



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

September 16, 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
Beatrice Eslamboly, CV Strategies
Wesley Whitehead, Shareholder

1. Call to Order

President Ikeda called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on September 16th at 4:30p.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 August 19, 2024

A motion was made by Director Struiksma, seconded by Director Gocan. The motion was approved by the board; 5-0 to approve the August 19, 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 Struiksma, to approve the current and previous financial statements June 30, 2024 and July 31, 2024 as presented. The motion was carried by the board; 5-0.

6. Public Comment

Shareholder Wesley Whitehead informed the board he experienced an issue with making a payment online but was able to call the office customer service phone number to resolve the problem.

7. Discussion/Action Items:

8. Project Updates:

- A. Metrorail: Mr. Lenton informed the board he retained attorney Ed Olivio to represent the company. Any future agreement would be reviewed by Mr. Olivio prior to approval.
- B. Leahy Well: Mr. Lenton informed the board he has been in communication with the state and is waiting for final approval. SCADA is online and ready when the approval is received.
- C. Artesia Place: Mr. Wilson informed the board the City is in the process of completing the review for this project. He brought to the boards attention the City is inquiring if the Company will be using any grant funding for this building. The board agreed no grant funding will be used.
- 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 of new legislation will be released that affects commercial and residential backflow. The Company will need to comply within 10 years.
- B. Finance/Customer Service: Mrs. Zepeda announced Eye On Water is now available for customers with a cellular meter. They have the ability to view up to date account information online or by downloading the phone app.
- C. Water Quality: Mr. Lenton informed the board all water quality is good.
- 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, CV Strategies informed the board viewers have been visiting the Company more frequently. Soon a slider will be available on the website for Eye on Water.

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 Company will have a booth at the upcoming Bellflower Car Show October 5th, 2024.


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 5:33 p.m.



Eric Ikeda
Board President

ATTEST:



Leo Struiksma, Secretary