



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

**November 20, 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

Wesley Whitehead, Shareholder

**1. Call to Order**

President Cook called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at 4:30 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. Election of Officers**

A motion was made by President Cook, seconded by Director Wilson, to nominate the following officers: Eric Ikeda- President, Robert Wilson- Vice President, Leo Struiksma, Secretary – Treasurer. The motion was carried by the board; 4-0.

**4. Approve Minutes of the Board Meeting held November 20, 2023**

A motion was made by Director Struiksma, seconded by Director Wilson. The motion was approved by the board; 4-0, to approve the November 20, 2023 board meeting minutes.

**5. Approve Payment of Bills**

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

**6. Approve Financial Statement**

A motion was made by Director Cook, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve the financial statement as presented. The motion was carried by the board; 4-0.

**7. Public Comment**

Shareholder Wesley Whitehead asked if agent Larry Harmon will have the opportunity to be the listing agent of the Bellflower-Somerset Company Office. Director Wilson stated when the time approaches the board will discuss interviewing multiple commercial agents to select the best candidate.

**8. Letter of Resignation**

Mr. Lenton read letter from Director Cheryl Harris resigning as a board member effective November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Director Wilson accepted letter and was seconded by Director Struiksma. Director Ikeda acknowledged the board shared deepest appreciation for all the years of service by Cheryl Harris. Director Wilson stated the Company will open a two week application period for the board vacancy from November 21, 2023-December 8, 2023. This will be posted on social media and the Company website. The board created the following committee members, Director Cook and Director Wilson to conduct an interview for the final board member selection to be announced at the next board meeting.

**9. Discussion/Action Items**

A. Property Lien's- Mr. Lenton informed the board he will reach out to Mr. Jim Champa on building a process for liens.

B. The board discussed the 2024 holiday closures and approved board meeting dates as followed:

- a. Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024
- b. Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**10. Project Updates**

A. Metro Rail: Mr. Lenton informed the board Metro plans to complete this project by 2025. It will have a minimal fiscal impact to BSMWC as they mentioned funding will be available to those impacted.

B. Leahy Well: Mr. Lenton informed the board he was waiting for the permit from the Health Department along with various water agencies in the area.

C. Artesia: Mr. Lenton informed the board he is waiting on the City for plans.

**11. Reports**

A. Legislative: None

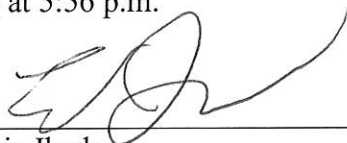
- B. Finance/Customer Service: None
- C. Water Quality: Mr. Lenton informed the board all samples are in good standings.
- D. Public Water Agency Group (PWAG): Mr. Lenton informed the board of “The Great Shakeout” Earthquake drill
- E. Maintenance – Safety: Mr. Lenton informed the board all safety training is up to date.
- F. Public Relations: Beatrice Eslamboly, CV Strategies provided social media viewer data along with report on communication plan for PFOS & PFAS.

**12. Committee Reports**

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

**Executive Session** (Operations, Personnel, Real Estate, Legal Matters)

**Adjournment** President Ikeda 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 5:56 p.m.

  
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Eric Ikeda  
President

ATTEST:

  
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Leo Struiksma, Secretary