

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

*The September Regular Board of Directors Meeting of Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority was held on September 23, 2024, 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 September 19, 2024.*

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

**INVOCATION:** Smith

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Washington

**STAFF PRESENT:** Administrator Hare, Business Manager Hope Carroway

**GUEST PRESENT:** Jed Jacob, Mauldin & Jenkins

**AGENDA:** A motion was made by Johnson to approve the September 23, 2024 Agenda. Second by Smith. Vote unanimous to approve the agenda.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Johnson to approve the August 26, 2024 Minutes. Second by Kitchens. Vote unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT FY 2024 AUDIT:** Jed Jacob presented the draft of the ECWSA FY 2024 Financial Audit. Overall, the Authority's finances are in excellent shape, and the final draft should be ready for presentation at the October 2024 meeting.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** After the reading of the bank balances, Administrator Hare discussed the Financial Statement ending July 31, 2024. Budget should be at 16.67%, Revenues were at 21.72% and Expenses were at 16.71%. Water and sewer sales were up compared to 2023.

**REPORTS:**

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

- A brief update was given on the Sewer Force main Project and the WTP SCIIP Project. A completion schedule has been requested from the contractor.
- The Board Christmas dinner will be held on December 2 at 6 pm.
- There have been no final answers on the wastewater capacity issues in the Regional Sewer system. Administrator Hare is continuing to work with all parties on this issue.



1. *Water Service Charge For All Classes*

<u>Meter Size</u>		<u>Meter Size</u>	
3/4"	\$20.27	3"	\$201.32
1"	\$33.62	4"	\$335.39
1-1/2"	\$67.03	6"	\$671.01
2"	\$107.30	8"	\$1073.66
		10"	\$1717.88

2. *Residential Water Rates*

First 8,000 Gallons	\$3.14 Per 1,000 Gallons
8,001-16,000 Gallons	\$4.02 Per 1,000 Gallons
16,001-24,000 Gallons	\$4.65 Per 1,000 Gallons
24,001-32,000 Gallons	\$5.20 Per 1,000 Gallons
Over 32,000 Gallons	\$5.74 Per 1,000 Gallons

3. *Commercial Water Rates*

First 100,000 Gallons	\$3.06 Per 1,000 Gallons
Over 100,000 Gallons	\$2.69 Per 1,000 Gallons

4. *Industrial Water Rates*

First 100,000 Gallons	\$2.39 Per 1,000 Gallons
Over 100,000 Gallons	\$2.09 Per 1,000 Gallons

B. Sewer Service

There are five (5) classes of sewer service: Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Prison, and Wholesale/Saluda County. Each sewer service will fit into one of the five classes and will be billed at the rate for that class. The sewer service charge will be charged to all customers and does not include a water-use allowance. Sewer rates will be charged on 100% of the amount of water metered each month with a cap of 12,000 gallons for residential customers.

1. *Sewer Service Charge For All Classes*

<u>Meter Size</u>		<u>Meter Size</u>	
3/4"	\$13.52	3"	\$135.04
1"	\$22.55	4"	\$224.97
1-1/2"	\$44.98	6"	\$450.12
2"	\$71.98	8"	\$720.20

2. *Residential Sewer Rate*

Flat Rate	\$6.01 Per 1,000 Gallons (12,000 Gallon Cap)
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3. *Commercial Sewer Rate*



DONE THIS 23rd day of September 2024, at Edgefield, South Carolina

Approved By:

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Treasurer / Secretary

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Board Member

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ATTEST:

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Secretary

A motion was made by Creswell to approve the resolution. Second by Clark. No further discussion. Vote unanimous.

**B. RFP FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR FUTURE WTP AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UPGRADES**

Administrator Hare reviewed the RFP process with the Board concerning selection of engineering for the above referenced upgrades. Three firms were selected for interview. They were AECOM, GHD, and GMC. Based on the presentations and proposals, GMC was selected. Administrator Hare recommended to the Board that the Authority enter into negotiations with GMC on scope and pricing. No vote was required at this time.

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

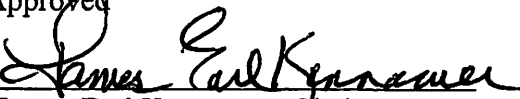
Motion was made by Kitchens to adjourn.

Second by Clark

Time: 6:30 p.m., September 23, 2024

Vote Unanimous

Approved



James Earl Kennamer, Chairman