

**EDGEFIELD COUNTY WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The May Regular Board of Directors Meeting of Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority was held on May 22, 2018 starting at 5:30 p.m. at 100 Waterworks Rd., Edgefield, SC (ECWSA Administrative Building). No individual or organization requested a copy of the Agenda. Notice of this Board of Directors Meeting was posted in the Administration Office 4 weeks prior to meeting and the Agenda was posted May 18, 2018.

CALL TO ORDER: Kennamer, 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Kennamer

MEMBERS PRESENT: Johnson, Clark, Williams, Creswell, Kennamer, and Kitchens.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Timmerman

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Hare, Business Manager Carroway

GUEST PRESENT: Mr. Leon Auger

AGENDA: A motion was made by Johnson to approve the May 22, 2018 Agenda. Second by Clark. Vote unanimous to approve the agenda.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Johnson to approve the April 23, 2018 Minutes. Second by Creswell. Vote unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Leon Auger from 701 Edisto St., Johnston, SC was present to address the Board. Administrator Hare introduced Mr. Auger and explained his situation. Mr. Auger had a few months of high usage in 2015 prior to the replacement of his water meter that did not seem consistent with his usage for the last three years. ECWSA has issued a credit to Mr. Auger's account for the difference in usage for the months in question. Mr. Auger then addressed the Board and thanked them and ECWSA Staff for investigating the situation and issuing the credit. He also stated that he had replaced all the plumbing in his residence as well. No one else was present from the public, and there were no further comments from the public.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Administrator Hare discussed the Financial Statement ending April 30, 2018. Budget should be at 83.3%, Revenues are 82.56%, and Expenses are at 79.95%. Water and sewer revenues are up roughly \$63,818 compared to year to date. Sewer sales continue to be up due to increased flow from SCWSA.

REPORTS:

John Hare, Administrator covered the following items during the report section:

- The Brooks St. WWTF Upgrade should start around May 14, 2018.
- Number 2 High Service pump is currently being pulled to be overhauled because of problems.

BUSINESS:

A. SECOND DRAFT OF FISCAL YEAR 2019 BUDGET

Administrator Hare shared with the Board the second draft of the FY 2019 Budget for Edgefield County Water & Sewer Authority. Hare discussed an increase in revenues due to a proposed 5% rate increase on water. Total revenues would increase by \$448,091. Expenses are also up in several areas, most notably North Augusta Sewer expense, S.C. State Retirement, and Insurance. Total revenues and expenses would be \$9,292,700.00 resulting in a balanced budget. No major changes between the first and second readings of the budget. No discussion. No motion was made as this is the second budget reading.

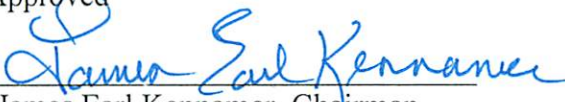
B. AUDIT PROPOSAL FOR FY 2018

Administrator Hare presented a proposal for audit services from Mauldin Jenkins (formerly Derrick, Stubbs, Stith) for the FY 2018 audit. Audit staff would be led by Mr. Chuck Statler who has previously conducted Authority audits, and will be conducted during the first week of August. Administrator Hare recommended the Authority accept the proposal with the fee of \$16,100 which is in line with audit costs of the last few years. A motion was made by Johnson to accept the proposal. Second by Kitchens. No discussion. Vote unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – A motion was made by Johnson to enter into Executive session to discuss a legal issue and a contractual issue. Second by Clark. Vote unanimous. The Board exited Executive Session with no action taken.

Motion was made by Clark to adjourn.
Second by Johnson
Time: 6:15 p.m., May 22, 2018
Vote Unanimous

Approved


James Earl Kennamer, Chairman