

**Trinity Public Utilities District  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD  
November 10, 2022**

Location: Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room  
26 Ponderosa Lane, Weaverville, California  
Board Present: Amanda Barragar, Alex Cousins Nicholas Goulette, Andrew Johnson,  
Michael Rourke  
Board Absent: None  
Others Present: Paul Hauser, Jim Underwood, Julie Catanese, Sarah Sheetz, David  
DeLange, James Aven

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

**2. Approval of the Agenda Order**

Ms. Sheetz advised that Item 4f and 5d are being pulled. Director Cousins made a motion to approve the Amended Agenda Order. Director Barragar seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Amanda Barragar, Alex Cousins, Nick Goulette, Andy Johnson,  
Mike Rourke  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**3. Public Input**

None

**4. Consent Calendar**

Director Cousins made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The Consent Calendar included:

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting October 13, 2022
- b. Approve Minutes of the Safety Meeting November 1, 2022
- c. Validate Bills of October, 2022
- d. Approve Financial Reports for September, 2022
- e. Approve Electric Service Contract with Angelo Cattaneo at 895 Hyampom Road in Hayfork

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Amanda Barragar, Alex Cousins, Nick Goulette, Andy Johnson,  
Mike Rourke  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**5. Action Items**

- a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar  
None

- b. Select Candidate to Serve on the Trinity Local Agency Formation Commission

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board. Following a discussion, Director Cousins made a motion to nominate Dero Forslund and submit the ballot. Director Goulette seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Amanda Barragar -Aye  
Alex Cousins -Aye  
Nick Goulette -Aye  
Andy Johnson -Aye  
Mike Rourke -Aye

- c. Approve Contract with Edelstein, Gilbert, Robson and Smith for a three-year term beginning on January 1, 2023 in the amount of \$65,000 per year.

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board. Following a discussion, Director Cousins made a motion to approve the Agreement with Edelstein, Gilbert, Robson & Smith for a not-to-exceed amount of \$65,000 per year. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Amanda Barragar, Alex Cousins, Nick Goulette, Andy Johnson, Mike Rourke

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

- d. Amend Payment of Payables Policy

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board. Following a discussion, Director Goulette made a motion to amend the Payment of Payables Policy as presented. Director Barragar seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Amanda Barragar, Alex Cousins, Nick Goulette, Andy Johnson, Mike Rourke

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

## 6. Reports:

- a. Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Reporting Metrics Update

Mr. DeLange summarized the Report, attached and incorporated herein. The District continues to make progress on both patrol and intrusive pole inspections. Additionally, Mr. DeLange attributed the minimal number of outages on this month's Outage Report in part to the substantial number of trees being cleared from the District's Rights of Ways as part of its Vegetation Management practices. Mr. DeLange advised that the District is in receipt of a safety memo on the fault tamers being used and that while the intent is to continue to utilize the fault tamers, the installation statistics will be included in future Wildfire Mitigation Plan Reports.

- b. General Managers Reports:

- Drone Purchases

Mr. Hauser advised that in addition to the current drone pilots the District has, there is an effort being made for linemen to obtain their FAA Drone Pilot's License. Given the District's terrain and length of Distribution circuits, drones can significantly improve restoration times during outages, by eliminating driving and/or hiking miles of line to determine fault location.

- Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser advised that the District has a contract for a Phase 2 Environmental Assessment, and is awaiting a copy of the Phase 1 Environmental Assessment in order to begin work.

- Balancing Authority of Northern California (BANC)

Mr. Hauser advised that BANC is meeting in person next week. He noted that the California Independent System Operator recently published an assessment of the avoidance of the rolling blackouts in Summer 2022.

- Power Outages

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report, attached and incorporated herein, noting that the Outage Summary was very brief, and that going forward, the report provided will include the calendar month prior to the meeting, and that it will be distributed with the Agenda packet, rather than distributed at each meeting.

- Right-of-Way (ROW) Project Update

Mr. Hauser advised that a draft Environmental Impact Report may be released soon. Director Cousins inquired if undergrounding of lines could be included as an option in the Report. Mr. Hauser advised that yes, it can be included.

Director Barragar inquired as to when the District began pursuing the ROW Project, Mr. Hauser responded that it was in the 2019-2020 time frame.

- New Personnel

Mr. Hauser advised that Meter Technician Tom Barnes recently resigned and that Andy Moodie was recently hired to fill the position. Working Foreman, Jody Defouw has announced his retirement effective December 30, 2022, and a lineman recruitment has been posted.

- Downriver School gets High Speed Internet

Mr. Hauser reported that a recent article in the Trinity Journal highlighted that a downriver school had acquired high-speed internet. He advised the Board that the District had a significant role in assisting in the effort. While attending the American Public Power Association's Legislative Rally in February of 2020, Mr. Hauser, former Board member Kelli Gant and the District's lobbyist Susan Stohr, had the opportunity to meet with Jim Hubbard and Robert McGregor of the United States Department of Agriculture. Director Gant shared that the lack of communication infrastructure and the difficulty of obtaining permissions to install equipment on Forest Service managed land put communities at risk during disasters. Robert McGregor took a particular interest in this issue and intervened with the Forest Supervisor and really expedited this project.

Director Johnson inquired about the possibility of an electrolyzer plant to generate green hydrogen fuel in the District's Service Territory. Mr. Hauser advised that County Supervisor Brown has put him in touch with an interested party in Humboldt County. Discussions are very preliminary.

- Forest Glen Outages

Mr. Hauser advised that the District is planning for an extended outage for customers in Forest Glen due to the need to remove dead trees from the August Complex Fire that took place in 2020. Two one (1) week outages are anticipated, with the first scheduled to begin on November 28, 2022.

c. Committee Reports

- Ad-hoc Forestry Committee

No report

- Ad-hoc Public Communications Committee

No report

d. **Board Member Reports**

Director Cousins advised that he has been recruited to the North West Public Power Association's Events Committee, that is scheduling meetings for March 8-10, 2023 in Sacramento and May 14-17, 2023 in Anchorage, Alaska. More information is forthcoming.

**7. Discussion Items**

Lease Threshold Memo

Ms. Catanese reviewed the Memo with the Board, advising that it is in response to Governmental Account Standards Board (GASB) 87 relative to Lease Accounting. Ms. Catanese advised that the Board has the discretion to set a threshold of materiality relative to the District's Lease Agreements. Ms. Barragar inquired if any action were required, Ms. Catanese responded that she was seeking the Board's agreement that the District's lease threshold is \$25,000 for materiality. The Board concurred.

**8. Communications Received**

- a. Correspondence received from the Special District Risk Management Authority.
- b. Correspondence received from District customer Theresa Blanco

**9. Meetings and/or Workshops**

- a. American Public Power Association – 2023 Legislative Rally  
Mayflower Hotel, Washington DC  
February 27 – March 1, 2023
- b. California Municipal Utilities Association Annual Conference  
Rancho Bernardo Inn  
17550 Bernardo Oaks Drive  
San Diego, CA 92128  
April 16-18, 2023

Mr. Hauser requested that Board Members advise Ms. Sheetz if they would like to attend the upcoming meetings and/or workshops.

The Board took a brief recess at 3:07 p.m., and entered into closed session at 3:18 p.m. The Board reconvened in open session at 3:40 p.m. and reported the following:

**13. Closed Session**

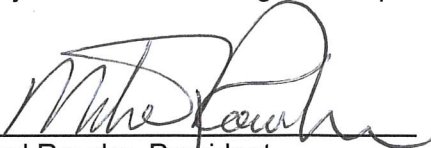
- a. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9  
No Reportable Action
- b. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9  
The Board authorized denial of the claim.
- c. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54957.6  
No Reportable Action

**14. Public Input**

None

**15. Adjournment**

There being no further business, President Rourke adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

  
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Michael Rourke, President

ATTEST:   
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Andrew Johnson, Clerk

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OUTAGE SUMMARY							
OCTOBER 10 - OCTOBER 31, 2022							
OUTAGE NAME	OUTAGE	TIME OUT	TIME ON	DURATION	SUB	# OUT	CAUSE
STEINER FLAT	219229	10/20/2022 8:00	10/20/2022 12:00	4:00	Douglas City	9	Maintenance
EAST WEAVER CK RD.	219180	10/14/2022 10:32	10/14/2022 14:02	3:29	Mill Street	17	Contractor caused/water

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11/10/2022

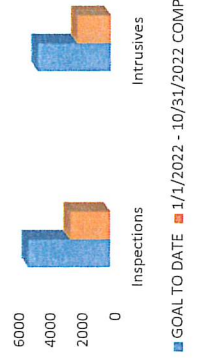
Wildfire Mitigation Efforts  
2022 - Report to Date (10/31/2022)

Annual Pole Inspection Data

Patrol Inspection - all poles 1x every 2 years (target is 6,000/year)  
Intrusive Inspection - due at 15 years, then 20 year interval if passes (target 1,000/year)

Date	GOAL TO DATE	1/1/2022 - 10/31/2022 COMPLETED
Inspections	5098	2,472
Intrusives	4520	2,052
Poles Reported Damaged		333
Work Orders Completed		239

Inspections and Intrusives



	June	July	August	September	October
Trims	519	524	394	577	563
Removal Class 1	704	672	418	385	390
Removal Class 2	155	159	147	241	185
Brush Cut	11	31	65	9	28
T&M Hours removals	153	139	209	184	144

PRC 4292 Pole Clearing		Watkins tree service	
Total needed	917	3 Days Hazard tree removal	
Completed to date	917	3 Crews	
Retreated	141	Red Hill, Shady Creek	
Brushing/Chipping			
~4.8 miles of ROW	144		\$26,624.00

Trees By The Numbers

