Trinity Public Utilities District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD
August 13, 2026

Location:	Trinity Public Utilities District Community Room 26 Ponderosa Lane, Weaverville, California
Board Present:	Alex Cousins, Andrew Johnson, Michael Rourke, Joseph Trindade
Board Absent:	Nicholas Goulette
Others Present:	Sarah Sheetz, Jim Underwood, Dawn MacLaren Julie Catanese, Dave DeLange, Delmont Senter, Wes Scribner, James Aven, and Sonni DeMello

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 Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

3. **Public Input**
None

4. **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, June 11, 2026
   b. Accept Minutes of Safety Meeting, July 7, 2026
   c. Validate Bills of June, 2026
   d. Validate Bills of July, 2026
   e. Approve Financial Reports for May, 2026
   f. Approve Financial Reports for June, 2026

   The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

5. **Action Items**
   a. <u>Items Pulled from Consent Calendar</u>
      None

b. Authorize Baker Tilly for FY 2026 Single Audit Services and Approve Fee Agreement in the Amount of $20,000.

Ms. Sheetz and Ms. Catanese explained to the board the additional audit fee for 2026. Following a brief discussion, Director Johnson made a motion to approve the use of Baker Tilly to perform the District's FY 2026 Single Audit and authorized the General Manager to sign the proposed fee agreement in the amount of $20,000. Director Cousins seconded the motion.

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

c. Approve Unrepresented Employees Salary Schedule.

Ms. Sheetz shared with the Board Unrepresented Employees Salary Schedule. After a short discussion, Director Cousins made a motion to approve the Salary Schedule for non-represented employees as presented. Director Trindade seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

d. Amend the Payment of Payable Policy

Ms. Sheetz reviewed the amended Payment of Payables Policy with the Board. Following a brief discussion, Director Johnson made a motion to approve the Payment of Payables Policy as presented. Director Trindade seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

e. Approve Request from Trinity County Health and Human Services office of Emergency Services for ReadyTrinity.org Messaging

Mrs. Sheetz presented a request from the Trinity County Health and Human Services Office of Emergency Services to include an outreach message on the August monthly billing statement encouraging customers to sign up for ReadyTrinity emergency alerts. Sonni DeMello, with the Trinity County Health and Human Services shared with the Board that the Trinity County recently transitioned from CodeRED to ReadyTrinity, which offers enhanced features. Although most contact information is transferred automatically, Emergency Services wants to ensure customer's information is current and that as many individuals as possible are signed up to receive alerts. Director Cousins made a motion to approve the inclusion of the ReadyTrinity.org messaging in the District's August 2026 bills. Director Trindade seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

f. Accept Corrected FY 26-27 Budget Reserve Correction

Ms. Sheetz reviewed the report with the Board, explaining that the error did not impact the FY 26-27 Budget but did increase reserve balances by approximately $150,000 in FY 26-27 and in the Forecast. After a short discussion, Director Cousins made a motion to accept the Budgeted Reserve Roll Forward Correction. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

g. Approve Fourth Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Aspen Environmental Group

Ms. Sheetz reviewed the Report with the Board. After a brief discussion, Director Cousins made a motion to approve the Fourth Amendment to the Master Agreement with Aspen Environmental Group, and authorized the General Manager to sign the Amendment. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

6. Reports:

a. Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) Reporting Metrics Update –June and July 2026

Mr. DeLange provided a summary of the Wildfire Mitigation Plan Reporting Metrics for June and July 2026.

b. General Managers Reports:

i. Land Exchange

There was no update on the Land Exchange.

ii. Balancing Authority of Northern California

Ms. Sheetz reported that the members of BANC are continuing to target October 2027 to enter the Energy Day Ahead Market.

iii. Power Outage Summary, June and July 2026

Ms. Sheetz and Mr. Senter reviewed the Power Outage summaries with the Board noting that most of the outages were for Maintenance

iv. Right-of-Way Project Update

Ms. Sheetz reviewed with the Board the status of the Tannery Gulch Project and advised that the Wildfire Risk Reduction, Resilience and Asset Protection Project (WRAP) is on the Closed Session Agenda.

v. Grants Update

Mr. Delange reviewed the Community Wildfire Defense Grant Report with the Board, and provided the following update on various grant activities:

Cal Fire- Wildfire Prevention Grant Application, $949.800.
Status: Expected notification in October/November 2026

Fault Tamer Grant- Fault Tamers have been ordered
status: 7-11 weeks out on delivery of order. Fuses to attach to Falt Tamers have also been ordered.

Community Facilities/Congressionally Directed Funding Grant Application, $1,000,000 – pending congressional action.

vi. Cap and Invest Program Participation
Ms. Sheetz shared information on the Cap and Invest Program Participation and the potential to recover $100,000 in Carbon credit.

vii. Board Trainings
There will be new required Board trainings issued through CSDA: SB 827- Required Fiscal & Financial Training. There will also be an in person training offered in Redding if anyone is interested. Ms. MacLaren will be emailing the Board members with information on how to access the online training.

viii. Election
Ms. Sheetz shared an update on the elections. President Rourke's paperwork was accepted by the Clerk's Office. Director Goulette's paperwork was not accepted by the Clerk's Office and Director Goulette was not eligible to submit in the five-day extension period. Ric Leutwyler filed paperwork during the extension period, and with only two positions up for election and two applicants, the positions will not be on the November 2026 ballot.

Ms. Sheetz requested that an item be added to the reports.

ix. Trinity County Livestock Auction
Ms. Sheetz shared with the Board that she attended the Trinity County Livestock auction in July. The animals purchased were donated to the Trinity County Food Bank, Weaverville Elementary School, The Roderick Center, and The Golden Age Nutrition Center.

c. Committee Reports
- Ad-hoc Forestry Committee
  None

d. Board Member Reports
Director Trindade shared that the Mountain Valley School Board and the Watershed worked closely this summer with the Indian Family Summer Camp program. Participation was great and everyone involved did a "stellar job".

Director Cousins took some members from Payless Lumber Supply to the sawmill at Hayfork High School site connecting the groups together.

Director Johnson reported on the LAFCO meeting and review of the volunteer fire department in the Downriver area. Talks of combining Salyer and Big Bar area volunteer fire department into one group may be beneficial.

President Rourke shared that the drought report is complete and that it has been an extremely dry year.

7. Discussion Item

None

8. Communications Received

a. Correspondence Received
The Board received correspondence from Carter Bradford, Finnley Bradford, Elizabeth Carpenter, Jacob Jones, Matthew Maze, Bowen Rinesmith, Josh Rist, and HRN's Children's Services Team.

9. Meetings and/or Workshops

a. Golden State Power Cooperative – Annual Conference Capitol Day
Reno, NV
September 28-29, 2026
Ms. Sheetz and Ms. MacLaren will attend.

a. Northern California Power Agency Annual Conference
Olympic Valley, CA
September 23-25, 2026
Ms. Sheetz plans to attend

Ms. Sheetz requested the Board Members let Ms. MacLaren know if they would like to attend either of these trainings.

10. Public Input

None

The Board took a brief recess at 2:56 p.m. and entered Closed Session at 2:58 p.m.

11. Closed Session

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

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

Agency Negotiator: 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: General Manager
Employee Organization: Teamsters Local 137

Director Cousins made a motion to approve a pay increase for Members of the Teamsters Local 147 Union of 6% in 2026, 5% in 2027, 5% in 2028, and 5% in 2029 to be effective on August 2, 2026. Director Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following voice vote:

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

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, President Rourke adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

/d/ Michael Rourke___________
Michael Rourke, President

ATTEST: /d/ Nicholas Goulette_________
Nicholas Goulette, Clerk