

**Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
October 9, 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, Lisa Stewart, Trina Stokley, George
Lucky, Martha Bell, Amy Gittelsohn

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

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 voice vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

3. Consent Calendar

Director Rose motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Seconded by Director Ludden. President Gant requested that Item (a), Minutes of the Special Board Meeting be removed from the Consent Calendar. Director Rose modified the motion to approve the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item (a). Second by Director Morris, the Consent Calendar included:

- b. Approve Minutes of the Safety Meeting September 8, 2015
- c. Validate Bills of September, 2015
- d. Approve Financial Reports for August, 2015
- e. Approve Nonrepresented Employees Salary Schedule for Increases Granted in September, 2015

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. Umpqua Bank

President Gant asked Ms. Karen Palmer to introduced Ms. Trina Stokley and Ms. Lisa Stewart from Umpqua Bank. Ms. Palmer stated that Staff is extremely pleased with the service to Umpqua Bank is providing. She stated that they are professional, friendly, and extremely easy to work with.

Ms. Stewart stated that if Staff has any problems that the local branch cannot assist us with, she is the contact person for our accounts.

b. Rate Restructure

Mr. George Lucky and Ms. Martha Bell discussed their confusion regarding the System Access Fee. President Gant explained the changes that were made to the rates and stated that the District has to pass on the cost to keep the infrastructure operational for our customers. She also reminded them that the District offers low income assistance for customers who qualify.

Ms. Stokley and Ms. Stewart departed at 2:28 p.m.

5. Action Items

a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar

Approve Minutes of the Special Board Meeting September 15, 2015

President Gant reminded the Board that she was absent for the meeting in September, therefore she needs to abstain from approval of the minutes. Director Rose motioned to approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting held September 15, 2015. Second by Director Morris the motion passed with the following voice vote.

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

b. Administer Oath of Office to Kelli Gant, Thomas Ludden, and Clarence Rose

Ms. Palmer administered the Oath of Office to Kelli Gant, Thomas Ludden, and Clarence Rose.

c. Consider Adopting Resolution 15-07, Amending Rate Schedule 3, Creating a Lower System Access Fee for Commercial Customers with Residential Type Usage

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Mr. Hauser stated that the smaller commercial customer does not have the same impact on the system that a larger commercial customer has. Therefore, the System Access Fee should be the same as a residential customer.

Mr. Hauser explained that once a year the usage for commercial accounts will be reviewed and if the usage is below 1,000 kWh every month for the previous 12 months, the customer will be billed the lower System Access Fee during the subsequent 12 months.

District Counsel suggested that the Rate Schedule clarify the review process. After a brief discussion, Director Morris motioned to Adopt Resolution 15-07, Amending Rate Schedule 3 as suggested by Mr. Underwood. Seconded by Director Owens, the motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

6. Discussion Items

- a. None

7. Reports

a. General Manager's Reports

- Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group Meeting
Mr. Hauser stated that there has not been very much action since the last meeting. He also stated that the continuing releases down the river will not only cost the District additional money in lost generation currently but in the future as well due to our allocation being eroded.
- Land Exchange
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the District responded to the Forest Service's request regarding the District's proposed use of the land.
- Power Outages
Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that there was one substantial outage on October 3rd due to a major wind storm. He stated that approximately 900 customers were affected by a tree that fell on the line. The outage lasted approximately eight hours.
- Lewiston Project
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the Bureau of Reclamation has assured him that they will begin performing the maintenance necessary to get the unit operational. This will provide them the ability to test the pen stock at its full capacity.
- Balancing Authority of Northern California
Mr. Hauser stated that there is not anything new to report.

- CalOES Reimbursement for 2015 Fires
Mr. Hauser reported that the District has begun the process of filing for a reimbursement for the fires in July and August. He stated that to date Staff has submitted \$60,000 worth of expenses. The District should receive reimbursement for up to 75% of our expenses.
- WEMBO Bike Race
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that he has heard that the race went very well. There were several positive comments regarding the trail system. There is talk that Weaverville could be included in a five year rotation for this event.

b. Board Member Reports

- Collaborative Meeting
Director Rose stated that Congressman Huffman has been provided an agreement amongst the members of the Collaborative. If the Forest Service is in agreement, dead and dying trees can be removed along the roadways due to fires.
- Biomass
Director Rose informed the Board that only half of the Biomass plants in the State are operational due to economics. Mr. Hauser stated that he has contacted the District's lobbyist to research the possibility for equal distribution of subsidies for renewable energy including Biomass.
- NCPA Meeting
Director's Rose, Morris, Ludden, Owens, and Gant stated that the NCPA meeting was excellent.

b. Committee Reports

None

8. Communications Received

- a. None

9. Meetings and/or Workshops

- a. None

10. Closed Session

Director Rose motioned to go into Closed Session at 3:32 p.m., second by Director Ludden, 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)

b. 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, Mr. Lethbridge, Ms. Gittelsohn, Mr. Lucky, Ms. Bell, and Ms. Palmer departed at 3:33 p.m.

The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 4:15 p.m. President Gant reported that:

- a. The Board took no action.
- b. The Board unanimously approved the General Manager's Incentive Goals for the next year.

11. Public Input


- a. None

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Owens, second by Director Morris, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 4:17 p.m.



Kelli Gant, President

ATTEST: 

Thomas J. Ludden, Clerk