2:10 p.m.

d. Award Bid 14-B6 Underground Conductor

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He stated that this bid was not only to restock the District's inventory, the majority of the conductor will be used in the Long Canyon Project. He mentioned to the Board that the bid amount is lower than the last time we went out to bid. He also stated that the low bidder is a reputable company and the delivery time is much quicker than any of the other bidders.

After a brief discussion Director Morris motioned to Award Bid 14-B6 for the purchase of 25kV Primary Underground Conductor to The Okonite Company in the amount of \$61,802.50. Seconded by Director Owens, the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

President Groves: Aye
Director Gant: Aye
Director Morris: Aye
Director Ludden: Aye
Director Owens: Aye

e. Approve Purchase of Line Construction Truck with Digger Derrick

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board.

Mr. Hauser mentioned to the Board that utilizing our membership with the National Joint Powers Alliance allows the District to purchasing the vehicle quicker.

After a brief discussion, Director Owens motioned to approve the purchase of the 2014 Line Construction Truck with a Digger Derrick from Altec Industries of Dixon, California, in the amount of \$257,860.00. Seconded by Director Ludden, the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

President Groves: Aye
Director Gant: Aye
Director Morris: Aye
Director Ludden: Aye
Director Owens: Aye

6. Discussion Items

a. Communication Philosophy

Mr. Hauser requested direction from the Board regarding a possible policy addressing participation in social media. He mentioned that he is hesitant to participate in social media because it could potentially take up a lot of Staff time.

After a brief discussion the Board stated that the General Manager should be the only individual responding on behalf of the District to comments made in the newspapers and social media.

They Board requested Staff to provide them copies of the Policies that pertain to Board Members .

b. Board Meeting Locations

Mr. Hauser requested feedback from the Board on when, and if, they would like to schedule meetings in different areas of our service territory again.

The Board agreed that in the spring we should schedule one meeting in Hayfork, one in Trinity Center, and possibly one in Lewiston and the down river area.

The Board suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed to meet with the General Manager to prepare a presentation on water issues and how they affect power costs. This presentation would then be presented prior to the April Board meeting in Weaverville followed by each meeting in the different locations. It was also suggested that the presentation be available for viewing on the website.

7. Reports

a. General Manager's Reports

• Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group Meeting

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there will be a joint meeting with the Trinity Management Council and TAMWG on the 30th and 31st of this month.

• Long Canyon Project

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board Bill Sharp has completed Stage I of the project and did an excellent job. He also stated that once the 25kV conductor has been delivered both line crews will begin installation of the main line. Shortly after that we will begin connecting individual services.

The installation in the Mountain Aire Subdivision portion of the project will likely begin in the spring. Mr. Hauser stated that this stage of the project will be a little more difficult. He also mentioned that Staff sent out letters to approximately eight property owners in the subdivision requesting easements to complete the project.

• Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there is still an attempt to get the land exchange bill passed through the House. At this point, it is too late to introduce it in the Senate.

Mr. Hauser mentioned that he and Dave Myers have again discussed a direct land exchange with the Forest Service.

The Board concurred that the District should continue to pursue both options.

- Power Outages

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there were two significant outages that occurred since the last meeting. The first one occurred in the Roundy Road area and affected approximately 100 customers and lasted almost four hours. The outage was caused by a customer cutting down a tree that was previously marked as a leave tree as part of the Forest Service Timber Sale. The Forest service has a suspect and is pursuing prosecution.

The second outage affected the east side of Weaverville and Timber Ridge area when a guy and anchor broke along Highway 299. This outage affected close to 200 customers and lasted approximately one hour.

Mr. Hauser mentioned to the Board that the District may receive a claim from a customer who experienced an extended outage in the Buckhorn area.

- Lewiston Project

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that he was able to tour the existing Lewiston Power Plant. During this tour he noticed that the pin stock serving the existing plant is possibly big enough to handle a larger power plant. He stated that he is reviewing the Black and Veatch study from 2001 to see if there is any indication that the pin stock is adequate.

Mr. Hauser also mentioned that the City of Redding is no longer interested in purchasing the additional power from the District. He will be in contact with other Western customers to determine if there is any interest in purchasing the power.

- Community Land Trust

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that he has been contacted by Mr. Jerry Cousins regarding using a portion of the Weaverville property for a Community Land Trust. This would make lower cost housing available. He explained that the trust would maintain ownership of the land while allowing individuals to own a residence on the land.

- Western Customer Meeting

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that Western reported that as of September 30th the generation for Fiscal Year 2014 was 2,800gWh which is a lot lower than the normal 4,800gWh. They also reported that the water storage was 2.8 million acre feet, which is also much lower than the normal 6.1 million acre feet.

Mr. Hauser also stated that the Bureau is working on the Trinity Runner Project, replacing one unit at a time. He also informed the Board that the Bureau is also rewinding a unit at Spring Creek.

- Weber Flats Hydro
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Mr. Dave Peluchi recently contacted him regarding the Weber Flats Hydroelectric Plant. During their discussion, Mr. Hauser mentioned that the District might be interested in purchasing the plant.

Mr. Dale Miller arrived at 3:40 p.m. to clarify the Board's questions regarding the Hyampom transmission line and the Big Creek Hydroelectric Plant.

Mr. Dale Miller departed at 3:45.

Not on the Agenda

- CMUA Board of Governors Meeting
Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that the California Municipal Utility Association Board voted to support the State Water Bond.
 - Trinity River Lumber Biomass
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that he has been approached by the Trinity River Lumber mill. The mill is looking into different options that might be available to make their biomass project work.
- b. Board Member Reports
- Director Ludden reported that the NCPA Conference in Napa was very informative. This year the main topic of discussion was regarding water issues. There was a very interesting presentation regarding federal power and the economics of California's climate.
- c. Committee Reports
- Community Investment
Mr. Hauser reported that the Community Investment Committee met prior to the Board meeting. The Trinity County Resource Conservation District is assisting the Young Family Ranch with constructing a covered pavilion. The RCD is requesting the District provide the necessary poles and installation of those poles. He informed the Board that the Committee voted to approve the request.

The Board concurred with the Community Investment Committees approval.

8. **Communications Received**

- a. Correspondence from Mr. & Mrs. Cordtz
Mr. Hauser reviewed the thank you letter from Mr. & Mrs. Cordtz with the Board.

9. **Meetings and/or Workshops**

- a. None

10. Closed Session

Director Owens motioned to go into Closed Session at 3:55 p.m., second by Director Morris the Board entered into Closed Session on the following:

- a. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.8

Conference with Real Property Negotiator

Agency Negotiator: Trinity PUD General Manager

Property: Van Duzen Property AP #018-090-64-00

- b. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.8

Conference with Real Property Negotiator

Agency Negotiator: Trinity PUD General Manager

Property: Weaverville Property AP #024-200-19-00

- 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

Ms. Catanese, Ms. Ambrose, and Ms. Palmer departed at 3:56 p.m.

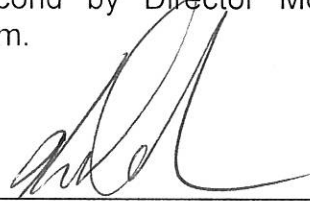
The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 4:07 p.m. President Groves reported that there was no action taken by the Board in Closed Session.

11. Public Input

- a. None

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Gant, second by Director Morris, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 4:07 p.m.



Keith Groves, President

ATTEST:



Richard L. Morris, Clerk