

**Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
June 11, 2026**

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

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

2. Approval of the Agenda Order

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

Ayes: Mike Rourke, Joe Trindade, Nick Goulette, Alex Cousins,
Andy Johnson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

3. Presentation in Recognition of Paul Hauser by Trinity PUD Staff

Trinity PUD Staff presented Mr. Hauser with a gift and thanked him for his leadership over the last 15 years.

4. Public Input

None

5. Consent Calendar

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

- a. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting, May 14, 2026
- b. Accept Minutes of the Safety Meeting, June 2, 2026
- c. Validate Bills of May, 2026
- d. Approve Financial Reports for April, 2026

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Mike Rourke, Joe Trindade, Nick Goulette, Alex Cousins,
Andy Johnson

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

6. Action Items

- a. Items Pulled from Consent Calendar
None.

- b. Adopt Resolution No. 26-05 in Appreciation of Paul Hauser

President Rourke presented the Resolution in Appreciation of Paul Hauser. After a brief discussion, Director Cousins made a motion to Adopt Resolution No. 26-05. Director Johnson seconded the motion. Director Goulette complimented Mr. Hauser on his accomplishments with the District. President Rourke stated that he was grateful for the legacy Mr. Hauser has left. Director Johnson advised that he is proud to be involved in the District. The Board thanked Mr. Hauser for his service. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

- c. Amend Conflict of Interest Policy and Approve Submission of the 2026 Local Biennial Notice to the Trinity County Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Sheetz reviewed the Report with the Board. Following a brief discussion, Director Cousins made a motion to amend the Conflict of Interest Policy and approve Submission of the 2026 Local Biennial Notice to the Trinity County Board of Supervisors. Director Goulette seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

- d. Adopt Resolution No. 26-06 Authorizing Submission of Grant Application to the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for the Hayfork Right-of-Way Fuel Break Project

Ms. Sheetz reviewed the report with the Board. Following a discussion Director Cousins made a motion to Adopt Resolution No. 26-06 authorizing submission of a grant application to the State of California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for the Hayfork Right-of-Way Fuel Break Project, and authorized the General Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to facilitate the application and project. Director Trindade seconded the motion.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

e. Adopt Resolution No. 26-07 Ordering Board of Directors Election; Consolidation of Elections and Specification of Elections Order

Ms. Sheetz reviewed the report with the Board. Following a discussion, Director Cousins made a motion to adopt resolution No. 26-07 ordering Board of Directors Election; Consolidation of Elections and Specification of Elections Order. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

f. Authorize Rebates for Public Power Week, 2026

Ms. Sheetz reviewed the Report with the Board, following a discussion, Director Cousins made a motion to approve the double rebates for Public Power Month, 2026. Director Goulette seconded the motion. The Board discussed increasing the rebates for water heaters and electric vehicle charges as they are not as widely utilized. Director Cousins amended his motion to double heat pump rebates for the month of October, and double all other rebates through June, 2027. Director Goulette seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

g. Adopt Proposed Fiscal Year 26/27 Budget and Five-Year Financial Forecast and Updated District Goals.

Ms. Sheetz reviewed the report with the Board. Following a discussion, Director Cousins made a motion to adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 26/27 Budget and Five-Year Financial Forecast and Updated District Goals. Director Johnson seconded the motion. Director Johnson inquired about capital expenses, requesting that staff identify the priorities. Mr. Senter explained the priorities. Director Goulette questioned the accuracy of the contingency reserve amount listed in the Budget. Ms. Catanese stated that she was confident the amount was correct but would further investigate his concern. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

h. Approve Unrepresented Employees Salary Schedule

Ms. Sheetz reviewed the report with the Board, advising that there was a clerical error in the Salary Schedule presented at the May 14, 2026 Board Meeting. The Board, at its December 11, 2025 meeting, unanimously approved an Amendment to the General Manager's Contract, removing the existing incentive arrangement and replacing it with an equivalent twelve percent pay increase retroactive to the anniversary date of September 6, 2025. The Salary Schedule presented at the May 14, 2026 Board Meeting incorrectly identified the date as December 8, 2025. The updated Salary Schedule, attached and incorporated herein, corrects the date to the approved effective date of August 31, 2025, which is the start of the pay period that includes September 6, 2025. Following a discussion, Director Goulette made a motion to approve the revised Unrepresented Salary Schedule. Director Cousins seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

7. Reports

a. Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Reporting Metrics Update – May 2026

Mr. DeLange reviewed the Report with the Board.

b. General Manager's Reports

i. Land Exchange

Ms. Sheetz reported that the Bureau of Land Management is requesting a new Phase I Environmental Assessment and that staff has inquired about funding from either the Bureau of Land Management or the United States Forest Service to pay for the requested report. Ms. Sheetz also advised that Congressman Huffman's office is engaged on the topic.

ii. Wildfire Risk Reduction, Reliability and Asset Protection Project (WRAP) Update

Ms. Sheetz provided an update on the WRAP noting that completion of the EIR/EIS is currently anticipated by the end of 2026. Ms. Sheetz also advised that the Forest Service had reached out regarding the line that serves Tannery Gulch and has requested a stand alone project to widen the right of way to 130'. A quote for the additional environmental work has been requested from Aspen Environmental Group, the Board suggested obtaining an additional quote from another vendor.

iii. Balancing Authority of Northern California (BANC)

Ms. Sheetz reported on her attendance at the BANC Commission meeting and provided highlights of the Summer Load Assessment presentation.

iv. Power Outage Summary, May 2026

Ms. Sheetz reviewed the outage summary with the Board, noting that a significant wind storm caused several outages at the end of May.

v. Grants Update

Mr. DeLange reviewed the progress on the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Wildfire Defense Grant.

Ms. Sheetz advised that the Community Facilities Grant application (FY 2027) – Fuels Reduction Equipment - \$1,000,000, has been selected by Congressman Huffman's Office and Senator Padilla's Office as a potential recipient, included in the Farm Bill recently passed by the House.

Ms. Sheetz advised that half of the Fault Tamers have been ordered as part of the Community Facilities Grant (FY 2026). The lead time is approximately 22 weeks.

Mr. DeLange is applying for a CalFire Wildfire Prevention Grant (\$950,000) that would be used to do vegetation management work along the Weaverville – Hayfork 60kV line.

vi. Houseboat Letter

Ms. Sheetz advised that the District continues to work on this topic, which was first identified by Board Member Kelli Gant, and affects the ability for increased houseboat permits on Trinity Lake, affecting recreation and economic development in the area. Staff has met with Congressman Huffman and Senator Padilla's office and requested assistance.

vii. Financial Report

Ms. Sheetz shared the Cashflow Report with the Board, attached and incorporated herein, and advised that the cashflow report will be included in the monthly financial reports going forward.

viii. Trinity County Fair Livestock Auction

Ms. Sheetz advised the Livestock Auction is scheduled for July 11, 2026 and confirmed the Board's intent to once again support the event. Ms. Catanese clarified that the funds used to support the event are Public Benefit Funds, which do not affect customer rates, and the livestock purchased is donated to the Golden Age Nutrition Center, Roderick Senior Center and the Trinity County Food Bank. The Board concurred with supporting the event.

c. Committee Reports

- Ad-hoc Forestry Committee
None

d. Board Member Reports

Director Goulette reported on the recent meeting of the Sierra Nevada Conservancy in Weaverville.

Director Cousins reported on attendance at the Northwest Public Power Association meeting in Spokane.

Director Trindade reported on the Hayfork High School Sawmill Project Grand Opening.

8. Communications Received

None

9. Meetings and/or Workshops

- a. Golden State Power Cooperative – Annual Meeting
September 28-29, 2026
Reno, NV

Ms. Sheetz requested that Board Members let her know if they would like to attend.

10. Public Input

The Board took a brief recess at 3:37 p.m. and entered Closed Session at 3:38 p.m.

11. Closed Session

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

- b. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54957.6
Conference with Labor Negotiator
Agency Negotiator: Interim General Manager
Employee Organization: Trinity Public Utilities District Employee Association
No Reportable Action

- c. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54957.6
Conference with Labor Negotiator
Agency Negotiator: Interim General Manager
Employee Organization: Teamsters Local 137
No Reportable Action

- d. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiator

Agency Negotiator: Interim General Manager
Employee Organization: Unrepresented Employees

No Reportable Action

Director Cousins made a motion to increase: the Electric Superintendent's salary from \$9,374.16 to \$9,842.87 per pay period; the System Engineer's salary from \$7,251.39 to \$7,976.53 per pay period; the Chief Financial Officer's salary from \$8,567.74 to \$9,424.51 per pay period and the Assistant Electric Superintendent's salary from \$7,819.88 to \$8,601.87 per pay period. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

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

- e. Closed Session Item Under Government Code §54957.6

Conference with Labor Negotiator

Agency Negotiator: Board of Directors
Employee Organization: Unrepresented, Interim General Manager

No Reportable Action

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, President Rourke adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

/d/ Michael Rourke
Michael Rourke, President

ATTEST: /d/ Nicholas Goulette
Nicholas Goulette, Clerk