



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

May 15, 2023

4:30 P.M.

Location: Company Office

ROLL CALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rick Cook, President
Eric Ikeda, Vice President
Robert Wilson, Secretary – Treasurer
Leo Struiksma, Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Lenton, General Manager
Angelica Zepeda, Office Manager
Beatrice Eslamboly, CV Strategies
Kristi Even, Eide Bailly
Wesley Whitehead, Shareholder
John Paul Drayer, Shareholder

ABSENT

Cheryl Harris, Director (Excused)

1. Call to Order

President Cook called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at 4:34 p.m. 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 Minutes of the Board Meeting held May 15, 2023

A motion was made by Director Ikeda, seconded by Director Wilson. The motion was approved by the board; 4-0, to approve the May 15, 2023 board meeting minutes.

4. Approve Payment of Bills

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

5. Approve Financial Statement

A motion was made by Director Ikeda, seconded by Director Struiksma, to approve the payment of the financial statement as presented. The motion was carried by the board; 4-0.

Public Comment

Shareholder Wesley Whitehead inquired if the Company allows customers to have arrears since the end of the pandemic. Mr. Lenton mentioned all customer are current on payments.

Shareholder John Paul commented that water bills continue to rise and requested that the service fees reduce. Director Cook asked staff to work directly with Mr. Paul.

6. Discussion/Action Items

- A. The Adoption of 2023/2024 Annual Budget was presented by Kristi Even representing Eide Bailly. A motion was made by Director Ikeda, seconded by Director Struiksma, to approve the payment of the bills as presented. The motion was carried by the board; 4-0.
- B. Well 615 (Rose St) Fence: Mr. Lenton notify the board replacing a block wall privacy fencing would cost approximately \$80,000 for 200 feet. He proposed the Company use a more cost effective alternative by considering vinyl fence with slats, for approximately \$20,000.

7. Project Updates

- A. Leahy Well: Mr. Lenton informed the board the vendor experience an obstacle during completion and would need a couple weeks to remedy the project.
- B. Artesia: Mr. Lenton notify the board the site plans are almost complete.

8. Reports

- A. Legislative: Mr. Lenton informed the board of the recently passed Senate Bill regarding mandating EV fleet. The board approved staff to purchase two additional trucks from CIP budget line item 19.
- B. Finance/Customer Service: None
- C. Water Quality: Mr. Lenton informed the board all samples are good.
- D. Public Water Agency Group (PWAG): Mr. Lenton informed the board of the upcoming meeting Wednesday, May 17th.

- E. Maintenance – Safety: Mr. Lenton informed the board all safety training is up to date.
- F. Public Relations: Beatrice Eslamboly, C.V. Strategies provided a copy of the BSMWC/Board Communications Report. She advised the board of recent statistics determine increased community engagement.

9. Committee Reports

- A. Personnel Committee: None
- B. Finance Committee: None
- C. Real Estate: None
- D. General Managers Comments: None

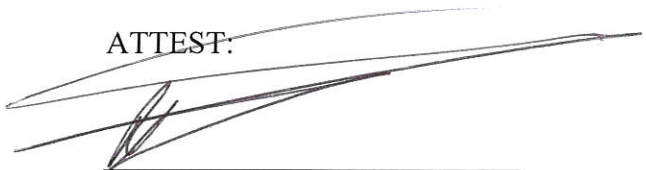
10. Executive Session (Operations, Personnel, Real Estate, Legal Matters)

- 11. Adjournment** President Cook asked if there was any further business to discuss before the Board of Directors. Seeing there was none, a motion was made by Director Wilson and seconded by Director Struiksma to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 p.m.



Rick Cook
Board President

ATTEST:



Robert Wilson, Secretary