# Trinity Public Utilities District MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING May 9, 2019

Location:

Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room

Weaverville, California

**Board Present:** 

Kelli Gant, Clarence Rose, Mike Rourke

Board Absent:

Richard Morris

Others Present:

Paul Hauser, Jim Underwood, Julie Catanese, Andy Lethbridge, Karen Palmer, Sarah Sheetz, Tiffany Wong, John Woodhouse,

Michelle Hake, and Alex Cousins

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

#### 2. Administer Oath of Office as a Board of Director to Alex Cousins.

Ms. Palmer administered the Oath of Office to new Director Alex Cousins. The Board welcomed Director Cousins.

# 3. Approval of the Agenda Order

Director Gant made a motion to approve the Agenda Order. Second from Director Rourke, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes:

Alex Cousins, Kelli Gant, Clarence Rose, Mike Rourke

Noes:

None

Absent:

Richard Morris

Abstain:

None

#### 4. Consent Calendar

Director Gant requested that Item 4c and 4d be pulled from the Consent Calendar. Director Gant made a motion to approve the remaining items on the Consent Calendar. Second by Director Rourke, the Consent Calendar included:

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting April 11, 2019
- b. Accept Minutes of the Safety Meeting April 2, 2019
- e. Validate Denial of Claim

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes:

Alex Cousins, Kelli Gant, Clarence Rose, Mike Rourke

Noes:

None

Absent:

Richard Morris

Abstain:

None

Director Morris joined the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

#### 5. Public Input

John Woodhouse from Umpqua Bank introduced himself and advised that Michelle Hake, Area Manager from Umpqua Bank is due to arrive shortly. President Rose suggested the Board move on with the Action Items and return to Public Input upon Ms. Hake's arrival.

#### 6. Action Items

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

Item 4c. - Validate Bills, April 2019

Director Gant inquired about certain items on the Validate Bills Report. Ms. Catanese responded.

Item 4d. – Approval Financial Reports for March 2019

Director Gant inquired about certain items on the Financial Reports for March 2019. Ms. Catanese responded.

Director Rourke made a motion to validate the April 2019 Bills and approve the March 2019 Financial Reports. Second from Director Gant, the motion passed with the following voice vote:

Aves:

Alex Cousins, Kelli Gant, Richard Morris, Clarence Rose.

Mike Rourke

Noes:

None None

Absent: Abstain:

None

#### 5. Public Input (RESUMED)

Michelle Hake, Area Manager from Umpqua Bank thanked the District on behalf of Umpqua Bank. The Board thanked Ms. Hake and Mr. Woodhouse for attending.

#### 6. Action Items (RESUMED)

# b. Consider Billing Insert for Trinity County Life Support

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board. After a brief discussion, Director Cousins made a motion to approve Trinity County Life Support's request to include the insert as presented in the District's June 2019 bills and to direct Staff to use Community Investment Funds to pay for the cost of bill stuffing and mailing Director Morris seconded the motion.

Ms. Wong advised that Trinity County Life Support thanked the District, and advised of some changes to the format of the insert since a previous advertisement in 2015.

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes:

Alex Cousins, Kelli Gant, Richard Morris, Clarence Rose,

Mike Rourke

Noes:

None

Absent:

None

Abstain:

None

## c. <u>Fiscal Year 19/20 Budget Assumptions and District Goals</u>

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board. A discussion regarding staff assumptions, capital projects and District Goals ensued.

The Board discussed removal of the following Items in the District Goals for FY 19-20:

Strike Goal 1, Item 3

Strike Goal 2, Objective 5

Modify Goal 3, Objective 3 to read "Consider providing electric service to properties within the District boundaries that are currently off the grid, to the extent feasible."

Strike Goal 4, Objective 2

The Board also advised that they would prefer that Goal 3, Objective 2 be improved with a benchmark and measurable outcome.

After a brief discussion, Director Rourke made a motion to approve the proposed District Goals as amended for Fiscal Year 19/20. Director Gant seconded the motion.

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes:

Alex Cousins, Kelli Gant, Richard Morris, Clarence Rose,

Mike Rourke

Noes:

None

Absent: Abstain:

None None

President Rose thanked staff for technology improvements to the Board Agenda.

# 7. Reports

# a. General Manager's Reports

# Land Exchange

No update. Mr. Hauser advised he would schedule a meeting.

# Washington DC Trip

Mr. Hauser reviewed recent meetings with legislators in Washington DC with the Board.

## Power Outages

Mr. Hauser advised that there were two notable outages. One on April 11, 2019, affecting 15 customers for just over one hour, and one on May 3, 2019, affecting 7 customers for just over one hour.

# Balancing Authority of Northern California

Mr. Hauser advised the Board of recent happenings with the Balancing Authority of Northern California.

# Power Outage Map

Mr. Hauser advised that a dynamic map is now available to allow Board Members to view active outages. A link to the map was recently sent to each member.

Mr. Hauser advised that the District's website had 887 visitors and 1400 sessions in the past month. The majority of hits are customers coming on to pay utility bills.

#### Financial News

Mr. Hauser summarized the S&P downgrade with the Board.

#### b. Board Member Reports

Director Gant advised she would be traveling to Washington DC in July to attend meetings of the American Public Power Association's Policy Maker's Council.

## c. Committee Reports

None

#### 8. Discussion Items

# a. Policies on Website

All Board Members have a secure portal to be able to login and see any and all Policies on the website. Ms. Palmer and Ms. Sheetz are available to assist Board Member's with access.

#### 9. Communications Received

None

# 10. Meetings and/or Workshops

 Northwest Public Power Association Annual Conference Hyatt Regency Sacramento May 19-22, 2019

President Rose called for a 5 minute recess at 4:00 p.m.

#### 11. Closed Session

The Board convened in closed session at 4:05 p.m. The Board came out of Closed Session and immediately reconvened in Open Session at 5:03 p.m. President Rose reported that the Board took no reportable action under Government Code §54956.9 during Closed Session.

#### 12. Public Input

a. None

#### 13. Adjournment

President Rose adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Clarence Rose, President

ATTEST:

Michael D. Rourke, Clerk