



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2023**

Directors

In Person:

Brian Farrar - President, Wayne Bauman - Vice President, Richard Garner – Treasurer, Vince Marchesani – Secretary, Jim Murphy, Larry Kosilla and Paul Attwood.

Directors

Remote:

Mike Malloy and Bob Bachman

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:

Kosilla moved to approve the Minutes for the August 15, 2023 Board Meeting and reapprove the Minutes for August 1, 2023. 2nd by **Attwood**. Approved 9-0.

Member

Comment:

None

Allen Perry, Safety and Security Coordinator presented a Florida Water Pollution Control and Operators Association (FWPCOA) safety award. Each year the FWPCOA recognizes facilities with an outstanding safety record and the 2022 award winner is the BSU Distribution/Collections Department. Kyle Miller, a member of the safety committee, and Mike Prescott, supervisor of the Department were present to accept the award.

230905-01

Jenkins updated the Board on the Blue Values Solutions (BVS) program with Florida Blue. BSU pays about \$2,000,000 in annual premiums to BCBS. The BVS program provides an opportunity to reduce annual premium increases through staff participation in various health care maintenance activities. Also, BSU has historically funded 100% of the deductible associated with the high deductible plan and fund the employees' Health Savings Accounts at a cost of \$450,000. Human Resources and Operations staff encouraged and facilitated participation for 188 employees and dependents with on campus personal health assessments, biometrics and exams. Staff is looking to further increase participation, drive down health care costs, and facilitate a health conscious

work force. Under consideration is a point system pursuant to which participating staff earn HSA funding. Employees full participation in health care programs receive full funding. Lower levels of participation, which increases Company costs, receive lower funding. **Farrar** commented about employee retention and questioned whether this could cost employees. **Garner** was appreciative that we are looking at ways to cut costs.

230905-02 **Richards** introduced Julie Santamaria from PFM Financial Advisors, LLC. Ms. Santamaria briefed the Board on financial advisory services that PFM offers including with regard to future bond financings. BSU currently uses PFM Asset Management for reserve fund investment management services.

230905-03 **Richards** updated the Board on the costs and reimbursements associated with Hurricane Ian. To date, insurance has reimbursed BSU \$890,000. Potential FEMA reimbursement is approximately \$2.9 million, which does not include the deductibles. FEMA has been on site doing inspections and staff has bi-weekly meetings with agency staff.

230905-04 **Hoskins** updated the Board on the raw water transmission main which is installed (with ongoing restoration) except for a final tie in at the plant. Final connection will follow at least one well coming on-line. Well drilling is underway on the second to last well of this contract group with the last well planned to be drilled in January, 2024.

Diana Francois with Jacobs provided a detailed update on the Reverse Osmosis (RO) Water Treatment Plant Phase 3 expansion status. Most components are complete with work continuing on connecting and pressure testing the vessels in preparation for installing the treatment membranes. Completion is anticipated in late October.

230905-05 **Hoskins** provided a new construction update.

230905-06 **Koebel** presented a quote to purchase a bucket truck to help with maintenance activities at our facilities and AMI equipment. New and used trucks have been considered. Used trucks were expensive with high mileage and new trucks have a 2 to 3 year wait. The quote is for a 2020 Ford F450 with low mileage at a cost of \$120,000. The item is in 2024 budget. **Malloy** moved to approve the bucket truck purchase. 2nd by **Kosilla**. Approved 9-0

Other

Business: **Jenkins** informed the Board of the SWFL, Inc. annual golf tournament on Friday, October 13th and that the Strategic Planning Session (September 23rd) agenda will be sent out tomorrow for final comment.

Bill Payment: **Garner** moved to approve payment of the bills presented and Renewal and Replacement Withdrawal Request (2023-13). 2nd by **Murphy**. Approved 9-0.

Director

Comments: **Garner** had more than one call thanking BSU for action on phosphorus removal and for the community outreach.

Attwood questioned whether BSU could install an old-style public well with pump handle sourced in the Tamiami aquifer. Koebel responded that the source would be the surficial aquifer but that water quality was too uncertain.

Farrar updated the Board on the Executive Committee meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.