



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

**June 16, 2025**

**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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Steve Lenton, General Manager  
Angelica Zepeda, Office Manager  
Ian Berg, Starting Line Advisory  
Wesley Whitehead, Shareholder

**ABSENT**

Ioana Gocan, Director

**1. Call to Order**

President Ikeda called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on June 16<sup>th</sup> 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**

**A. Common Interest Agreement**

Mr. Lenton presented the proposed Common Intertest Agreement for Bellflower Somerset Mutual Water Company to join for board consideration. No action was taken on this item at this time. Additional information is to be gathered.

**B. Amendment and Adoption 401k Profit Sharing Resolution**

Mr. Lenton informed the board the Bellflower Somerset Mutual Water Company 401k Profit Sharing Plan amendment to include qualified joint and survivor annuity rules under the Internal Revenue Service Self Correction Program. A motion was made by Director Cook, seconded by Director Struiksma. The motion was approved by the board; 4-0 to approve the amendment and adopt the resolution.

**3. Approve Minutes of the Board Meeting held May 19, 2025**

A motion was made by Director Cook, seconded by Director Struiksma. The motion was approved by the board; 4-0 to approve the May 19, 2025 board meeting minutes.

**4. Approve Payment of Bills**

A motion was made by Director Cook, seconded by Director Struiksma, to approve the payment of the bills as presented. The motion was carried by the board; 4-0.

**5. Approve Financial Statement**

Ian Berg of Starting Line Advisory presented the Financial Statement including balance sheet for April 2025. 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; 4-0.

**6. Public Comment**

Wesley Whitehead inquired if negotiations have concluded. Mr. Lenton responded communications are still ongoing.

**7. Discussion/Action Items:**

**A. Draft Budget FY 25/26 --**

Ian Berg of Starting Line Advisory presented the Draft Budget FY 25/26. A motion was made by Director Cook, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve the Draft Budget FY 25/26. The motion was carried by the board; 4-0.

**B. Annual Board Election & Set Date for Annual Meeting -**

Mr. Lenton presented the date of October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm as the Annual Board Election date for the 2025 Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Director Struiksma, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve the Annual Board Election date for the 2025 Annual Meeting. The motion was carried by the board; 4-0.

**C. AI Customer Service -**

Mr. Lenton presented the opportunity to explore the use of AI to assist with customer service needs. A motion was made by Director Cook, seconded by Director Struiksma, to approve the use of AI on a trail bases so long as the quality of customer service remains a priority. The motion was carried by the board; 4-0.

**8. Project Updates:**

- A. Metrorail: Mr. Lenton informed the board of a meeting scheduled later this week to discuss further.
- B. Artesia Place: Mr. Lenton is expecting the cost estimate by end of the week.
- C. PFAS/PFOS: Mr. Lenton informed the board the renderings of the site plan are completed. Application for the CUP is complete. The next step will be to apply for the permits.

**9. Reports:**

- A. Legislative: None
- B. Finance/Customer Service: Mrs. Zepeda informed the board she is working with Mr. Ian Berg on the internal ACH processes.
- C. Water Quality: Mr. Lenton informed the board all samples are good.
- D. Public Water Agency Group (PWAG): None
- E. Maintenance/Safety: Mr. Lenton informed the board all safety training courses are up to date.

**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 Struiksma and seconded by Director Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m.



Eric Ikeda  
Board President

ATTEST:



Leo Struiksma, Secretary