Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
September 11, 2025

Location:	Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room 26 Ponderosa Lane, Weaverville, California
Board Present:	Alex Cousins, Nick Goulette, Andy Johnson, Michael Rourke, Joseph Trindade
Board Absent:	None
Others Present:	Paul Hauser, Jim Underwood, Sarah Sheetz, Julie Catanese, David DeLange, Delmont Senter, Wes Scribner, James Aven, Amanda Barragar and Jeff Morris

1. **President Rourke called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.**

2. **Approval of the Agenda Order**
   a. Director Cousins made a motion to approve the Agenda Order. Director Goulette seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:
      Ayes: Alex Cousins, Mike Rourke, Joe Trindade, Andrew Johnson, Nick Goulette
      Noes: None
      Absent: None
      Abstain: None

3. **Public Input**
   Jeff Morris commented that the Trinity County Office of Education has a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan out for Public Comment.

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 Regular Meeting, August 14, 2025
   b. Accept Minutes of Safety Meeting, August 12, 2025
   c. Validate Bills of August 2025
   d. Approve Financial Reports for July 2025

   The motion passed with the following voice vote:
      Ayes: Alex Cousins, Mike Rourke, Joe Trindade, Andrew Johnson, Nick Goulette
      Noes: None
      Absent: None
      Abstain: None

5. **Action Items**
   a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar
      None

b. Adopt Resolution 25-02, Resolution in Appreciation of Amanda Barragar
Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. President Rourke read the Resolution. Following a brief discussion Director Goulette made a motion to Adopt Resolution 25-02, Resolution in Appreciation of Amanda Barragar. Director Cousins seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Alex Cousins	-aye
Mike Rourke	-aye
Joe Trindade	-aye
Andrew Johnson	-aye
Nick Goulette	-aye

c. Adopt Resolution 25-03, Resolution in Appreciation of Mike Garcia
Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Following a brief discussion, Director Johnson made a motion to Adopt Resolution 25-03, Resolution in Appreciation of Mike Garcia. Director Cousins seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Alex Cousins	-aye
Mike Rourke	-aye
Joe Trindade	-aye
Andrew Johnson	-aye
Nick Goulette	-aye

d. Adopt Resolution 25-04, Resolution Amending the District's Flexible Spending Account Plan
Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Following a brief discussion, Director Cousins made a motion to Adopt Resolution 25-04, amending the District's Flexible Spending Account Plan, increasing the annual employee contribution to $3,300 for Calendar Year 2026. Director Goulette seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Alex Cousins	-aye
Mike Rourke	-aye
Joe Trindade	-aye
Andrew Johnson	-aye
Nick Goulette	-aye

e. Adopt Resolution 25-05, Resolution Amending and Restating the District's 125 Plan and Approving Agreement with HealthEquity for the provision of a Health Savings Account for District Employees.
Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Following a brief discussion, Director Goulette made a motion to adopt Resolution 25-05, amending the restating the District's 125 Plan and approving the agreement with HealthEquity for the provision of a Health Savings Account for District Employees. Director Cousins seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Alex Cousins	-aye
Mike Rourke	-aye
Joe Trindade	-aye
Andrew Johnson	-aye
Nick Goulette	-aye

f. Authorize Rebates and Advertisements for Public Power Week, 2025.

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Following a brief discussion, Director Trindade made a motion to authorize rebates and advertisements for Public Power Week, 2025. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote.

Ayes:	Alex Cousins, Mike Rourke, Joe Trindade, Andrew Johnson, Nick Goulette
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

g. Nomination of Two Board Members to serve on the Community Investment Committee.

Mr. Hauser reviewed the Report with the Board. Following a brief discussion, Director Trindade made a motion to nominate Directors Trindade and Johnson to serve on the Community Investment Committee from 10/1/2025 – 9/30/2026. The Nominees accepted the appointment. The motion passed with the following voice vote.

Ayes:	Alex Cousins, Mike Rourke, Joe Trindade, Andrew Johnson, Nick Goulette
Noes:	None
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

6. Reports

a. Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Reporting Metrics Update – August 2025

Mr. DeLange reviewed the August 2025 Reporting Metrics with the Board.

Mr. DeLange provided a presentation on the District's use of AIDash in its Vegetation Management efforts. The presentation is attached and incorporated herein by reference.

b. General Manager's Reports

i. Land Exchange

Mr. Hauser reported that he expects progress on the Land Exchange soon.

ii. Balancing Authority of Northern California (BANC)

Mr. Hauser reported that the process for BANC to move into the Extended Day Ahead Market continues to move forward slowly, with a target date in 2027.

iii. Power Outage Summary, August 2025

Mr. Hauser reviewed the power outage summary with the Board, noting that the District's infrastructure is still on one-shot for fire safety.

iv. Right of Way Project Update

Mr. Hauser advised that he would provide a further update on the Right of Way Project in Closed Session.

v. Grants Update

Ms. Sheetz reported that there has been some progress on the grant status for the following grants currently being tracked:

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Wildfire Defense Grant, $9.5 million funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (IIJA)
Status: The District is in receipt of a fully executed Grant Agreement and has executed an agreement with ICF to provide administration services to implement the grant.

Community Facilities Grant – Sno Cat acquisition, $236,140.
Status: Funds have been obligated, Sno Cat has been ordered.

Community Facilities Grant (FY 2026) – Fault Tamers, $523,499
Status: Notified by Congressman Huffman's office that this application is being moved forward, but has been reduced to $360,000. Award is dependent on Congress passing a budget.

Cal Fire – Fuels Reduction Grant, $950,000
Status: Application for a shaded fuel break on the 60kV line from Weaverville to Hayfork submitted and under review, expected notification in October/November 2025.

vi. Public Power Week – Celebration/Employee Barbeque, October 9, 2025

Mr. Hauser reminded the Board of the Public Power Week/Employee Celebration scheduled for October 9, 2025.

c. Committee Reports
   - Ad-hoc Forestry Committee
     None

d. Board Member Reports
   None

7. Discussion Item(s)

None

8. Communications Received

The Board received correspondence from the Weaverville Lions Club, Hayfork Booster Club, Tri Counties Bank and Ronan Traub.

9. Meetings and/or Workshops

a. Golden State Power Cooperative – Annual Conference
   San Diego, CA
   September 29-30, 2025

b. Northern California Power Agency Annual Conference
Monterey, CA
September 24-26, 2025

Mr. Hauser requested that the Board let Ms. Sheetz know if they would like to attend.

10. Public Input

None

The Board took a brief recess at 3:30 p.m. and entered Closed Session at 3:35 p.m.

11. Closed Session

a. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Claimant: Ivan and Elizabeth Vlahov
No Reportable Action

b. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Three Potential Case(s)
No Reportable Action

c. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54957.6
Conference with Labor Negotiator

Agency Negotiator:	Board of Directors
Employee Organization:	Unrepresented – General Manager

The Board unanimously approved a one-time twelve percent incentive payment to the General Manager for fulfilling his annual goals and unanimously approved a 4.5 percent cost of living increase to the General Manager's base pay retroactive to the pay period that includes his anniversary date of September 6.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, President Rourke adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

/s/ Michael Rourke
Michael Rourke, President

ATTEST: *__/s/ Nicholas Goulette__*
Nicholas Goulette, Clerk