

A regular meeting of the Templeton Community Services District (TCSD) Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the TCSD Board Room located at 206 5th Street, Templeton, CA and via Zoom Teleconference.

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Directors English, Fardanesh, Jardini, Logan and Petersen
Absent: None

Staff: General Manager Jeff Britz and Board Secretary Keri Dodson

Audience: Khouloud Pearson, Jerry Gast, Eric Mortensen, William Nowinski and Nanette Fisher

Pledge of Allegiance

Order of Business:

No change to order of business

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda:

Item a was pulled from the Consent Agenda to be voted on separately due to Director Petersen not being present at the September 20, 2022 Board Meeting.

Director Logan made a motion to approve Consent Agenda item a:

- a. **Minutes:** Consider adoption of the regular meeting minutes of September 20, 2022.

Director Jardini seconded the motion.

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

Noes: None

Abstain: Petersen

Director Fardanesh made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items b - d.

- b. Resolution No. 21-2022 - Remote Meeting Determination: The Board will consider adopting Resolution No. 21-2022, making findings to permit the continuation of Remote Board and Committee Meetings, in compliance with AB 361.
- c. Resolution No. 22-2022 - Toad Creek Terrace Easement: The Board will consider adopting Resolution No. 22-2022, accepting the easement required for the construction of the sewer line.
- d. Notice of Completion for the Santa Lucia School Water Service Connection Project: The Board will consider accepting the work on the Santa Lucia School Water Service Connection Project as complete and directing staff to file a Notice of Completion.

Director English seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Fardanesh, English, Jardini, Petersen and Logan
Noes: None

Business:

- a. Board Member Vacancy - Review of Interested Persons: The Board will review letters of interest for the upcoming vacant seat on the Board, and if deemed appropriate, will make a recommendation to the County Board of Supervisors regarding the appointment.

Each of the four interested persons provided a brief statement to the Board and answered questions. In addition to this the Board highlighted some of the duties expected of Board Members.

Director English recommended that a member of the public be appointed to each of the subcommittees of the Board in order to give them an opportunity to serve the District in other ways. All Board Members were in favor of this recommendation. GM Britz will report back to the Board at a future meeting on what actions would need to be taken.

Public Comment:

Nanette Fisher voiced her disappointment with the Templeton Community for not having an election as this shows how little interest and understanding there is in our local government. She thanked the Board for being transparent and keeping the process upbeat and simple. She felt the Board should look for the candidate with the least work in other areas of government and who has the most energy and desire to learn. She thanked the candidates for stepping forward and encouraged them to keep in mind that they would not be serving TCSD but would be serving the community through TCSD.

Director Logan made a motion to accept Khouloud Pearson as a nomination to serve on the Board to put forth towards the Board of Supervisors. Director Petersen seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - Ayes: Logan, Petersen, English, Fardanesh and Jardini
Noes: None

Public Comment:

Nanette Fisher expressed her congratulations to both Khoulood and the Board and hopes the other three candidates will stay involved. She stated that in over 20 years of covering the District that this isn't the first time this has come up and would remind them that the kind of people they would want on the Board are the kind that take the initiative and not those that have to be drawn in.

General Manager's Report

GM Britz reported on the following items:

- The pilot study of a filter technology at the Wastewater Treatment Plant has been completed. Preliminary results show that the technology was effective.
- Living the Dream Fundraiser will be held this Saturday night. The event is sold out, but there is a waitlist for any cancellations.

Public Comment: None

Committee Reports:

- Administration/Finance Committee - 09/13/2022
 - Director Logan stated that there was an item in these minutes, under Strategic Financial Policies, relating to a recommendation to come to the Board to change the vehicle useful life assignment. GM Britz clarified that there was not a unanimous recommendation from the Committee, but that this item will be coming before the Board at a future meeting.
- Fire and Emergency Management Committee - 09/14/2022
 - GM Britz commented on an item in these minutes relating to the purchase of a used Santa Barbara County Fire Engine. This engine has subsequently been put back in service, so this item will be pushed out until a different engine from Santa Barbara County can be examined. GM Britz also advised the Board that a local business, who would like to remain anonymous, had donated a bottle fill station to the Department. Director Logan also wanted to make mention of the revenue that was expected to be generated from out-of-county assignments the Department had recently gone on.
- Director Fardanesh commented on the Facilities Committee Meeting that had taken place the day before. He stated it was quite incredible to compare the plant to how it was 6 years ago when he first started going there. Everything has become automatic rather than manual and is working very well. He wanted to also comment on how passionate Utilities Manager Justin Black is and the new ideas he is looking to come up with. Director Logan agreed that Justin was a great hire for the Department. She also felt the biggest thing was the addition of a testing station that helps to get readings back quickly, rather than sending samples out and not getting results back for a month.

Public Comment: None

Activity Update Reports:

- Engineering
- Finance
- Fire and Emergency Services
- Parks, Recreation and Solid Waste

Public Comment: None

Directors Reports and/or Comments:

Director Logan participated in a meeting at Cal Poly which looked at the impact of the drought and how to better manage water within in the state.

Adjourn to Closed Session: 8:16 p.m.

Closed Session Items:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
Government Code section 54957 (b)
Title General Manager

Report out of Closed Session: The Board President will announce if any reportable actions were taken during the Closed Session portion of the meeting at the beginning of the October 18, 2022 Board Meeting.

Adjournment: 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Dodson, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk