



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 6, 2023**

**Directors**

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

**Directors**

**Remote:** Vince Marchesani – Secretary

**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 5:02 p.m. by President Farrar.

**Minutes:** **Bauman** moved to approve the Minutes for the May 16, 2023 Board Meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Attwood**. Approved 9-0.

**Member**

**Comment:** None

**230606-01** **Jenkins** confirmed the Strategic Planning Session (“SPS”) is scheduled for September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 and briefed the Board on the draft Agenda developed by the ad hoc SPS Committee. The four topics include: (i) Key Performance Indicators (KPI’s) across departments with Board discussion on KPI’s of interest and follow up routine presentations at Board meetings; (ii) Safety, with staff presentation on current policies and procedures, KPI’s and Board discussion on safety culture and areas for improvement; (iii) Future of Wastewater including advanced wastewater treatment and other nutrient removal options; related costs, indirect and direct potable reuse; and (iv) Sustainability including business sustainability as a going concern and environmental sustainability including current practices and future issues including alternative energy. **Malloy** commented that there is room to add an additional topic to Agenda or to replace a current topic and he encouraged Board members to provide input.

**230606-02** **Hoskins** briefed the Board on the development plans for Bayview including the plan to abandon the adjacent Hyatt Coconut Point lift station and direct wastewater flow to the adjacent Bayview lift station. Eliminating the Hyatt lift station will reduce the number of vulnerable lift stations near the coast, and eliminate ongoing maintenance and costly Hurricane Ian repairs. Pursuant to the draft Developer Agreement the estimated BSU cost share is \$483,512.30 plus a 5% contingency brings the total to \$507,687.92. The 2023 CIP budget allocated \$700,000 for this project. The Developer Agreement reflects recent BSU edits but is subject to developer review. As such **Farrar** moved to table this item until the next board meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Murphy**. Approved 9-0.

**230606-03** **Hoskins** provided the new construction status update.

#### **Other**

**Business:** **Jenkins** confirmed the rate indexing went into effect June 1st, 2023 but will not show up on customer bills until July.

**Griglin** read a member email which was very complimentary to the Customer Service Department including member interactions with various staff members each of whom was warm, friendly, and helpful.

**Jenkins** briefed the Board on Hurricane Ian recovery efforts including FEMA inspectors currently touring lift stations and ongoing staff meetings and interactions with FEMA staff and consultants. **Koebel** briefed the Board on hurricane resilience efforts under consideration including telescoping control panels, the high cost of this option, the height limits relative to storm surge and the need to have a local government apply on BSU's behalf in order to qualify for FEMA reimbursement. **Koebel** also discussed the hurricane damaged canopy at the Operations Service Center, the several high quotes received from contractors for partial demolition, and the cost savings resulting from BSU staff renting equipment and performing the work in house.

**Jenkins** followed up with the Board on the significant cost increases being experienced with the wellfield expansion and the impact on reserve levels. Staff will be updating the Capital Improvement Program budget, doing so on a more regular basis due to construction cost volatility, and looking at cost cutting measures and future sources and uses of funds.

**Jenkins** stated the lawsuit filed by Messrs. Richvale and Fitzgerald regarding Board elections had been dismissed again, this time with prejudice, as to all parties. BSU has been exonerated and the plaintiffs received nothing.

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

**Director**

**Comments:** **Bachman and Farrar** spoke on the topic of the Richvale lawsuit. They were pleased it was finally over and staff and counsel did a good job.

**Farrar** moved to excuse the absence for **Murphy** from the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Board Meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by **Bachman**. Approved 9-0.

**Garner** commended operations staff for having an eye for cost savings as it pertained to the demolition of the canopy structure at the OSC performed by BSU employees. He mentioned it was not the first time that there was ingenuity for savings.

**Murphy** wanted to thank everyone for their concerns and for reaching out to him while he was ill.

**Meeting recessed at 5:37 p.m.**