# Trinity Public Utilities District MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING August 10, 2017

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room

Weaverville, California

Board Present: Thomas Ludden, Richard Morris, Clarence Rose

Board Absent: Kelli Gant, Mike Rourke

Others Present: Paul Hauser, Julie Catanese, James Underwood, Andy

Lethbridge, Karen Palmer, Rose Owens, John Owens, Linda

Olson, Rick Coleman

# 1. President Rose 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 Morris the motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Thomas Ludden, Richard Morris, Clarence Rose

Noes: None

Absent: Kelli Gant, Mike Rourke

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 July 13, 2017
- b. Validate Bills of July, 2017
- c. Approve Financial Reports for June, 2017

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Thomas Ludden, Richard Morris, Clarence Rose

Noes: None

Absent: Kelli Gant, Mike Rourke

Abstain: None

#### 4. Public Input

a. None

#### 5. Action Items

# a. <u>Items Pulled from Consent Calendar</u>

None

# b. <u>Presentation of Meter Lamp to Retired Board Member Rose Owens</u> President Rose presented the lamp to Rose Owens and provided a brief history of all of her accomplishments while on the Board.

Rick Coleman, Rose Owens, Linda Olson, and John Owens departed at 2:09 pm

# c. Authorize Advertisements for Public Power Week in October

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He thanked Ms. Palmer for adding this to the August Agenda since the September meeting has been cancelled.

After a brief discussion, Director Ludden authorized the General Manager to place the proposed advertisement and Letter to the Editor in the local paper and to double the Heat Pump Rebate and Water Heater Rebate for installations during the month of October in celebration of Public Power Week. Seconded by Director Morris, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Thomas Ludden, Richard Morris, Clarence Rose

Noes: None

Absent: Kelli Gant, Mike Rourke

Abstain: None

# d. <u>Nomination of Two Board Members to the Community Investment</u> Committee

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He also stated that since the current Committee could not meet prior to the Board meeting today due to the lack of a quorum, he has approved the request from the Lewiston Community Services District regarding their proposed new Fire Station.

President Rose nominated Directors Rourke and Ludden to serve on the Community Investment Committee. Seconded by Director Morris, the nomination passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Thomas Ludden, Richard Morris, Clarence Rose

Noes: None

Absent: Kelli Gant, Mike Rourke

Abstain: None

# e. Approve Line Extension for Mr. Samchai Hoffman at 1 Wizard Way in Hayfork

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. He stated that the 800 amp service requested could use nearly as much power as Tops Supermarket. He also informed the Board of the steps that are required prior to the District installing and energizing an electric service.

After a brief discussion Director Morris motioned to approve the Contract for Electric Service to be offered to Mr. Somchai Hoffman for a total charge of \$23,657.36 as presented. Seconded by Director Ludden, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Thomas Ludden, Richard Morris, Clarence Rose

Noes: None

Absent: Kelli Gant, Mike Rourke

Abstain: None

#### 6. Discussion Items

a. None

# 7. Reports

### a. General Manager's Reports

 Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group Meeting
 Mr. Hauser informed the Board that President Trump is expected to lift the moratorium on FAFSA committee meetings the middle of October.

#### Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser stated that the easement language is still being reviewed. He also stated that the Bureau of Land Management has completed the survey of the Sky Ranch Property.

#### Power Outages

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that there were several large outages during the heatwave in July. The largest outages occurred on the same day, one in the Douglas City/Poker Bar area which affected 820 customers and lasted approximately an hour and a half. This outage was due to an underground failure on an old direct bury line. The second outage was in Weaverville which affected 569 customers and lasted an hour and a half also. This outage was caused by a blown transformer.

# • Balancing Authority of Northern California

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the next meeting will be next week. He stated that there is nothing new to report at this time.

# New Metering System Update

Mr. Hauser stated that the initial 300 meters should ship next week. He stated that everything is still on track to begin installation of these meters the end of September. He informed the Board that the only issue Staff is concerned about is access into some locations.

#### Golden State Power Cooperative

Mr. Hauser stated that Golden State Power Cooperative is a statewide cooperative lobbying organization. Normally an entity has to be a cooperative to join, however the District may be invited to join because we are a lot like a cooperative with our service territory.

## Not on the Agenda

#### Hayfork Video

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that the District has received correspondence from Karen Eastlick, the owner of Hayfork Video stating that she will be closing her store the end of September. Currently Hayfork Video provides payment center services for the

District. He stated that unless the Board objects he will pursue locating another business in Hayfork that could assume these duties.

#### New Mapping Program

Mr. Hauser stated that Mr. Lethbridge and Mr. Miller have evaluated National Information Solutions Cooperative's (NISC) mapping program. NISC is the provider of the District's Customer Information System and Account System software. NISC's mapping program is somewhat better and less expensive than the mapping program the District has with Power Engineers.

#### Mr. Bernhardt Confirmation

Mr. Hauser stated that Mr. Bernhardt has been confirmed to the Department of Interior.

# b. Board Member Reports

#### Congressman Huffman

President Rose stated that Congressman Huffman's Land Management bill is still being discussed. He stated that the bill would provide more wilderness area with some discussion on forest management.

# c. Committee Reports

None

#### 8. Communications Received

#### a. Letter from Baker Tilly

Mr. Hauser reviewed the communication from Baker Tilly which outlines the service that they will be providing the District with this year's audit.

#### 9. Meetings and/or Workshops

a. Northern California Power Agency Annual Conference

September 27-29, 2017

Silverado Resort, Napa

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Ms. Palmer has made all of the arrangements for this conference.

#### 10. Closed Session

Director Morris, motioned to go into Closed Session at 3:24 p.m., second by Director Ludden, the Board entered into Closed Session on the following:

a. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54957.6

# Conference with Labor Negotiator

Agency Negotiator:

Employee Organization:

General Manager

Trinity Public Utilities District

Employees' Association

# b. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9

Conference with Legal Counsel

One Potential Case

The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 4:01 p.m. President Rose reported that:

- a. The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the Trinity Public Utilities District Employees' Association as present.
- b. No reportable action was taken

# 11. Public Input

a. None

# 12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Ludden, second by Director Morris, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Clarence W. Rose, President

**ATTEST** 

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