



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

July 15, 2024

4:30 P.M.

Location: Company Office

ROLL CALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eric Ikeda, President (Remote)

Robert Wilson, Vice President

Leo Struiksma, Secretary – Treasurer

Rick Cook, Director

Ioana Gocan, Director

OTHERS PRESENT

Steve Lenton, General Manager

Angelica Zepeda, Office Manager

Beatrice Eslamboly, CV Strategies

Wesley Whitehead, Shareholder

1. Call to Order

Vice President Wilson called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on July 15th 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

7. A. Workplace Violence Program

7. B. Cyber Insurance

3. Approve Minutes of the Board Meeting held June 17, 2024

A motion was made by Director Cook, seconded by President Ikeda. The motion was approved by the board; 5-0, to approve the June 17, 2024 board meeting minutes.

4. Approve Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Director Struiksma, seconded by Director Cook, 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 including approving edits to the previous financial statements. The motion was carried by the board; 5-0.

6. Public Comment

Shareholder Wesley Whitehead inquired with previous question from last meeting if the Company has received regular taxes or supplemental taxes for Artesia. Mrs. Zepeda responded all taxes were paid in full for Artesia Place. Mr. Whitehead asked when the water reduction will need to take place. Mr. Lenton responded in 2027.

7. Discussion/Action Items:

- A. Workplace Violence Prevention Program – Mr. Lenton shared the draft Workplace Violence Prevention Program which was mandated by SB 553 effective July 1, 2024. A motion was made by President Ikeda, seconded by Director Cook. The motion was approved by the board; 5-0.
- B. Cyber Insurance - Mr. Lenton shared the need for cyber insurance requesting approval to submit application at the annual rate of \$4,500. A motion was made by Director Cook, seconded by President Ikeda. The motion was approved by the board; 5-0.

8. Project Updates:

- A. Metrorail: Mr. Lenton informed the board he was working on retaining attorney Ed Olivio.
- B. Leahy Well: Mr. Lenton informed the board he is waiting on response from State on permit status.
- C. Artesia Place: Mr. Wilson informed the board the results of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review concluded with no findings. The City will reach out for next steps.
- D. PFAS/PFOS: Mr. Lenton informed the board the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review commenced at three well sites.

9. Reports:

- A. Legislative: Mr. Lenton provided an update to the board about the new recent Cal OSHA Heat Illness Prevention Act.
- B. Finance/Customer Service: Mrs. Zepeda informed the board, the company front office is open. She advised staff is assisting prepare for upcoming review.
- C. Water Quality: Mr. Lenton informed the board all water quality is good.

- D. Public Water Agency Group (PWAG): Mr. Lenton informed the board of the pending senate bills; SB 1255 and SB 366.
- E. Maintenance/Safety: Mr. Lenton informed the board all safety training is up to date. There was fire hydrate hit on Saturday.
- F. Public Relations: Beatrice Eslamboly provided the board with the Annual Board Communications Report.

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: Vice President Wilson 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 Gocan to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m.



Robert Wilson
Board Vice President

ATTEST:



Leo Struiksma, Secretary