



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

**August 21, 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

**ABSENT**

Cheryl Harris, Director (Excused)

**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. Approve Minutes of the Board Meeting held August 21, 2023**

A motion was made by Director Ikeda, seconded by Director Struiksma. The motion was approved by the board; 4-0, to approve the August 21, 2023 board meeting minutes.

**4. Approve Payment of Bills**

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.

**5. Approve Financial Statement**

Not Applicable

**Public Comment**

Shareholder Wesley Whitehead asked if the recent storm caused any damage to our infrastructure. Mr. Steve Lenton replied there was no damage.

**6. Discussion/Action Items**

A. PFOS Workshop: President Cook, Director Wilson, Director Struiksma, Steve Lenton and Angelica Zepeda attended the WRD PFOS workshop. Staff will be working with AKM to begin design.

**7. Project Updates**

A. Leahy Well: Mr. Lenton informed the board WRD is hosting DDW at an upcoming meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

B. Artesia: Mr. Lenton informed the City is preparing comments and expected to receive plans back within the next couple weeks.

**8. Reports**

A. Legislative: Proposed SB1398 to test for lead and copper in schools.

B. Finance/Customer Service: None

C. Water Quality: Mr. Lenton informed the board all samples are good.

D. Public Water Agency Group (PWAG): None

E. Maintenance – Safety: Mr. Lenton informed the board all safety training is up to date.

F. Public Relations: Beatrice Eslamboly, CV Strategies announced the metrics related to uptick in social media traffic on all platforms.

9. **Committee Reports**

A. Personnel Committee: None


B. Finance Committee: None

C. Real Estate: None

D. General Managers Comments: Mr. Lenton informed the board four candidates will be on ballot for upcoming election.

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 Struiksma and seconded by Director Ikeda to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

  
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Rick Cook  
President

ATTEST:

  
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Robert Wilson, Secretary