



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 18, 2023**

**Directors**

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

**Directors**

**Absent:** None

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

**Legal Counsel:** Don Thomson of Henderson Franklin

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

**Minutes:** **Garner** moved to approve the Minutes for the April 4, 2023 Board Meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Bauman**. Approved 9-0.

Motion by **Kosilla** to approve Organizational Meeting Minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Murphy**. Approved 9-0

**Member**

**Comment:** None

**230418-01 Dawn Colecchio** with Gallagher Insurance Company, BSU's Agent of Record, briefed the Board on the annual Property and Casualty Insurance Coverage renewal. There are some internal and many external factors affecting market dynamics. 2023 premium increases across the various lines of coverage are expected to come at an accelerated rate. The rising frequency of natural catastrophes has also led to "demand surge." Large scale events are becoming extremely costly from a claim's perspective. While certain lines of coverage have been quoted, the larger components of the Policy Package have not. To date most quotes have had reasonable premium increases. Staff will return at the next Board meeting with details and price quotes for all lines of coverage.

**230404-02 Richards** presented information on the 2022 allocable margin, reasonable reserves, and a recommendation for the 2022 capital credit allocation. Each year the Board evaluates the Company's allocable margin, identifies necessary reserve requirements and determines capital credit allocations. Based on various factors such as inflation, supply chain, tight labor market, CPI increase, and primarily unanticipated Hurricane Ian recovery costs staff recommend approval of a Resolution recognizing reasonable reserves totaling \$422,764 and no capital credit allocation. **Bachman** moved to approve the resolution. 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Malloy**. Approved 9-0.

**230418-03 Koebel** presented a Purchase Order for a Hydro Excavation Truck used for underground repairs. This "soft dig" equipment provides a safer digging method, minimizes damage to other utilities, is less disruptive, and allows for a smaller and cleaner job site which translates to less impact to the community, quicker and easier service restoration and time savings. Staff recommended the lowest cost bid on the TruVac model from Environmental Products priced at \$493,959.59. **Murphy** moved to approve the Purchase Order. 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Kosilla**. Approved 9-0.

**230404-06 Koebel** presented a Purchase Order to replace the odor control unit for the master lift station at the West Water Reclamation Facility. The fiber glass vessel that holds the media was leaking and showing signs of failure from the bottom. Staff recommended the low bid from TruSpec priced at \$189,988 which is in the Capital Improvement Program budget. **Bauman** moved to approve the Purchase Order. 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Attwood**. Approved 9-0.

#### **Other**

**Business:** **Koebel** discussed the annual water quality change from chloramines to free chlorine from May 1-23 which mirrors the Lee County Utility schedule.

**Jennifer Hamilton** with Gravina Smith discussed the member communication efforts regarding the 3.5% rate indexing.

**Jenkins and Koebel** informed the Board of the staff and equipment sent to the City of Ft. Lauderdale to assist with localized flooding pursuant to BSU participation in the FlaWARN mutual aid program.

**Jenkins** brought up the annual Holiday Party confirming the date of December 15<sup>th</sup> at Bonita Bay Country Club and his recent luncheon presentation to the Greater Estero Chamber of Commerce.

**Bills:** **Garner** moved to approve payment of the bills presented and Renewal and Replacement Withdrawal Request (2023-06). 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Bachman**. Approved 9-0.

#### **Director**

#### **Comments:**

**Murphy** mentioned the fires along Interstate 75 and two staff members at the East Water Reclamation Facility who fought the grass fires at that site.

Murphy, a Fire Commissioner, brought in firefighter shirts for the two staff members.

**Marchesani** gave an update on the Engineering/Operations Committee meeting.

**Kosilla** commented on the staff Quarterly Safety Luncheon with good food and fellowship and an employee (Richard Culley) who received a tenure award for 35 years of service.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.**