

Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 12, 2018

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room
Weaverville, California

Board Present: Thomas Ludden, Richard Morris, Clarence Rose, Kelli Gant
Board Absent: Mike Rourke
Others Present: Paul Hauser, Julie Catanese, James Underwood, Andy Lethbridge, Karen Palmer

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

2. Approval of the Agenda order

Director Gant requested that Item 3a, Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting June 14, 2018, be pulled from the Consent Calendar. Director Ludden motioned to approve the Agenda order as suggested by Director Gant. With a second from Director Morris, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

3. Consent Calendar

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

- b. Accept Minutes of the Safety Meeting June 05, 2018
- c. Validate Bills of June, 2018
- d. Approve Financial Reports for May, 2018
- e. Validate Denial of Claim
- f. Validate Payment of Claim

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

4. Public Input

- a. None

5. Action Items

- a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar

Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting June 14, 2018

Director Gant stated that she needs to abstain from this item since she was not present at the meeting.

Director Morris motioned to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, June 14, 2018 as presented. Seconded by Director Ludden, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

b. Approve Nonrepresented Employees Salary Schedule for the Year Beginning July 1, 2018

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. After a brief discussion Director Morris motioned to approve the current Salary Schedule beginning July 1, 2018 for Nonrepresented Employees as presented. Seconded by Director Ludden, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

6. Reports

a. General Manager's Reports

- Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that the Hazardous Materials Assessment is underway.

- Power Outages

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that there were two outages due to the wind storm which caused fuses to blow. The first outage lasted about an hour and affected 21 customers. The second outage lasted almost three hours and affected one customer.

There was an outage on Lost Bridge Road in the Rush Creek Area. This outage was caused by a tree on a line which started a vegetation fire. One of the employees of the District's Tree Trimming Contract Company saw the fire and was able to help keep it under control until CalFire arrived. This outage lasted almost five hours and affected 10 customers.

- Balancing Authority of Northern California

Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that in two weeks the strategic planning meeting will occur. He also informed the Board that Mr. Jim Shetler has announced his retirement for the end of 2019.

- New Meter Installation

Mr. Hauser informed the Board that the mass deployment should conclude by the end of this month. The District has installed 6,129 meters to date which makes the project 85% complete. He stated that the next steps will be clean-up the inaccessible meters.

- Western Area Power Administration Fiber
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Western has presented the District with an Agreement to study the possibility of providing fiber to commercial internet customers. He stated that the cost of the study is \$25,000. The Board concurred that this is an important project for economic development.
- Trinity County Housing
Mr. Hauser reported to the Board that he met with Mr. Kuhns, the County Administrator. He stated that Mr. Kuhns is working on developing housing in the Weaverville area. He stated that the County may be interested in purchasing some of the property that was given to the District as payment for the loan to bail out the hospital.
- Energy Net Program
Mr. Hauser informed the Board that Human Response Network has notified the District that they are terminating the contract as of the end of July. Mr. Hauser stated that he has contacted Mr. Kuhns regarding the possibility of the county agreeing to administer the program. He provided Mr. Kuhns with full disclosure regarding the reason for HRN's termination. Mr. Hauser reported that currently the program is over budget and that it is not appropriate for the District be the administrator. He stated that until a new administrator can be found, once an individual's six month period is over they will drop off the program and no one will be added. The Board concurred.

Not on Agenda

- Trinity County Livestock Auction
Mr. Hauser stated that he will attend the Trinity County Livestock Auction again this year representing the District. The District will purchase animals for the Trinity County Food Bank for a not-to-exceed amount of \$10,000. The Board concurred.
- b. Board Member Reports
 - North Coast Water Quality Board
Director Gant stated that at the last North Coast Water Quality Board it was announced that there are now five employees assigned to enforcement.
- c. Committee Reports
None

7. Discussion Items:

- a. None

8. Communications Received

- a. Thank You from Trinity Trial Alliance
Mr. Hauser reviewed the thank you from the Trinity Trail Alliance with the Board.

- b. Thank You from Trinity Little League
Mr. Hauser reviewed the thank you from the Trinity Little League with the Board.

9. Meetings and/or Workshops

- a. Northern California Power Agency Annual Conference
September 26-28, 2018
Monterey, California
Mr. Hauser stated that all travel arrangements have been made.

10. Closed Session

Director Gant motioned to go into Closed Session at 2:57 p.m., second by Director Ludden, the Board entered into Closed Session on the following:

- a. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel
Three Potential Cases


The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 3:40 p.m. President Rose reported that the Board took no action in Closed Session.

11. Public Input

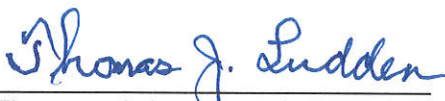
- a. None

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Ludden, second by Director Morris, passing unanimously, the Board adjourned at 3:41 p.m.



Clarence W. Rose, President

ATTEST: 

Thomas J. Ludden, Clerk