



**BELFLOWER-SOMERSET MUTUAL WATER COMPANY  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD DIRECTORS**

**April 19, 2021**

**4:30 P.M.**

**Location: Company Office**

**ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Eric Ikeda

Leo Struiksma

Robert Wilson

Rick Cook

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Steve Lenton, General Manager

Mikayla Coleman, social media

Tom Coleman, consultant

**Via Uber Meetings:**

Wesley Whitehead, shareholder

**Absent:**

Cheryl Harris

**1. Call to Order:**

President Cook called to order a regular meeting of the Board of Directors at 4:31 p.m. at the company office located 10016 Flower St, Bellflower, CA

**2. Additions to the Agenda: NONE**

**3. Approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting held March 15, 2021.** A motion was made by Director Struiksma, seconded by Director Wilson and carried to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2021 Board Meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved by the board.

**4. Approve Payment of Bills**

A Motion was made by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Ikeda to approve the payment of the bills as presented. The motion was unanimously carried by the full board.

**5. Public Comment:** Mr. Whitehead asked If the Board has made a policy requiring employees to receive the Covid 19 vaccination. President Cook replied no.

6. **Discussion/Action Items:**

- A. Mr. Lenton presented the settlement agreement offer from Central Basin MWD. After much discussion a motion was made by Director Ikeda to approve the settlement agreement as presented. The motion was seconded Director Wilson and passed unanimously.
- B. Mr. Coleman presented the three investment options that were provided by Bank of the west and Citizens Bank to the board for the company's reserve investments. After discussion, the Board sent this item to the finance committee to evaluate the best investment option for the company.

7. Project updates:

- A) Courthouse Pipeline: No update
- B) Leahy Well: Mr. Lenton informed the Board that the "Notice to Proceed" would most likely be given in a couple of weeks once more submittals had been approved

8. Reports

- A. Legislative: No report
- B. Finance/ Customer Service: No report
- C. Water Quality:  
Mr. Lenton informed the Board that all sampling is up to date.
- D. Public Water Agency Group:  
Mr. Coleman informed the Board that the new Emergency Response Coordinator (ERC) Mr. Mark Young, was involved in a major vehicle accident. Mr. Mike Holmes, the current ERC has agreed to stay on until Mr. Young to recover.
- E. Maintenance – Safety:  
Mr. Lenton informed the Board that safety training is current and up to date.
- F. Public Relations:  
Ms. Coleman informed the Board that a celebration is being planned for the 110-year anniversary of BSMWC. After discussion, the board sent it back to staff to come up with a date that works for all involved.

9. Committee reports:

- A. Personnel Committee: will be discussed in executive session
- B. Finance Committee: No Report
- C. Real Estate:  
Director Wilson informed the Board that he had met with Mr. Lenton and Mr. Coleman to discuss the needs of the Company for a new property to replace the existing office and warehouse buildings. He also shared that he met with the City Manager and his staff to inform them of the Company's intention to build a new

office and warehouse and to see if the City had any properties available for this effort. Mr. Wilson recommended that the Company consider working with Mr. Art Oliver of Cogburn Realty to assist in finding a property that is suitable. The full board agreed with his recommendation.

D. General Managers Comments: No Report

**Executive Session:** (Operations, Personnel, real estate, legal matters)

**Adjournment:**

The President asked if there was any further business to come before the Board of Directors, there being none, a motion was made by Director Ikeda, seconded by Director Wilson, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 PM.

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Rick Cook  
Board President

ATTEST:

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Eric Ikeda, Secretary