



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

**May 16, 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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Steve Lenton, General Manager  
CV Strategies  
Wesley Whitehead, Share holder  
Tara Bravo, CV Strategies  
Angelica Zepeda  
families

**ABSENT:**

Cheryl Harris, Director  
Tom Coleman, consultant

**1. Call to Order:**

President Cook called to order a regular meeting of the Board of Directors at 4:31 pm. at the company office of Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company located at 10016 Flower St, Bellflower, CA 90706.

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

**3. Approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting held April 25,2022.**

A motion was made by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Ikeda. The motion was unanimously carried by the board 4-0 to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022, Board Meeting

**4. Approve Payment of Bills:**

A Motion was made by Director Struiksma, seconded by Director Wilson to approve the payment of the bills as presented. The motion was unanimously carried by the board 4-0.

- 5. Public Comment:** Mr. Whitehead asked if the meeting will now be “in-person” meeting. Mr. Lenton responded that is correct unless the Covid situation changes.

**6. Discussion/Action items:**

- A) Poster Contest: 109 students from Bellflower schools grade 4-6, entered the poster contest. The three winners were presented their awards by Mikayla Coleman. First place went to Daveney H. from Valley Christian Elementary, Second place went to Donovan M. from Washington Elementary, and third place went to Catherine S. from Ernie Pyle Elementary.
- B) 22/23 Budget: Mr. berg presented the proposed Budget as drafted by Mr. Berg and Mr. Lenton. After discussion, a motion was made by Director Ikeda to approve the proposed budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Struiksma. The motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.
- C) Capacity Fee: Mr. Lenton presented to the Board, his finding of our nearby cities for a capacity fee. Mr. Lenton found that most neighboring water utilities are cities and do not charge capacity fee's as their desire is to fund the cost to bring in business to their city. The only other utility nearby is a private owned company which by PUC rules can not charge a capacity fee. Mr. Lenton informed the Board that he is waiting for answers from districts and mutuals concerning their fees .
- D) AB54: Mr. Lenton informed the Board the AB54 class information had been e mailed to them. Once the certificate is received, the company needs a copy to be in compliance.

**7. Project updates:**

- A) Courthouse mainline update: Mr. Lenton informed the board that we are waiting for the easement which is due to us this month at the county supervisors meeting.
- B) Leahy Well: Mr. Lenton informed the Board our engineering firm has still not approved the pump design by the pump company
- C) Artesia Property: Mr. Lenton informed the board that a meeting will be held Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May with the selected architect.

**8. REPORTS:**

- A. Legislative: Mr. Lenton informed the Board that the SWRCB is set to bring a ruling with a 20% reduction of water use. The ruling is set to be enforceable mid-June. A resolution will be prepared for next meeting if needed.
- 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 scheduled for next week,
- F. Public Relations Tara Bravo presented to the board that the web site interaction is up to 1 minute 53 seconds per hit with about 1200 hits per month.


**9. Committee reports:**

- A. Personnel Committee: report to be given in executive session
- B. Finance Committee: A committee meeting is set for May 27 with Bank of the west.
- C. Real Estate: will be discussed in executive session.
- D. General Managers Comments: No Report


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

**11. 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 and Seconded by Director Struiksma to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 PM.

  
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Rick Cook  
President

ATTEST:

  
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Robert Wilson, Secretary