



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

**August 19, 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 (Remote)

Ioana Gocan, Director

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Steve Lenton, General Manager

Angelica Zepeda, Office Manager

Wesley Whitehead, Shareholder

**1. Call to Order**

President Ikeda called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:31p.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 July 15, 2024**

A motion was made by Director Wilson, seconded by Director Struiksma. The motion was approved by the board; 5-0 to approve the July 15, 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**

Mr. Lenton notified the board the financial statement was not received by RR Services and would be presented at the next board meeting.

**6. Public Comment**

Shareholder Wesley Whitehead stated the upcoming financing for Artesia Place as Farmers & Merchants Bank being discussed at prior board meeting. He inquired if the Company has developed a relationship with this bank yet. Mr. Lenton mentioned the Company currently uses Farmers & Merchants Bank. Director Wilson shared Farmers & Merchants management is anticipating working with us on this financing and waiting for our direction.

**7. Discussion/Action Items:**

- A. Select Date for Annual Shareholder Meeting – Mr. Lenton suggested we could hold the Annual Shareholder Meeting the same day as the next board meeting Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The regular board meeting would be held at 4:30pm. A motion was made by Director Cook, seconded by Director Wilson. 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 for this matter.
- B. Leahy Well: Mr. Lenton informed the board the physical inspection is scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- C. Artesia Place: Mr. Wilson informed the board the City review will take approximately 3-4 weeks. This item should be on the agenda within 60-90 days.
- D. PFAS/PFOS: Mr. Lenton informed the board the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is still underway at Leahy, Chicago and Mapledale.

**9. Reports:**

- A. Legislative: Mr. Lenton informed the board SB 1330 is currently suspended.
- B. Finance/Customer Service: Mrs. Zepeda requested clarification from the board regarding payment plans and forgiveness programs. This item will remain status quo, The Company does not offer this.
- C. Water Quality: Mr. Lenton informed the board all water quality is good.
- D. Public Water Agency Group (PWAG): Mr. Lenton informed the board the next meeting is next week.

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

**10. Committee Reports:**

A. Personnel Committee: None

B. Finance Committee: None

C. Real Estate: None

D. General Managers Comments: Mr. Lenton informed the board the CV Strategies contract was reduced to website management and hourly services as needed.

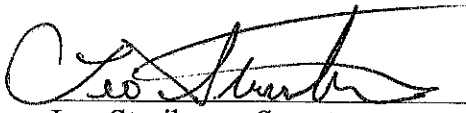
**11. Executive Session: (Operations, Personnel, Real Estate, Legal Matters):**

**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 Struiksma and seconded by Director Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m.



Eric Ikeda  
Board President

ATTEST:



Leo Struiksma, Secretary