



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

May 20, 2024

4:30 P.M.

Location: Company Office

ROLL CALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eric Ikeda, President

Robert Wilson, Vice President

Leo Struiksma, Secretary – Treasurer

Rick Cook, Director

Ioana Gocan, Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Lenton, General Manager

Angelica Zepeda, Office Manager

Ricardo Rodriguez, RR Services

Beatrice Eslamboly, CV Strategies

Wesley Whitehead, Shareholder

1. Call to Order

President Ikeda called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at 4:26 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:

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

A motion was made by Director Struiksma, seconded by Director Wilson. The motion was approved by the board; 5-0, to approve the May 20, 2024 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; 5-0.

5. 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; 5-0.

6. Public Comment

Shareholder Wesley Whitehead asked if the right of way issue for Railroad project has been determined. Mr. Lenton advised him legal council was reviewing this matter to provide final comments. No additional easements are foreseeable with other companies.

7. Discussion/Action Items:

A. Draft Budget Presentation FY 24/25 – R.R. Services – Ricardo Rodriguez
Mr. Ricardo Rodriguez presented the Draft Budget for FY 24/25. The board unanimously requested minor revisions to be brought back and presented at the next board meeting on Monday, June 17th.

B. Water Rights

Mr. Lenton informed the board the City of Bellflower sent out Request for Proposals (RFP) for new water rights contract at the rate of 125 per acre foot.

8. Project Updates:

A. Metrorail: The board discussed the project. A motion was made by Director Struiksma, seconded by Director Gocan, to approve engaging attorney Eduardo Olivo for further review. The motion was carried by the board; 5-0

B. Leahy Well: Mr. Lenton informed the board he has been in regular communication with the Fire Marshall per States request on one outstanding item prior to permit being issued.

C. Artesia Place: Mr. Wilson provided the board with update for next steps necessary with the project. A motion was made by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Cook, to approve a contract with York Engineering up to \$50,000 to conduct CEQA review. The motion was carried by the board; 5-0

D. PFAS/PFOS: Mr. Lenton informed the board four vessels were ordered. The resin will be included with the contract and delivery is anticipated in nine (9) months.

9. Reports:

A. Legislative: None

B. Finance/Customer Service: Mrs. Zepeda informed the board we are currently reconciling FY 23/24 accounting in preparation for the new FY

C. Water Quality: Mr. Lenton informed the board the field staff is currently conduction flushing between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 4:00 a.m.

- D. Public Water Agency Group (PWAG): There will be a quarterly meeting next week
- E. Maintenance/Safety: Mr. Lenton informed the board all safety training is up to date
- F. Public Relations: Beatrice Eslamboly informed the board the website was up to date with most recent PFAS and EPA information for shareholders to review

10. Committee Reports:

- A. Personnel Committee: None
- B. Finance Committee: None
- C. Real Estate: None
- D. General Managers Comments: Mr. Lenton informed the board he would be attending the next board meeting remote.

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

- 12. 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 Cook and seconded by Director Struiksma to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.



Eric Ikeda
Board President

ATTEST:



Leo Struiksma, Secretary