

TEMPLETON AREA ADVISORY GROUP (TAAG)

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Thursday, February 16, 2023, 6:30 PM

Templeton Community Service District Board Room
206 Fifth Street, Templeton, California

2022-2023 TAAG BOARD MEMBERS

Scott Shirley, Delegate/Chair

Murray Powell, Delegate/Vice-Chair/Treasurer

Doris Diel, Delegate/Secretary

John Donovan, Delegate

Jerry Jones, Delegate

Scott Silveira, Delegate

Minutes submitted by Sonja Bolle

1. CALL TO ORDER

SCOTT SHIRLEY called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

DORIS DIEL led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Scott Shirley, Delegate/Chair	present
Murray Powell, Delegate/Vice-Chair/Treasurer	present
Doris Diel, Delegate/Secretary	present
John Donovan, Delegate	present
Jerry Jones, Delegate	not present
Scott Silveira, Delegate	not present

4. AGENCY REPORTS AND UPDATES

4.1 Sheriff's Office

SERGEANT KEVIN NORRIS, of Sheriff's Office North Station, made the report for January, 2023.

The station had 2,133 calls for service, as compared to 1,574 in this period in 2022, a 36% increase. Templeton saw a slight decrease, however, from 338 to 311 (an 8% drop).

There were no unusual crimes to comment on, largely the familiar incidents that prompt officers to remind people to secure their houses, cars, businesses and possessions. There was one phone scam reported.

4.2 California Highway Patrol

no report

4.3 Supervisorial District One

no report

4.4 Supervisorial District Five

no report

4.5 County Planning Department

no report

4.6 Templeton Community Services District

KHOULOUDE PEARSON, TCSD board member, reported that at the last meeting TCSD voted to adopt amendments to the fire code. Some water units have been released (although there are many still on the waiting list).

The district is also at work on an updated urban management plan. Templeton has reached water and waste capacity, and must put together a plan at the next level.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

no comment.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Approval of Minutes from January 19, 2023 TAAG Board meeting

Minutes were approved by voice vote.

6.2 Approval of Treasurer's Report

TAAG has \$963 in the bank account.

Current bank charges are \$15/month. MURRAY POWELL will look for another bank that will offer a free account for TAAG as a volunteer community group.

Motion carried to reimburse Powell for TAAG's post office box.

Treasurer's report was approved by voice vote.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

JENNIFER GRINAGER, new Templeton School Board member, has been designated the liaison with TAAG.

Templeton School Board meetings take place every other Thursday at 6:15 pm in the district office on Old County Rd. The next meeting will be Feb. 23.

At the next meeting (and possibly for several meetings going forward until a vote takes place), the board will take up a plan to change the grading system for 3rd to 5th graders. The proposal is to replace the A-F grades with numbers 1-4, the argument being that it is a more equitable system. The principal of Vineyard Elementary is expected to make a report on the proposed change at the Feb. 23 meeting.

The district has received three large grants (\$1.4 million each) to be spent in three areas: 1) learning loss, 2) arts and music, and 3) a general grant to be spent on anything the school finds necessary. It is unclear if they are federal or state grants.

Regarding the issue of "learning loss": The pandemic merely accelerated a trend in learning loss that has been noted for a decade. At Vineyard Elementary, only 40% of 3rd to 5th graders are meeting standards in math, and only 60% in English.

The School District's web site posts minutes of the meetings, and recordings are available for a month after each meeting.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM COMMITTEES

9.1 Project Review Committee

MURRAY POWELL, committee chair: The San Luis Obispo Planning Commission voted 3-1 to approve the 10-acre Sara Street project for which TAAG had recommended denial. The District Commissioner representing Templeton was not present for the vote. A neighborhood group has formed and is appealing project, so it will come up before Board of Supervisors.

SCOTT SHIRLEY: There is another development in that general area, is that Turkey Ranch project?

POWELL: Pam Jardini is involved, I believe it's a "cluster development."

POWELL: The new county board of supervisors has reversed last year's decision to approve a controversial planting ordinance (that passed last year against the recommendations of TAAG, the Planning Commission and other groups). The old ordinance remains in effect. California state law will eventually mandate an end to the groundwater overdraft.

SHIRLEY: There's a new retail project on Ramada Drive, not on the agenda yet.

POWELL: Yes, but that's in the future: three restaurants, and some retail stores.

9.2 Cannabis Project Review Committee

POWELL: The project on Marquita, near Tin City, will be coming up for hearing in April: a 50,000 sq ft warehouse building under construction, containing an indoor cannabis project.

9.3 Community Outreach and Public Relations Committee

There is ongoing discussion over how to increase public awareness in TAAG.

9.4 Traffic Circulation Committee

SHIRLEY will invite the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) to make their presentation of a plan for next 5-10 years at the TAAG's March board meeting.

9.5 Bylaws Special Committee

No report.

9.6 Water/Toad Creek Committee

No report.

9.7 Elections Committee

No election will be held, as open seats will be filled by all available candidates.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM DELEGATES (on items not on the agenda)

No announcements.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm.