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

June 21, 2021

4:30 P.M.

Location: Company Office

ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eric Ikeda

Leo Struiksma

Robert Wilson

Rick Cook

Cheryl Harris

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Lenton, General Manager

Tom Coleman, consultant

Via Uber Meetings:

Wesley Whitehead, shareholder

Shawn Harkness, CV Strategies

1. Call to Order:

President Cook called to order a regular meeting of the Board of Directors at 4:33 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 May 17, 2021. A motion was made by Director Ikeda, seconded by Director Struiksma and carried to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021 Board Meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved by the board.

4. Approve Payment of Bills

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

5. Public Comment: Mr. Whitehead asked when will the company start allowing shareholders to attend the board meetings in person. He was informed that the due to the pandemic the Governor has an executive order in place that requires agencies to provide electronic participation of their board meetings. This executive order is set to expire on September 30, 2021. After this date the board will determine when to allow shareholders to participate in person at future meetings.

6. **Discussion/Action Items:**

- A. Mr. Lenton presented to the Board an extension to the lease of 680 AF of water rights from the City of Bellflower at the same rate as in the past (\$135.61 per acre foot of water (AF)) A motion was made by Director Ikeda and seconded by Director Wilson to approve Mr. Lenton to sign the agreement. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Mr. Lenton presented to the Board an extension to the agreement to extract water from the Cities HCW at the same rate as in the past year (\$382.46 AF) A motion was made by Director Harris and seconded by Director Struiksma to approve Mr. Lenton to sign the agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Project updates:

- A) Courthouse Pipeline: No update
- B) Leahy Well: Mr. Lenton showed pictures to the Board showing the progress of the construction of the Leahy well. The Board was also informed that the SWRCB is understaffed and could possibly cause a delay in the permitting of the Leahy well.

8. Reports

- A. Legislative: None
- 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 shared with the board that Mr. Mark Young had withdrawn himself from the offer of employment as the next Emergency Response Coordinator (EPC) for PWAG. This was due to unforeseen health challenges that occurred since the offer of employment was made to Mr. Young. Mr. Mike Holmes will continue as the EPC on a part time basis for the next two months or until his replacement is found.
- 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 provided the board with an update on the status of the company’s new website and the upcoming 110 Anniversary Celebration event on July 1, 2021.

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)

None

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 5:10 PM.

Rick Cook
Board President

ATTEST:

Eric Ikeda, Secretary