



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

**March 20, 2024**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Location: Company Office**

**ROLL CALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Eric Ikeda, President

Robert Wilson, Vice President

Leo Struiksmā, Secretary – Treasurer

Rick Cook, Director

Ioana Gocan, Director

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Steve Lenton, General Manager

Angelica Zepeda, Office Manager

Beatrice Eslamboly, CV Strategies

Westley Whitehead, Shareholder

**ABSENT**

**1. Call to Order**

President Ikeda called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at 5:30 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:**

Mr. Lenton added the following items to the project update:

- a. Water Right Lease
- b. County Sewer Realigning Project

**3. Approve Minutes of the Board Meeting held March 20, 2024**

A motion was made by Director Cook, seconded by Director Wilson. The motion was approved by the board; 5-0, to approve the March 20, 2024 board meeting minutes.

**4. Approve Payment of Bills**

A motion was made by Director Cook, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve the payment of the bills as presented. The motion was carried by the board; 5-0.

**5. Approve Financial Statement**

A motion was made by Director Cook, seconded by Director Struiksma, to approve the financial statement as presented. The motion was carried by the board; 5-0.

**6. Public Comment**

Shareholder Wesley Whitehead asked what rate increase the customers should expect to see. Mr. Steve Lenton mentioned the board adopted a 5% annual increase. The new rates are effective January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**7. Discussion/Action Items: None**

**8. Project Updates:**

A. Metrorail: Mr. Lenton informed the board he is having regular meetings with the Metrorail staff and AKM. Cost estimates and design plans will be presented at a future meeting.

B. Leahy Well: Mr. Lenton informed the board there is one outstanding issue to resolve prior to getting the permit which he is currently working on.

C. Artesia Place: Director Wilson informed the board Mr. White of Side Studio resubmit plans which are currently undergoing review. The City will reach out to communicate the next steps.

D. PFAS/PFOS: Mr. Lenton informed the board the plans for water treatment are still in progress and almost complete. He advised he is currently working on purchasing the vessels.

E. Water Right Lease: Mr. Lenton informed the board about Bellflower Home Garden made an offer of leasing water rights for 125 for 3 years. Director Cook advised staff to reach out to the City to renegotiate water leasing rights.

F. County Sewer Realignment Project: Mr. Lenton informed the board of the upcoming realignment project proposed by the County that will impact customer located on Ramona.

**G. Reports:**

A. Legislative: Mr. Lenton informed the board the company is in support of SB1330.

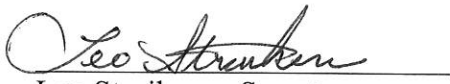
B. Finance/Customer Service: None

- C. Water Quality: Mr. Lenton informed the board all water quality is up to date.
- 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 provided an update regarding the facilitation of the PFAS/PFOS workshop in executive session.
- H. Committee Reports:**
- A. Personnel Committee: None
  - B. Finance Committee: None
  - C. Real Estate: None
  - D. General Managers Comments: None
- I. **Executive Session:** (Operations, Personnel, Real Estate, Legal Matters):
- J. **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 7:07 p.m.



Eric Ikeda  
Board President

ATTEST:



Leo Struiksma, Secretary