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

**April 20, 2026**
**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
Ioana Gocan, Director

OTHERS PRESENT
Steve Lenton, General Manager
Angelica Zepeda, Office Manager
Ian Berg, Starting Line Advisory
Adrian Gocan, GCN Solutions LLC
Wesley Whitehead, Shareholder

1. **Call to Order**
   President Ikeda called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on April 20th at 4:33 p.m. at the company office of Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company located at 10016 Flower St. Bellflower, CA 90706.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
   Director Gocan led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. **Invocation**
   Director Gocan led the Invocation

4. **Additions to the Agenda**

5. **A. Approve Minutes of the Board Meeting held April 20, 2026**
   A motion was made by Director Cook, seconded by Director Struiksma. The motion was approved by the board; 5-0 to approve the April 20, 2026 board meeting minutes.

   **B. Approve Minutes of the Board Meeting held May 5, 2026**
   A motion was made by Director Gocan, seconded by Director Struiksma. The motion was approved by the board; 5-0 to approve the May 5, 2026 board meeting minutes.

6. **Approve Ratification Payment of Bills**
   A motion was made by Director Cook, seconded by Director Struiksma, to approve the ratification payment of the bills as presented. The motion was carried by the board; 5-0.

7. **Approve Financial Statement**
   Ian Berg of Starting Line Advisory presented the Financial Statement including balance sheet for February 2026. 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; 5-0.

8. **Public Comment**
   Wesley Whitehead asked how long the Company is in a contract with Xpress Bill Pay. Mr. Lenton responded this is on an annual basis. Mr. Whitehead asked if the Franchise Fee Agreement with the City is complete. President Ikeda informed the group he and Mr. Lenton attended the City Council meeting when the item was on the agenda. The Franchise Agreement should be approved in the coming weeks.

9. **Discussion/Action Items**
   A. Revisit Day/Time of Bellflower-Somerset Mutual Water Company Regular & Special Board Meetings of the Board of Directors-
      President Ikeda proposed the new Regular & Special Board Meetings of the Board of Directors to the first Tuesday. 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; 5-0.
   B. G&M Oil Company – Director Wilson notified the group this item is in progress
   C. AI Policy – The members of the board discussed and requested Mr. Lenton to bring back this item at a future meeting.
   D. BSMWC Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) – Mr. Lenton will bring back this policy at the June 16th meeting with a Public Hearing prior to the meeting.

10. **Project Updates**
   A. Metrorail: Mr. Lenton informed the board he is waiting on attorney Ed Olivo prior to signing agreement.

B. Artesia Place: The board recommends the real estate committee conduct site visits of proposed contactors current projects.

C. PFAS/PFOS: Mr. Lenton informed the board the pre bid walk is scheduled for May 8th. Bids will be due in June.

11. **Reports**

A. Legislative: Mr. Lenton shared SB1291 with the board. This Senate bill is aimed at Mutual Water Companies adding many new requirements for small water companies.

B. Finance/Customer Service: Mrs. Zepeda notified the board staff will be working with Ian Berg for upcoming budget preparation.

C. Water Quality: Mr. Lenton informed the board all samples are good.

D. Public Water Agency Group (PWAG): No updates to report at this time.

E. Maintenance/Safety: Mr. Lenton informed the board all safety training courses are up to date and there are no injuries.

12. **Committee Reports**

A. Personnel Committee: None

B. Finance Committee: None

C. Real Estate: None

D. General Managers Comments: Mr. Lenton notified the board the California State Water Resources Control Board now requires urban retail water suppliers to compile and submit a Leak registry.

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

14. **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 6:45 p.m.

Eric Ikeda
Board President

ATTEST:

Leo Struiksma, Secretary – Treasurer