

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

The August 2025 Regular Board of Directors Meeting of Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority was held on August 25, 2025, 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 August 22, 2025.

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

INVOCATION: Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kennamer, Smith, Kitchens, Johnson, Clark, Creswell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Washington

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Hare, Business Manager Carroway

GUEST PRESENT: None

AGENDA: A motion was made by Johnson to approve the August 25, 2025 Agenda. Second by Smith. Vote unanimous to approve the agenda.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Johnson to approve the July 28, 2025 Minutes. Second by Smith. Vote unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: After the reading of the bank balances, Administrator Hare discussed the Financial Statement ending July 31, 2025. Budget should be at 8.33%, Revenues were at 12.20% and Expenses were at 8.71%. Usage and billing were up as compared with the previous year.

REPORTS:

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

- Hare discussed the on-going SCIIP project at the Water Treatment Plant. Construction still is on track at current time.
- Brief update on the upcoming kickoff of the Wastewater Master Plan meeting as well as the Regional Sewer meeting held on July 29, 2025. A follow-up meeting has not been scheduled yet.

BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION REQUESTING SEWER CAPACITY FROM THE CITY OF NORTH AUGUSTA

Administrator Hare presented a draft resolution from the ECWSA Board to the City of North Augusta requesting to enter into negotiations to purchase an additional 200,000 gallons of capacity in the Regional Sewer system.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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EDGEFIELD COUNTY)

RESOLUTION No. 02-2025

Request to Reserve and Purchase
Additional Sewer Capacity from the
City of North Augusta by Edgefield
County Water and Sewer Board of
Directors

Whereas, the Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority (the Authority) is a body Corporate and Politic and a Special Purpose District, created by Act No. 571 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, regular session of 1967, as amended, whereby the Authority is given the function to acquire, construct and operate a waterworks and sewer system within its service area, which consists of the territory of Edgefield County, South Carolina and a small area in the Southwestern corner of Aiken County, South Carolina, exclusive of any area within an incorporated municipality which owns and operates a municipal water works system;

Whereas, in order to perform its statutory function to operate and maintain the waterworks and sewer system, the Authority is authorized to request, reserve and purchase additional sewer capacity as needed;

Whereas, Edgefield County Water & Sewer Authority currently owns 1.8 million gallons a day in the City of North Augusta's wastewater collection system;

Whereas, Edgefield County Water & Sewer Authority, the City of North Augusta, and Aiken County signed and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding in 2001 regarding the Mims Branch sewer line(see attached), designed to accommodate 4.6 mgd of flow from Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority;

Now, therefore, let it be resolved, by the Board of Directors of the Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority, that a resolution requesting the ability to purchase additional capacity in the City of North Augusta's wastewater collection system be directed to the City Council of North Augusta for consideration. The Authority would request to enter into negotiations to purchase a minimum of 200,000 gpd of sewer capacity at this time for pending and potential upcoming projects.

DONE THIS 25th day of August 2025, at Edgefield, South Carolina

Approved By:

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Treasurer / Secretary

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member

ATTEST:

Secretary

BRANCH / LITTLE HORSE CREEK SANITARY SEWER TRUNK LINE AND FORCE MAIN

Memorandum of Understanding between Aiken County, Edgefield County Water & Sewer Authority and the City of North Augusta

Purpose: Aiken County (County), Edgefield County Water & Sewer Authority (Authority) and the City of North Augusta (City) wish to install the Mims Branch/Little Horse Creek Sanitary Sewer trunk line and force main (Project) to transport wastewater to the Aiken County Public Service Authority's (ACPSA) Horse Creek Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Project is intended to provide sewer service in the three entities' service areas by adding additional transportation capacity for the Regional Sewer System serving Edgefield and Saluda Counties and by providing new service in presently unserved areas of Aiken County. The three entities wish to jointly fund, design, construct and maintain this facility and to that end wish to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding outlining the conditions and responsibilities of each.

Project Description: The Project will consist of gravity sewer trunk line extending from the ACPSA Little Horse Creek connector line up Little Horse Creek to its intersection with Mims Branch, then up Mims Branch to Ascauga Lake Road. At that point, a force main will run to the north side of I-20 and tie the new trunk line to the existing Regional Sewer System force main on the west side of US Highway 25. Flow monitoring stations will be installed in the vicinity of the transition from the gravity sewer to the force main to measure the wastewater flow from the Authority and at the intersection of Mims Branch and Little Horse Creek to measure the combined wastewater flow from the Authority and the City.

Engineering: The design of the Project will be based upon the following documents: a Preliminary Engineering Report (Little Horse Creek Trunk Line & Mims Branch Outfall, August 1995) prepared by B.P. Barber & Associates (Barber) for the ACPSA; preliminary design work (Little Horse Creek Interceptor, February 1998) prepared by Barber for the ACPSA; and a Preliminary Engineering Report (Regional Sewer System Improvements, August 2000) prepared by Barber for the Authority. The Authority will contract with Barber for the preliminary services,

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final design and contract administration of the Project. The City's construction specifications will be utilized as the base set of specifications for the Project and will be augmented as necessary by the Authority's specifications and the County's specifications. An EPA grant will be utilized to fund the project in part (see Funding), therefore, all stipulations required by the EPA construction grants program for the engineering and contract administration of the Project will be followed. The grantee and the administrator of the EPA grant will be the Upper Savannah Council of Governments.

Construction: The construction contract for the Project will be prepared in the name of the City. The three entities will be responsible for reviewing and approving the contract prior to execution by the City. Barber, through the contract with the Authority, will be responsible for the administration of the construction contract and will provide services for the periodic observation of construction. The City will provide services for the continuous observation of construction and will be responsible for the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control certification of construction.

Permits: The Authority will be responsible for the acquisition of all permits for the Project with assistance from Barber, through the contract with the Authority. The three entities will be responsible for reviewing and approving the final plans and specifications for the Project prior to submittal to the responsible federal and state agencies involved. The permit applications will be prepared in the name of the City.

Easements and Property Acquisitions: The City will be responsible for the acquisition for required easements and properties for the Project with assistance from Barber, through the contract with the Authority.

Ownership and Maintenance: Following approval by the responsible federal and state agencies involved in placing the Project in operation; the three entities will have ownership and maintenance responsibilities for the Project as follows:

Edgefield County Water & Sewer Authority - the force main from the connection with the existing Regional Sewer System force main to the transition from the force main to the gravity sewer at Ascauga Lake Road, including the flow monitoring station located in the vicinity of the transition from force main to gravity sewer.

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City of North Augusta - the Mims Branch gravity trunk line from the Authority's flow monitoring station to and including the flow monitoring station located at the intersection of Mims Branch and Little Horse Creek.

Aiken County - The Little Horse Creek gravity trunk line from the City's flow monitoring station to the connection with the Little Horse Creek connector line.

Design Flows: The project is being designed to accommodate the following flows:

Edgefield County Water & Sewer Authority — 4.6-MGD in the Project. This capacity in the subject collection system does not convey to the Authority any reserved treatment capacity in the Aiken County Public Service Authority's Horse Creek Treatment Plant (ACPSA).

City of North Augusta -- 4.5-MGD in the Mims Branch trunk line and the Little Horse Creek trunk line.

Aiken County -- 2.0-MGD in the Little Horse Creek trunk line.

Funding: The three entities will be responsible for the total funding of the Project. The budget for the Project is \$6,550,000 and a breakdown of the budget is included in the Preliminary Engineering Report (Regional Sewer System Improvements, August 2000) prepared by Barber for the Authority. The Authority's portion of the funding will come from an EPA grant as described in the above referenced PER. The net amount of the grant available for the Project is \$2,650,000, which represents the Authority's total contribution to the funding of the Project. Also, the County has agreed to contribute a fixed amount of \$1,000,000 to the funding of the Project. Therefore, the funding responsibilities of the three entities:

<i>Edgefield County Water & Sewer Authority -</i>	\$2,650,000
<i>City of North Augusta -</i>	\$2,900,000
<i>Aiken County -</i>	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
Total	\$6,550,000

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A Project checking account will be set up in the name of the City for the disbursement of the funds. The three entities will designate one entity to be responsible for the approval of all invoices for payment. The three entities will develop a procedure for approving invoices that the responsible entity will implement. The three entities will also develop a procedure for moving funds into the Project checking account as the funds are needed to cover the costs of the Project. All stipulations required by the EPA construction grants program for the payment of invoices during the course of the project will be followed.

Changes to the Project: If any one of the three entities wish to change the scope of work during the design phase of the Project, the entity requesting the change shall be responsible for the costs associated therewith. The three entities will be responsible for reviewing and approving all Change Orders and/or Additional Engineering Services during the construction phase of the Project prior to execution by the City. If any of the approved Change Orders and/or Additional Engineering Services are made for the exclusive benefit of one of the three entities, the entity receiving the exclusive benefit shall be responsible for the costs associated therewith.

Limits to Agreement: The Project is a collection and transmission system only and is designed to handle present and future sewer flows of the three entities. The Project as designed and/or this Memorandum of Understanding do not convey to any one of the three entities reserved treatment capacity within the Aiken County Public Service Authority's Horse Creek Treatment Plant (ACPSA).

Any flows collected and transmitted by the Authority to the City shall be in accordance with a separate service agreement between the Authority and the City.

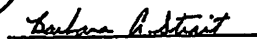
Any flows collected and transmitted by the City to the ACPSA shall be subject to the limits of purchased treatment capacity by the City from ACPSA.

Agreement: This Memorandum of Understanding shall be considered an agreement in principal to the issues and represents the full scope of the Project as discussed by the undersigned representatives of the three entities.

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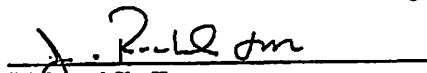

Ronald "Ronnie" Young
Aiken County Council Chairman
Aiken County, South Carolina

ATTEST:


Acting County Council Clerk

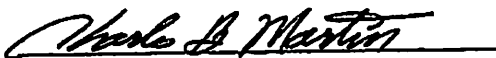
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Date


J. Richard Shaffer
Administrator
Edgefield County Water & Sewer Authority

2-28-01

Date


Charles B. Martin
City Administrator
City of North Augusta, South Carolina

3-02-01

Date

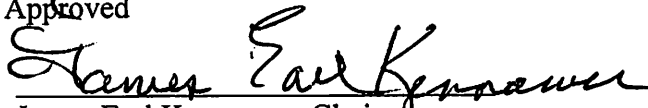
APPROVED
AS TO FORM AND CONTENT
BELL, SURASKY & BROWN, P.A.
Aiken County
BY  2/13/01

This resolution would not bind the Authority to purchase, only to enter into negotiations. Chairman Kennamer suggested that paragraph 5 in the original be struck. A motion was made by Kitchens to approve the resolution. Second by Creswell. No discussion. Vote unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – A motion was made by Johnson to enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Second by Kitchens. The Board exited Executive Session with no action taken.

Motion was made by Clark to adjourn.
Second by Smith
Time: 5:55 p.m., August 25, 2025
Vote Unanimous

Approved


James Earl Kennamer, Chairman