



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

**August 16, 2021**

**4:30 P.M.**

**Location: Company Office**

**ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Eric Ikeda  
Leo Struiksma  
Rick Cook  
Cheryl Harris  
Robert Wilson

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Steve Lenton, General Manager  
Tom Coleman, Consultant

**Via Uber Meetings:**

Shawn Harkness, CV Strategies

1. Call to Order:  
President Cook called to order a regular meeting of the Board of Directors at 4:35 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 July 19, 2021. A motion was made by Director Harris, seconded by Director Struiksma and carried to approve the minutes of the July 19, 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: None
6. Discussion/Action Items:
  - A) Mr. Lenton presented Resolution # 7-2021-01 to the Board to approve the Urban Water Master Plan and the Water Shortage Contingency Plan that was presented at the July 19, 2021, Board meeting. A motion was made by Director Ikeda and seconded by Director Wilson to approve the plans. The Board unanimously passed the Resolution to approve the Plans.

- B. Mr. Lenton discussed with the board moving the regularly scheduled meeting of September 20, 2021, to September 16, 2021, at 4:30 to coincide with the Annual Meeting to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September at 7:00 PM. After Discussion Director Struiksma made a motion to cancel the September 20, 2021, meeting, and schedule a special meeting for September 16, 2021. A second was made by Director Ikeda. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Director Ikeda brought up discussion concerning the Company policy on sponsoring the YMCA Golf Tournament. After discussion, the Board decided not to establish a precedent of sponsoring nonrelated water events.

7. Project updates:

- A) Courthouse Pipeline: No update
- B) Leahy Well: Mr. Lenton informed the Board that the Leahy Well is currently waiting delivery of concrete blocks for the construction of the building walls. The concrete blocks are scheduled to be delivered on August 23. President Cook asked about the SWRCB permit and if it was on track. Mr. Coleman and Mr. Lenton told the Board that all paperwork has been delivered to the SWRCB, and it is in their hands with no known time frame given by the SWRCB as to when they would reply. It was also discussed to start planning a ribbon cutting/ dedication ceremony for January or February 2022, to allow ample time for plans by the Larson family to attend. Staff will bring back a suggested date.

8. Reports

- A. Legislative: Mr. Lenton updated the Board on the status of the Covid Drought Relief Bill. The Bill as currently drafted would require water utilities to submit the amount owed to the State from their customers who have outstanding balances or arrearages, and the state would pay a percentage of it directly to the utilities (percent yet to be determined). The Board was also made aware that because of tax codes, Mutual Water Companies would be required to pay income tax on any monies received.
- B. Finance/ Customer Service: None
- C. Water Quality: None
- D. Public Water Agency Group: None
- E. Maintenance – Safety: Mr. Lenton informed the Board that safety training is current and up to date.
- F. Public Relations: Mr. Shawn Harkness of CV Strategies informed the Board that the Annual meeting letter and Ballot have been mailed out.

9. Committee reports:

- A. Personnel Committee: No report
- B. Finance Committee: No report
- C. Real Estate: No report
- D. General Managers Comments: No report

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

No items to report from Executive Session.

**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 Harris, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 PM.

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Rick Cook  
Board President

ATTEST:

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Eric Ikeda, Secretary