

## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING OF THE BLOOMINGTON WATER COMPANY, INC.**

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bloomington Water Company, Inc., a Utah nonprofit Corporation, was held in St. George, Utah on the **24th** day of **January, 2024**, at the St. George Water & Power Administration Bldg. at 811 E. Red Hills Pkwy. Time of Meeting: 7 p.m.

Board members present were:

Jeff Lance, President	Rod Savage, Vice-President	Diana Green, Trustee
Scott Taylor, Trustee		

Present by Invitation: Frankye Pepito, Sec./Treas. Jeff Morby, Manager

Excused: Shane Moore, Trustee

### WELCOME

Jeff Lance welcomed those shareholders present, brought the 2024 Annual Shareholders Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and proceeded to introduce the 2023 members of the Board of Trustees for Bloomington Water Company.

### VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

Frankye Pepito was asked to verify if there was a sufficient representation for a quorum. Frankye verified that with the representatives present in person and by proxy, a quorum was present.

### REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2023 ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

Frankye read the minutes of the Annual Shareholders meeting for 2023. After asking if there were any questions, Jeff Lance asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Troy Pyles to approve the minutes of last year's Annual Shareholders meeting. The motion was seconded by Ernie Moyes, and all were in favor. Motion carried.

### ANNUAL REPORT ~ PRESIDENT'S REPORT/ACTIONS OF THE BOARD

Jeff Lance did a power point presentation on the tank replacement, plus 140 feet of pipe and six new valves installed to the tank. The new PRV location was pointed out on the map and the new 250 feet of 6-inch line and 90 feet of 10-inch line were indicated. Jeff also had photos of the power panel that was replaced for Ranch Well #1 & #2 and pointed out on the map where the 12" line replacement was re-routed on Hillcrest Drive.

Motion was made by Lisa Huber to ratify the actions of the board for 2023, seconded by Troy Pyles. All were in favor – motion carried.

### ANNUAL REPORT ~ FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Rod Savage reviewed the Statement of Assets & Liabilities and the Profit and Loss statement with shareholders and noted corrections on the maintenance contract services and the water fees line would be updated as it appears the figure stated may not be correct. Overall, the company finished strong this year and came in significantly under budget. Therefore, the board is recommending that the assessments for 2024 remain the same as 2023 at \$242/share for A shares and \$121/share for B shares.

Motion was made by Ernie Moyes to accept the Year-End Financial report and the recommended assessments/connections fee for 2024. Motion was seconded by Paul Huber, all were in favor – motion carried.

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#### VOTE ON FEDERAL GRANT & LOW-INTEREST LOAN FOR METER INSTALLATIONS

Scott Taylor explained the State mandate that all secondary water companies must be metered by 2030. This was done as a conservation measure. Bloomington Water Company, Inc. made application for available funds for meter installation and were approved.

- BWC was awarded:
  - \$1,002,000 ARPA grant
  - \$365,000 low-interest loan (payable 1% interest over 15 years with annual payment of approximately \$26,400)
  - Leaving BWC to pick up \$65,000
- Before the grant contract can be completed, the BWC must
  - complete and adopt a water conservation plan approved by Division staff;
  - submit a detailed drawing illustrating how the meters will be installed (which is stamped and signed by a registered professional engineer);
  - submit meter data information, typically prepared by the meter manufacturer as a specification data sheet.

The plan is to use E-meters that will send information to the cloud and be accessible to users by a portal on their smart phone or computer. This is especially helpful for detecting leaks since previously leaks on metered water were not discovered for thirty (30) plus days and an additional 7 – 10 days before the customer was notified. The meters will be 1-inch but will have no moving parts allowing for better water flow. Scott Taylor and Jeff Lance then fielded many questions from the shareholders in attendance:

- 1) **How will the water be billed? Water will continue to be billed according to the number of shares for the foreseeable future.**
- 2) **Will a 1-inch meter be enough for larger parcels to have the same flow and pressure? Shareholders should not notice any significant loss of pressure or flow since the meter has no moving parts, allowing for better flow than a typical 1-inch connection.**

There was some concern about the company water shares being turned over as collateral for the loan, but it would be similar to a bank loaning money on a home mortgage. Once the loan is paid, the water shares will be returned to the water company.

Scott read the complete resolution out loud to the shareholders and stated that if the resolution is passed, Bloomington Water Company, Inc. would immediately pursue the conditions and stipulations to comply with the grant and loan requirements.

Motion was made by Darrin Fillmore to pass a resolution to accept the State and Federal funds to meter our irrigation water to comply with the State mandate as read by Scott Taylor. The motion was seconded by Franco DeCasas – all were in favor except Troy Pyles, who opposed the motion, “out of principle,” he said. Mr. Pyles represents three (3) shares. Motion carried.

#### ELECTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEE FOR 2024

Jeff Lance informed the shareholders the current board members were willing to serve another year, but we would also welcome any nominations for someone wishing to serve on the board. No nominations were forthcoming, so a motion was made by Troy Pyles to suspend the rules and retain Jeff Lance, Rod Savage, Scott Taylor, Diana Green, and Shane Moore for 2024 by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Bonnie Weaver, all were in favor – motion carried.

2024 Annual Shareholders Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.