

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES February 16, 2021

Directors

In Person: Bob Bachman, Brian Farrar-President, Richard Garner, Larry Kosilla and Jim Murphy

Remote: Vince Marchesani-Vice President, Mike Malloy–Treasurer and Ben Nelson

Absent: Paul Attwood-Secretary

Staff Present: John Jenkins, Steve Richards, Andy Koebel, Kim Hoskins, Lori Nalli and Jose Espinoza

Staff Remote: Courtney Stevenson

Don Thomson of Henderson Franklin

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL (CDC) SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, SOME DIRECTORS, STAFF, MEMBERS, AND OTHERS ATTENDING THIS MEETING DID SO REMOTELY UTILIZING THE ZOOM MEETING ONLINE PLATFORM.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Farrar.

Minutes: **Murphy** moved to approve the Minutes from February 2, 2021. 2nd by **Marchesani**. Approved 8-0.

Garner moved to approve the Minutes from January 19, 2021 with Executive Session. 2nd by **Bachman**. Approved 8-0.

Member

Comment: Mary Meima, a candidate in the Board election, expressed her concerns regarding campaign yard signs and the protocol for posting in the City.

210216-01 **Garner** moved to approve the excused absence request by Larry Kosilla for the February 2, 2021 Board Meeting. 2nd by **Bachman**. Approved 8-0.

Bachman moved to approve the excused absence request by Vince Marchesani for the February 2, 2021 Board Meeting. 2nd by **Kosilla**. Approved 8-0.

- 210216-02** **Bachman** moved to approve an increase in the reclaimed water rate charged to RCS from \$0.54 to \$0.56 per 1000 gallons. 2nd by **Murphy**. Approved 8-0.
- 210216-03** **Malloy** moved to approve the expedited repair to the West Water Reclamation Facility reclaimed water pipeline. 2nd by **Kosilla**. Approved 8-0.
- 210216-04** **Kosilla** moved to approve the Change Order to Task Order to CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc., (Jacobs) for the installation of additional electrical conduit associated with the generator project at the Water Treatment Plant. 2nd by **Garner**. Approved 8-0.

Other

Business: **Jenkins** passed along an invitation from Mark Generales on behalf of the Friends of Lover's Key to visit the new Welcome and Education Center.

Attorney Thomson addressed the campaign election sign issue and explained the City of Bonita Springs sign ordinance. In the past, the Board has not taken a position on interpreting the sign ordinance and simply referred candidates to the City. Thomson referred the Board to an email from the City of Neighborhood Services Director stating that BSU campaign signs are prohibited. Kosilla stated the City told him signs are allowed on private property but not in the right-of-way. Farrar stated that BSU's service area includes the Village of Estero and the issue should address their ordinance situation as well.

Farrar moved discussion of the City of Oldsmar water system cyberattack and the litigation update to Executive Session.

Bills: **Malloy** moved to approve payment of the bills presented and Renewal and Replacement Withdrawal Request (2021-3). 2nd by **Marchesani**. Approved 8-0.

Director

Comments: **Marchesani** commented on BSU's OSHA total recordable rate, which went from 5.0 to 0.9 in a year, and stated it was a world class performance.

Kosilla thanked everyone for the thoughts and prayers on the passing of his sister.

Malloy reported on the Finance Committee meeting and stated that **Richards** indicated BSU had another year of strong financial performance in 2020. He thanked management and staff for their efforts to maintain such results.

Meeting Recessed at 5:45 p.m.

Executive Session began at 5:50 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:18 p.m.