



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

April 15, 2024

4:30 P.M.

Location: Company Office

ROLL CALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eric Ikeda, President

Robert Wilson, Vice President

Leo Struiksmā, Secretary – Treasurer

Ioana Gocan, Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Lenton, General Manager

Angelica Zepeda, Office Manager

Beatrice Eslamboly, CV Strategies

Wesley Whitehead, Shareholder

ABSENT

Rick Cook, Director

1. Call to Order

President Ikeda called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors at 4:35 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:

- a. County Sewer Realignment Project

3. Approve Minutes of the Board Meeting held April 15, 2024

A motion was made by Director Struiksmā, seconded by Director Wilson. The motion was approved by the board; 4-0, to approve the April 15, 2024 board meeting minutes.

4. Approve Payment of Bills

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

6. Public Comment

Shareholder Wesley Whitehead inquired regarding is the Company has sufficient funding for the upcoming PFOS, Artesia Place and various CIP projects. Mr. Lenton stated the Company has adequate funding for all upcoming projects. Director Wilson added, the Company is looking into a fixed rate loan with no prepayment penalty to finance the building for Artesia Place.

7. Discussion/Action Items: None

8. Project Updates:

- A. Metrorail: Mr. Lenton informed the board the Franchise Agreement is being reviewed by legal for further clarification.
- B. Leahy Well: Mr. Lenton informed the board the Company is still waiting on response from the state regarding one outstanding item.
- C. Artesia Place: Director Wilson stated this project will need an Environmental review. He will be corresponding with Mr. White from Side Studio.
- D. PFAS/PFOS: Mr. Lenton informed the board the EPA released guidelines last week. He placed order for the vessels from ION Exchange. CEQA report will need to be completed on all three properties.

9. Reports:

- A. Legislative: None
- B. Finance/Customer Service: Mrs. Zepeda informed the board about several altered checks discovered in the last accounts payable batch. will be reissued next check run.
- 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 information on PFAS/PFOS and next steps on keeping the customers informed.

10. Committee Reports:

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

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 Wilson and seconded by Director Struiksma to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m.



Eric Ikeda
Board President

ATTEST:



Leo Struiksma, Secretary