



REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2026

Trinity County Library Meeting Room
351 Main Street, Weaverville

HYBRID In-Person and Virtual Teleconference

These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcription of the proceedings and discussion associated with the business on the Commission's agenda; rather, what follows is a summary of the order of business and general nature of testimony, Commission deliberation, and action taken. Votes are shown in abbreviated format when unanimous (Ayes-Noes-Abstain).

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

A. Roll Call

Chair Cox called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

Members Present: Commissioners Brownfield, Burke, Cox, Grossman-Crist, and Johnson; Alternate Commissioners Kasper and Nelson*

Members Absent: Commissioners Corbett and Gogan; Alternate Commissioner Carpenter-Harris.

Staff Present: Colette Santsche, Executive Officer (EO), and Krystle Brogna, Acting Clerk/Analyst (virtual attendance)

*Seated as a voting member

2. **PRESENTATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

3. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Approval of Minutes from April 21, 2026 Regular Commission Meeting

No Commissioner comments or questions.

Motion to approve the consent calendar by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and passed by a 6-0-0 voice vote.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY**

No public comment was provided.

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

A. Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

EO Santsche introduced the staff report and noted that the proposed budget had been distributed to all member agencies with no comments received. Expenditures have remained relatively consistent over the past several years; however, the Commission has continued to rely on reserves to address an ongoing funding deficit. To address the deficit, the Commission will continue implementing annual 5% increases in member contributions, with the goal of closing the funding gap over approximately five years.

Motion to adopt Resolution 26-02, approving the final budget for FY 2026-27 as described, by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Grossman-Crist and passed by a 6-0-0 roll call vote.

6. **BUSINESS**

A. Governance Options for Down River Fire Services MSR/SOI Update

EO Santsche introduced the staff report and reviewed potential governance options for improving

fire service delivery in the Down River region. Staff noted that Salyer CSD is the only special district in the study area, with the remaining providers operating as volunteer organizations. Three preliminary reorganization options were presented with associated potential revenues for each option based on special tax projections

Commissioners discussed service area boundaries, potential annexation, funding challenges, and the exclusion of Hyampom from the study area. Staff explained that the study boundaries were based on the regional fire service areas identified in the Trinity County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). Commissioners asked clarifying questions regarding possible next steps, special tax proceedings, annexation process, and community outreach. Commissioners also noted a typo on page 15.

No Commission action necessary or taken.

7. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE (*Information Only*) - None

No EO comments.

A. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No Commissioner comments.

B. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Cox adjourned the meeting at 6:26 pm.

ATTEST:

Krystle Brogna, Acting Clerk

DATE: _____