

**Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 14, 2015**

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room
Weaverville, California

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

Board Absent: None

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

1. President Gant called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda order

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

Ayes: Thomas Ludden, Richard Morris, Rose Owens, Kelli Gant,
Clarence Rose

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

3. Consent Calendar

Director Rose requested that Item 3a be pulled from the Consent Calendar. Director Morris motioned to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 3a, Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting April 9, 2015. Second by Director Ludden the Consent Calendar included:

b. Approve Minutes of the Safety Meeting April 7, 2015

c. Validate Bills of April, 2015

d. Approve Financial Reports for March, 2015

e. Validate Payment of Claim

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Thomas Ludden, Richard Morris, Rose Owens, Kelli Gant,
Clarence Rose

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

4. Public Input

a. None

5. Action Items

a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar

Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting April 9, 2015

Director Rose stated that Item 7c, Committee Reports, should be reworded to include "in kind assistance" so the minutes reflect that the District is providing work that is equivalent to \$3,500 not a payment.

Director Morris motioned to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting April 9, 2015 as amended. Seconded by Director Ludden, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

b. Authorize General Manager to Execute a Consulting and Professional Services Agreement with Daniel Beans

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He also reviewed the history with Power Engineers and the reason for having an Agreement with Mr. Beans to assist with special projects. Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the hourly rate will be the same under the current Agreement.

After a brief discussion Director Owens motioned to authorize the General Manager to execute the Consulting and Professional Services Agreement with Daniel Beans to continue the District's efforts to strengthen and modernize the District's electric power distribution system as presented. Seconded by Director Rose, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

c. Approve Fiscal Year 15/16 Budget Assumptions and District Goals

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Mr. Hauser pointed out that the Bucket Truck slated for replacement is a 2005 vehicle not 2010. He informed the Board that the System Improvement Projects are all large and require longer for completion than normal projects. He stated that the Lewiston Substation Project should be completed this fall.

The Board discussed the District Goals and suggested changing the language in Item 3 of Objectives, on page 2 to read: "Consider providing electric service to properties within the District boundaries that are currently off the grid."

Director Rose motioned to approve the District Goals for Fiscal Year 15/16 as amended. Seconded by Director Morris, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

d. Adopt Resolution 15-04 Amending Rate Schedule 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, & 19 and Rescinding Rate Schedule 2, 4, 12, & 14

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there is an error in Rate Schedules 11 and 19. Staff inadvertently suggested removing the Drought Relief Surcharge instead of the Deregulation Surcharge.

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He also shared with the Board the press release from the City of Redding Electric Department that appeared in the Record Searchlight this week regarding a rate restructure. He stated that the District has a higher percentage in fixed costs than most utilities. He informed the Board that most utilities have moved to a flat rate to cover fixed costs and a variable charge to cover variable costs.

Mr. Hauser stated that if the Board adopts the Resolution approving the rate restructuring, Staff will be presenting other Policies next month which will be affected by the change.

Director Morris motioned to adopt Resolution 15-04, Amending Rate Schedule 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, & 19 and Rescinding Rate Schedule 2, 4, 12, & 14 as presented. Seconded by Director Owens, the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Kelli Gant: Aye
Richard Morris: Aye
Thomas Ludden: Aye
Rose Owens: Aye
Clarence Rose: Aye

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Ms. Catanese and Ms. Palmer worked very hard together on the rate restructuring and they did an excellent job.

e. Declare Replaced Computers Surplus Equipment

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. After a brief discussion, Director Ludden motioned to declare the remaining four computers surplus and donate the equipment to the Trinity County Resource Conservation District. Seconded by Director Rose, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

6. Discussion Items

a. None

Ms. Haigh departed at 4:00 p.m.

7. Reports

a. General Manager's Reports

- Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group Meeting

Mr. Hauser reviewed with the Board that TAMWG has been reconstituted and alternates have been designated to avoid lack of quorums.

Mr. Hauser discussed the Record of Decision and the effects of the last two years of river restoration efforts.

- Long Canyon Project

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Phase II of the Project will begin in a couple of weeks.

- Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that he attended a meeting with Mr. Dave Myers from the Forest Service on May 4th. He stated that the meeting was the very productive.

- Power Outages

Mr. Hauser reported that there were three outages of significance since the last Board meeting. He stated that all three outages were caused by trees. One outage was in Coffee Creek lasting approximately three hours and affecting about 40 customers. The second outage was in Douglas City around Steel Bridge Road/Vitzum Grade area, it lasted approximately four hours and affected around 200 customers. The last outage was in the same area as the second outage. It lasted about four hours and again affected around 200 customers.

- Lewiston Project

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the test has not occurred yet. He will keep the Board apprised of when the test will occur.

- Balancing Authority of Northern California

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that there is still a lot of activity at BANC.

- Remit Plus

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Remit Plus will allow District Staff to scan payments and receipts, applying the payment to the customer's electric account and creating an electronic bank deposit file. He stated that Staff was waiting until the District relocated the bank accounts prior to implementing this new system.

- Hayfork Watershed Center

Mr. Hauser stated that Mr. Jim Jungwirth is assisting with the firewood processing project. The Project will be bundling firewood for sale at supermarkets and will potentially create 10-12 jobs.

- District Bank Accounts

Mr. Hauser reported that the process to switch to a new bank is going well. There is still some overlap between banks, however this should end within the next few months.

- Reschedule the August Board Meeting

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that the Trinity Management Council (TMC) and Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG) will be holding a joint meeting on August 13th. This meeting will conflict with the August Board meeting. Mr. Hauser suggested moving the meeting to a different day. The Board suggested moving the meeting to Wednesday, August 12th at 2:00 p.m.

- b. Board Member Reports

- California Municipal Utility Association Conference

Director Ludden stated that the CMUA Conference was extremely interesting this year.

- Publicity to Promote the County

Director Rose mentioned that at the CMUA Conference there was discussion regarding utilities being proactive with providing publicity to promote the Counties that they serve. There was discussion regarding using the Mountain Bike Race and the District's Website as ways to accomplish this.

- b. Committee Reports

None

8. **Communications Received**

a. None

9. **Meetings and/or Workshops**

- a. NWPPA Annual Conference

May 17-21, 2015

Anchorage, Alaska

Mr. Hauser stated that all of the arrangements have been made for this upcoming Conference.

- b. APPA Annual Conference

June 5-10, 2015

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Mr. Hauser stated that he and Director Morris will be attending this Conference.

10. Closed Session

Director Ludden motioned to go into Closed Session at 4:40 p.m., second by Director Owens, the Board entered into Closed Session on the following:

- a. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Name of Case: PG&E v. McColm (& Related Cross-Complaint)

Mr. Lethbridge, Ms. Catanese, & Ms. Palmer departed at 4:41 p.m.

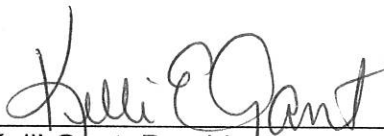
The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 4:50 p.m. President Gant reported that there was no action taken by the Board in Closed Session.

11. Public Input

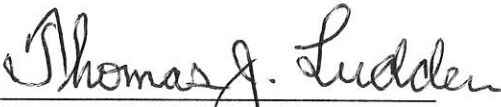
- a. None

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Rose, second by Director Ludden, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 4:51 p.m.



Kelli Gant, President

ATTEST: 

Thomas J. Ludden, Clerk