



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

**January 18, 2022**

**4:30 P.M.**

**Location: Company Office**

**ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Rick Cook, President

Eric Ikeda, Vice President

Robert Wilson, Secretary - Treasurer

Leo Struiksma, Director

Cheryl Harris

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Steve Lenton, General Manager

**ABSENT:**

Tom Coleman, Consultant

Gabriela Gomez, Office Manager

**Via Uber Meetings:**

Wesley Whitehead: Share holder

Shawn Harkness: CV Strategies

**1. Call to Order:**

President Cook called to order a regular meeting of the Board of Directors at 4:30 p.m. at the company office of Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company located 10016 Flower St, Bellflower, CA.

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

**3. Approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting held December 20, 2021. A motion was made by Director Ikeda, seconded by Director Struiksma and carried 4-0-1 to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2021, Board Meeting. Director Harris abstaining as she was not present at previous meeting.**

4. Approve Payment of Bills:

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

5. Public Comment: Mr. Whitehead asked how much money is being saved for the purchase of the Property. President Cook explained that the cost was included in the company CIP Budget.

6. Discussion/Action items: NONE

7. Project updates:

A) Courthouse mainline update: Mr. Lenton informed the Board, Legal Council was preparing a letter to the county giving them until the end of March to provide an easement for the main line replacement. If it is not granted, the company will turn this main off provided a likely chance of reduced fire flow to the court house.

B) Leahy Well: Mr. Lenton informed the Board that the well is moving along at a good pace, while waiting for a pump and generator. They are due to arrive in February and March, respectfully. He also said he was still planning on a field trip for the Board, but it was delayed due to work being conducted at the facility. Discussion was made on the Dedication of the well, President Cook made a recommendation of waiting until May for the ceremony, Staff will make the pans as it approaches.

8. Reports

A. Legislative: No update

B. Finance/ Customer Service: No update

C. Water Quality: Mr. Lenton informed the Board that all samples are up to date.

D. Public Water Agency Group (PWAG): No update

E. Maintenance – Safety: Mr. Lenton informed the Board that safety training is current and up to date.

F. Public Relations: Mr. Harkness of CV Strategies has been working with staff to notify our customer base that late fee's and shut offs are now back into effect.

9. Discussion/Action Items: None

10. Committee reports:

A. Personnel Committee: No report

B. Finance Committee: No report

C. Real Estate: A matter on real estate will be discussed in Executive Session.

D. General Managers Comments

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

Director Wilson provided the board with a detailed report that a phase 1 and phase 2 had been conducted on the property at 10415 Artesia Place in the City of Bellflower. Resolution No. 1-22-01 was presented and approved to grant President Cook and/or General Manager Steve Lenton to sign closing escrow papers for the purchase of the property at 10145 Artesia Place in the City of Bellflower, Ca. A motion was made by Director Ikeda, seconded by Director Struiksma. The motion and resolution was carried unanimously by the board.

**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 Seconded by Director Struiksma to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 PM.



Rick Cook  
Board President

ATTEST:



Robert Wilson, Secretary