



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
October 18, 2022**

Directors

In Person: Brian Farrar-President, Vince Marchesani-Vice President, Bob Bachman-Treasurer, Mike Malloy, Larry Kosilla, Paul Attwood-Secretary, Richard Garner and Wayne Bauman

Directors

Absent: Ben Nelson

Staff Present: John Jenkins, Andy Koebel, Steve Richards, Kim Hoskins, Todd Griglin, Jose Espinoza and Nathalie Galvan

Legal Counsel: Don Thomson of Henderson Franklin

Meeting called to order at 5:03 p.m. by President Farrar.

Minutes: **Marchesani** moved to approve the Minutes from October 4, 2022 Board Meeting. 2nd by **Kosilla**. Approved 8-0.

Member

Comment: None.

A. Administration

221018-01 Dawn Colecchio with Gallagher Insurance, the Company's Agent of Record, briefed the Board on the Hurricane Ian claims filing process. Gallagher has assigned a claims advocate and a FEMA specialist. Our carrier has assigned a claims adjuster (Sedgewick) to assess damages. They have been onsite for two weeks and completed a preliminary report which has been submitted to the carrier.

221018-02 **Galvan** presented an annual employee benefits renewal preview. The Florida Blue rate is capped at 8% due to Company participation in the Blue Value Solutions program. Guardian Life Insurance benefits (dental, group life, short term disability) will not see a cost increase, but the package was marketed with possible cost savings of 10%-15%. Staff is reviewing these and other cost saving options. Alltrust will present the renewal package at the next Board meeting.

B. Customer Service

221018-03 **Griglin** presented a Hurricane Ian Deferred Billing Guideline to provide members impacted by Hurricane Ian with a deferred billing option or a waiver of the base monthly charge for properties that are not habitable. Board members recommended certain changes per the attached revision. **Malloy** moved to approve the draft Guideline, subject to tax counsel review. 2nd by **Kosilla**. Approved 8-0.

C. Operations

221018-04 **Koebel** updated the board on Hurricane Ian recovery efforts. Approximately 3.5 million gallons of water has been provided to the Town of Ft. Myers Beach to assist with Town damage assessment. Bridges have reopened and Black Island is now accessible for service and sample collection. The Distribution Department is seeing an increase in backflow repair, particularly on Bonita Beach. The Utility Maintenance Department is still working 12-hour shifts, with the hope of a normal schedule by the end of the week. Impacted lift stations are still in damaged state. They are being turned off and on manually and are not communicating with the SCADA system. 30 small panels have been ordered as an interim fix until final assessment, repair and replacement are completed. 14 new panels have been ordered with more panel orders in process.

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(walk on)

Koebel presented an item not on the Agenda, a Purchase Order with Kohler for six new generators to replace master lift station generators damaged beyond repair due to storm surge from Hurricane Ian. **Bachman** moved to approve Purchase Order. 2nd by **Malloy**. Approved 8-0.

D. Engineering

221018-05 **Hoskins** provided the monthly New Construction Update.

Other

Business: **Jenkins** invited the Board to attend the employee third quarter safety luncheon on 10/19/22 and provided details on three staff injuries in recent weeks which will result in workers compensation claims and missed work.

Koebel provided feedback from a member complimenting BSU field staff on their quick and courteous service turn-on for a family impacted by the hurricane.

Farrar congratulated Mike Malloy on his ten years of service on the Board and awarded his ten-year pin. Malloy stated that he feels honored to be on the Board and is proud of the work staff and the Company have done.

Bills: **Bachman** moved to approve payment of the bills presented and Renewal and Replacement Withdrawal Request (2022-16). 2nd by **Garner**. Approved 8-0.

Director

Comments: **Bauman** stated how impressed he is with BSU and appreciates our members complimenting staff.

Bachman updated the board on the meeting with the Finance Committee. He stated BSU is on target with the budget; New connections (ANC Fees) are below budget; Hurricane Ian caused a financial impact (including staff overtime) which should be recovered through insurance or FEMA; Funds

are available to finish the RO water treatment plant expansion; November debt service will be paid shortly, and staff is working on 2023 Budget.

Marchesani stated that residents in his community were very happy with BSU and that our staff is doing a great job. He suggested a modified Agenda Item format identifying: the issue at hand, why it is important, where does BSU stand on the issue, and what is recommended. He requested trying this format for one Agenda Item at the next board meeting.

Kosilla stated he called BSU for a backflow problem and our staff was there within 15 minutes. Complimented staff on what a great job they do.

Attwood felt that we need to somehow separate ourselves from Lee County, particularly with the boil water notices Lee County had in place.

Farrar asked about contractors and/or members in regard to filling pools and giving adjustments. Stated that staff do a great job.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:02 p.m.