

A regular meeting of the Templeton Community Services District (TCSD) Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the TCSD Board Room located at 206 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Templeton, CA and via Zoom Teleconference.

**Call to Order:** 6:59 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Directors English, Fardanesh, Jardini and Logan  
Absent: Petersen

**Staff:** General Manager Jeff Brittz, Fire Chief Tom Peterson, Fire Captain Brandon Wall, Firefighter Peter Brinkerhoff, Firefighter Kiran Heidler and Board Secretary Keri Dodson

**Audience:** Khouloud Pearson, Joel Woodruff, Jeff Heidler, Liz Heidler, and Lt. Stewart with the California Highway Patrol

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Order of Business:**

No change to order of business

**Special Reports and/or Presentations**

- Badge Pinning Ceremony for Firefighter Kiran Heidler
  - A badge pinning ceremony was held for new Firefighter Kiran Heidler. He took his oath of office and was pinned by his father, Jeff Heidler. The Board congratulated Kiran and welcomed him to the Department.
- California Highway Patrol
  - Lt. Stewart provided an activity report for the month of September.

**Public Comment:** None

**Consent Agenda:**

- a. **Minutes:** Consider adoption of the regular meeting minutes of September 6, 2022.
- b. **Treasurer Report:** Consider approving July 2022 Treasurer's Report.

**Public Comment:** None

Director Logan made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items a - b. Director Jardini seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Logan, Jardini, English and Fardanesh

Noes: None

Absent: Petersen

**Business:**

- a. **Woodruff Virtual Water Meter Agreement Request:** The Board will consider approving the request for a Virtual Water Meter Agreement for 8 water units at 81 Old County Road.

Directors Fardanesh, English, Jardini and Logan stated for the record that they each had ex parte communication with Mr. Woodruff regarding this request.

**Public Comment:**

Joel Woodruff addressed the Board to thank them for hearing this item. He stated that GM Britz had summarized the circumstances very well and that they had been under the impression they had been paying on a Virtual Agreement all along.

Director English made a motion to approve the request for a Virtual Water Meter Agreement for 8 water units at 81 Old County Road. Director Fardanesh seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - Ayes: English, Fardanesh, Jardini and Logan

Noes: None

Absent: Petersen

- b. **Budget Adjustment and Acceptance of SAFER Grant:** Consider acceptance of a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant for two fulltime Fire Engineer positions, along with approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$124,409 for FY 2022/23.

Directors Jardini and Logan wanted to note that the SAFER Grant funding can only be used for personnel.

**Public Comment:**

A member of the audience asked who wrote the grant. Chief Peterson stated that he was the author of the grant. A member of the audience asked about the time in which the grant can be reapplied for and if there can be any overlap. Chief Peterson stated there can be no overlap and the grant would have to terminate and could then be reapplied for. A member of the audience thanked Chief Peterson for applying for the grant and asked if the costs associated with housing and expansion of accommodations were included in the grant, or if that was already being included in the TCS D budget. Chief Peterson provided a brief summary of the fire station expansion proposal that had been looked at previously. He stated that the grant will accommodate approximately 10% of refurbishing fees, such as minor remodeling. For clarification purposes the audience member asked if

accommodation changes were needed irrespective of the grant. Chief Peterson confirmed this to be accurate.

Director Logan made a motion to approve acceptance of a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant for two fulltime Fire Engineer positions, along with approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$124,409 for FY 2022/23. Director Jardini seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Logan, Jardini and Fardanesh

Noes: English

Absent: Petersen

### **General Manager's Report**

GM Brittz reported on the following items:

- The upcoming vacancy on the Board starting in December for a four-year term. Two letters of interest have been received by members of the public with a third letter expected. Anyone interested has been asked to submit a letter by September 28 and to attend the next Board Meeting on October 4. The Board will discuss options for submitting a recommendation to the County Board of Supervisors at the October 4 meeting.
- A project is going to begin as early as Friday at the Wastewater Treatment plant to test a filtration system to determine its effectiveness with reducing our total suspended solids. Once it has been confirmed the system is working, there will be a Facilities Committee Meeting held to tour the equipment. The test will last two weeks.
- The Community Cleanup will be rescheduled to October 15.
- GM Brittz will be out of the office Thursday and Friday.

**Public Comment:** None

### **Committee Reports:**

- Water Resources Advisory Committee - 09/07/2022
- TAAG Meeting - 09/15/2022
  - Director English provided a brief summary of the TAAG Meeting he had attended.
- Templeton Rec Foundation
  - Director English provided some information regarding the scholarship fund that TRF has established to assist families who may not be able to afford youth sports. The scholarship fund would pay for these children to participate.

### **Public Comment:**

A member of the audience asked how many athletes would benefit from the \$10,000 TRF hopes to generate through donations. Director English noted that this would be dependent on the sport and what the registration fees are. Audience member Khouloud Pearson, who is also a member of TRF, added that there are other funds within TRF that would also help to fund these athletes.

**Activity Update Reports:**

- Utilities
  - Director Jardini asked about the amount of recent rainfall. GM Briltz stated we received .45 inches.

**Public Comment:** None

**Directors Reports and/or Comments:**

None

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** 8:31 p.m.

**Tentative Items for Next Board Meeting:**

- Board Member Vacancy - Review of Interested Persons
- Consider Minor Revisions to the Strategic Financial Policies
- Budget Amendment - Purchase of Used Santa Barbara County Fire Engine

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Dodson, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk