

**Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
AUGUST 8, 2024**

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, Mike Garcia, Julie Catanese, Sarah
Sheetz, and David DeLange

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

2. Approval of the Agenda Order

Director Cousins made a motion to approve the Agenda Order. Director Goulette seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Amanda Barragar, Alex Cousins, Nick Goulette, Andrew
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 Goulette seconded the motion. The Consent Calendar included:

- a. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting July 11, 2024
- b. Accept Minutes of the Safety Meeting, June 18, 2024
- c. Accept Minutes of the Safety Meeting, July 16, 2024
- d. Validate Bills of July, 2024
- e. Approve Financial Reports for June, 2024
- f. Validate denial of Claim, Cory Main

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

5. Action Items

- a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar
None

- b. Approve Agreement with Baker Tilly in the amount of \$47,000 for Fiscal Year 23/24 Audit Services

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board. Following a brief discussion regarding the frequency of changing auditors and the qualifications of Baker Tilly, Director Cousins made a motion to approve the agreement with Baker Tilly in the amount of \$47,000 to perform Fiscal Year 23/24 Audit Services, and to authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement. Director Barragar seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

c. Amend Use of District Vehicles Policy

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board. Following a brief discussion Director Goulette made a motion to Amend the Use of District Vehicles Policy as presented. Director Barragar seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

6. Reports:

a. Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Reporting Metrics Update – July 2024

Mr. DeLange advised that the Report included in the Board packet was inaccurate and an updated Report, attached and incorporated herein, was provided. Mr. DeLange advised that intrusive inspections are expected to be complete within the next month.

b. General Managers Reports:

i. Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser advised there is no update on the Land Exchange, anticipated completion date is within the next 2-3 months.

ii. Balancing Authority of Northern California (BANC)

Mr. Hauser reported that there has been some activity around the Energy Day Ahead Market. The current forecast is for implementation by Spring of 2025. BANC has agreed to pay Trinity's charges going forward.

iii. Power Outage Summary – July 2024

Mr. Hauser reviewed the report with the Board, noting that the outage in Hayfork on July 7, 2024 was due to an unknown cause, rather than an operating error as indicated on the report. The District's reclosers remain on fire safety settings, with many of the outages being for maintenance.

iv. Right-of-Way Project Update

Mr. Hauser provided an update on the Right of Way project. Mr. Hauser anticipates the release of the Environmental Impact Report for public comment in the next few months.

v. Grants Update

Ms. Sheetz provided an update on the status of recent grant applications:

- United States Department of Agriculture, Community Wildfire Defense Grant approximately \$9.5 million – all requested documentation submitted and under review by the program manager.
- Community Facilities Grant (Sno Cat) – approximately \$240,000 – all requested documentation submitted and under review by program manager.
- Community Facilities Grant (Fault Tamers) – approximately \$300,000 – the District has been notified that the application has moved on to the next round.
- California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection – Wildfire Prevention Grant – Approximately \$1.9 million – application has been submitted, an announcement of awards is expected near the end of September.

vi. Public Power Week – Employee Recognition/Barbeque

Director Cousins reported that the Board of Directors, along with Trinity River Lumber Mill purchased turkeys at the Junior Livestock Auction. Mr. Cousins suggested an employee appreciation event to coincide with Public Power Week, where the turkeys could be utilized. The Board proposed to cancel the Regular October Meeting and conduct a Special Meeting on October 3, 2024, and to hold an employee appreciation event the same day.

c. Committee Reports

- Ad-hoc Forestry Committee
None

d. Board Member Reports

Director Goulette reported that the Watershed Center recently completed the acquisition of approximately 11,000 acres in the Trinity Headwaters. The plan is for the area to be a working forest, which will include restoration activities and plans to promote gaining additional property through the use of forest resilience bonds.

Director Cousins reported on attendance at the Junior Livestock Auction at the Trinity County Fair. He also reported on a recent phone conversation with John Driscoll, District Representative for Congressman Huffman regarding the United States Forest Service's new strict liability and insurance requirements in special use permits. The Northwest Public Power Association is engaged on the topic and future conversations are scheduled.

6. Discussion Item

None

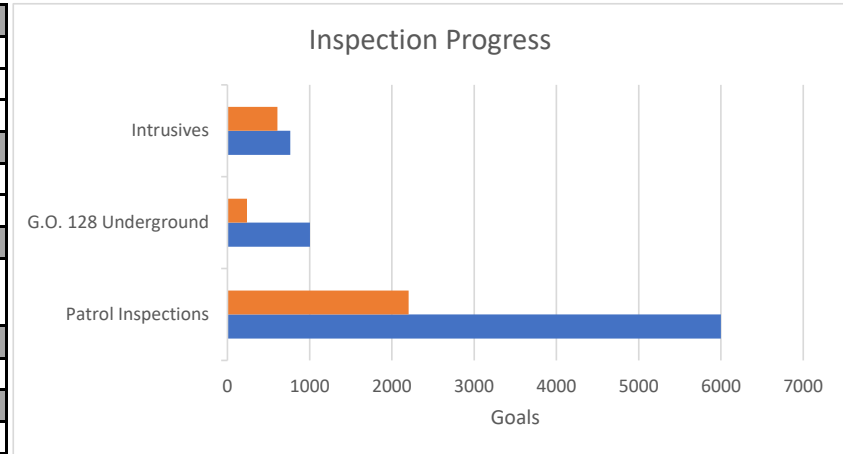
7. Communications Received

None

Wildfire Mitigation Reporting Metrics

August 31, 2024

Inspection Progress	ANNUAL GOAL	1/1/2024 - 8/31/2024
Patrol Inspections	6000	2,204
G.O. 128 Underground	1004	237
Intrusives	763	607
Work Order Progress (System Improvement)		1/1/2024 - 8/31/2024
Poles Reported Damaged		87
Work Orders Completed		256
Fault Tamer Installation	Identified	Total Completed
System Hardening Fault Tamer Cutouts installed	1456	591
PRC4292 Pole Clearing	Needed	Completed
	1048	1048
Legacy Attachments (Trees)	Identified	Completed
	16	7



Vegetation Management Data

SILVERTOP TREE SERVICE					
	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	YTD Totals
Trims	569	803	344	663	4816
Removal Class 1 (4"-12" dbh)	429	346	296	448	2902
Removal Class 2 (12"-24" dbh)	177	225	185	166	1347
Brush Cut (0"-4" dbh)	0	0	0	15	24
T&M Hours removals (>24" dbh)	422	310	326	425	2794
Storm Damage Crew Hrs	0	0	0	0	94

Cal Fire Conservation Crews working out Bowerman to Trinity Center

208 New Poles Installed to date

43 New or Upgraded Services to date