



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
February 7, 2023**

Directors

In Person:

Brian Farrar-President, Vince Marchesani-Vice President, Bob Bachman-Treasurer, Larry Kosilla, Paul Attwood-Secretary, Ben Nelson, Mike Malloy, 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 5:00 p.m. by President Farrar.

Minutes:

Marchesani moved to approve the Minutes for the January 17, 2023 Board Meeting. 2nd by **Kosilla**. Approved 9-0.

Member

Comment:

None

230207-01

Richards advised that the Company's Investment Policy requires presentation of the annual investment report. The investment report provides an update on the performance of investments held in the portfolio during the year ended December 31, 2022, a general economic market update and a breakdown of investments by credit quality and sector allocation. Sean Gannon, BSU's investment manager at PFM Asset Management presented the report and confirmed that BSU is in compliance with its investment policy.

230207-02

Bachman moved to approve the Hurricane Ian Federally Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management. This agreement allows reimbursement of damages caused by Hurricane Ian as approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). 2nd by **Bauman**. Approved 9-0.

230207-03

Hoskins provided an update on the Joint Project Agreement with Lee County for Big Carlos Pass Bridge Replacement utility relocation. Lee County has cancelled its contract with Granite Construction and is replacing them with Superior Construction. The BSU scope of work will be

significantly cheaper under the bid from the substitute contractor. There will no adjustment to previously approved funding at this time.

230207-04 **Marchesani** moved to approve the Septic Replacement and Groundwater Protection Agreement with the City of Bonita Springs to install sanitary sewer in the Sun Village and Lakes of San Souci Communities. The Agreement identifies \$6,000,000 cost sharing for the two projects: 50% State funding, 25% City funding, 12.5% BSU funding and 12.5% customer funding. City staff, BSU staff and Legal Counsel have signed off on the Agreement, although it is subject to City Council approval which is expected in the next 30 days. 2nd by **Malloy**. Approved 9-0

230207-05 **Hoskins** provided the New Construction Project Status.

230207-06 **Malloy** moved to approve a Purchase Order to replace additional submersible sewage pumps damaged during Hurricane Ian. As pumps are repaired and brought online six additional pumps were determined to be damaged and in need of replacement. 2nd by **Kosilla**. Approved 9-0.

Walk on Item

(Not on Agenda)

Bachman moved to approve the purchase of sixty lift station control panel radio cards at a cost of approximately \$88,000. These cards will be used in the replacement of the Data Flow SCADA system with new control panels. 2nd by **Attwood**. Approved 9-0.

230207-07 **Kosilla** moved to approve a Purchase Order to dispose of the spent lime in the water treatment plant drying ponds. The lime process removes calcium and magnesium hardness from the source water. 2nd by **Bauman**. Approved 9-0.

Other

Business:

Jenkins updated the Board on the success of the Member Appreciation Day/Open House. An estimate of 300 people attended and were treated to activities for children, GIS system demonstration, FOD an What Not to Flush displays, Warehouse and OSC tours and tours of the East Water Reclamation Facility. The tours went well, members were very engaged and complimentary of BSU staff and facilities.

Jenkins briefed the Board on the Safety Sub-Committee meeting which included Board members Bauman and Marchesani. Staff reviewed safety procedures, discussed injury protocol, worker's compensation claims and suggestions were made for possible improvements and cost savings. The Board will be briefed in more detail after further work.

Jenkins reported that the emergency water interconnect with the Town of Ft. Myers Beach had been closed at their request.

Jenkins reported that staff is developing information on areas that remain damaged following Hurricane Ian and that are not yet ready to resume water and sewer service, primarily the condominium units on Bonita Beach, and the impacts on operations and finances.

Bills: **Bachman** moved to approve payment of the bills presented and Renewal and Replacement Withdrawal Request (2023-02). 2nd by **Attwood**. Approved 9-0.

**Director
Comments:**

Garner, Bauman, and Malloy complimented staff on a great job at the Open House. Turnout was good and members seemed to enjoy themselves. They appreciated staff coming in on the weekend to participate.

Kosilla gave an update on the Member Services Committee meeting.

Marchesani stated that the meeting with the Safety Sub-Committee went well and thanked staff for their time and effort.

Attwood questioned the delay in members getting back into their homes/condos following the hurricane, especially with water available.

Meeting recessed at 5:57 p.m.