



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
November 1, 2022**

Directors

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

Directors

Absent: None

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 5:01 p.m. by President Farrar.

Minutes: **Garner** moved to approve the Minutes from the October 18, 2022 Board Meeting. 2nd by **Kosilla**. Approved 9-0.

Member

Comment: Member McLister questioned denial of adjustment for pool filling he could not turn off due to Hurricane Ian.

221101-01 **Kristen Andonian** of all Alltrust presented information on the employee health care and ancillary benefit annual renewal. **Marchesani** moved to approve benefit renewal with Florida Blue (Blue Cross Blue Shield) for medical coverage, Guardian for dental coverage and Mutual of Omaha for group life, voluntary life, short-term and long-term disability coverage along with funding 100% of employee Health Savings Accounts. 2nd by **Bauman**. Approved 9-0.

221101-02 **Jennifer Hamilton** updated the board on member communications, particularly following Hurricane Ian, including a review of website and Facebook analytics. Usage was high and customers appreciated the up-to-date messaging with regard to drinking water status and system repairs.

Griglin updated the board on the changes to management and use of the phone system in Customer Service Department and benefits to date.

221101-03 Staff provided a Hurricane Ian recovery update.

Koebel presented a temporary lift station control panel to be installed until permanent equipment is available which will take up to six months. Temporary panels will then be stored for future use or sold to other utilities. BSU continues to provide water to the Town of Ft. Myers Beach up to 500,000 gallons per day. An example was presented of a steel manhole cover scraped away during sand removal on Bonita Beach. Utility Maintenance staff are back to normal work schedules except for extra staffing of four employees working weekends.

Jenkins stated that insurance coverage for damage to lift station control panels and other damage may be denied if equipment was located in a flood zone. Staff is working through the County Water Supply Task Force and the Florida Division of Emergency Management on a Memorandum of Understanding pursuant to which the State will work with qualified contractors to assess and repair infrastructure on Bonita Beach over a sixty day period and will not require reimbursement by BSU.

221101-04 **Nelson** moved to approve an increase of \$500,000 in previous Board authorization to replace/repair damaged lift station panels and to accommodate a purchase of eighteen lift station panels and components. 2nd by **Bachman**. Approved 9-0.

221101-05 **Kosilla** moved to approve a Purchase Order for twelve Flygt submersible sewage pumps damaged by Hurricane Ian. 2nd by **Attwood**. Approved 9-0

221101-06 **Hoskins** provided the monthly New Construction Update.

Other

Business: **Jenkins** identified the need at an upcoming 2022 Board meeting to authorize the purchase of 2023 vehicles that will be included in next years budget.

Espinoza asked that board members make their tablets available for installation of mobile device management (MDM) software which is being installed company-wide.

Bills: **Bachman** moved to approve payment of the bills presented and Renewal and Replacement Withdrawal Request (2022-17). 2nd by **Attwood**. Approved 9-0.

Director

Comments: Garner complemented staff on an excellent job in Ian recovery efforts and commented on insurance reimbursement.

Bachman thanked staff for their hard work on recovery efforts, making BSU look good, and on the good messaging during Ian and member feedback. **Nelson** and **Bauman** agreed.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:12 p.m.