

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

The August Regular Board of Directors Meeting of Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority was held on August 26, 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 August 22, 2024.

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

INVOCATION: Kitchens

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Clark

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Hare, Business Manager Hope Carroway

GUEST PRESENT: None

AGENDA: A motion was made by Johnson to approve the August 26, 2024 Agenda. Second by Smith. Vote unanimous to approve the agenda.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Johnson to approve the July 22, 2024 Minutes. Second by Washington. Vote unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: After the reading of the bank balances, Administrator Hare discussed the Financial Statement ending July 31, 2024. Budget should be at 8.33%, Revenues were at 11.11% and Expenses were at 8.36%. 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.
- Administrator Hare discussed mechanical issues with one of the 350hp High Service pumps at the WTP. It is currently still in service, but if it fails prior to receiving a replacement pump while water demand is still high, outdoor watering restrictions may need to be implemented.
- There have been no final answers on the wastewater capacity issues in the Regional Sewer system. Administrator Hare and Chairman Kennamer are scheduled to speak at the September Edgefield County Council meeting to give a brief overview.
- The City of North Augusta intends to raise sewer rates on the November bill because of the recent increase from ACPSA. ECWSA has not received a written notification of the final increase amount yet, but it is anticipated to be around \$1.00/1000 gallons.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Board of Directors of the Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority, that a resolution approving the revised schedules of water and sewer charges and fees is adopted.

Effective as of September 1, 2024, the Water and Sewer User Rules and Regulations are hereby

amended and when amended shall read as follows:

E. Future Impact Fees for Commercial, Industrial or Residential Customers within Service Area of Authority

M. Locate Fees

The Authority will locate under certain conditions sewer taps at the edge of private property.

The following fees will apply:

1. Camera Locate – Approximate location of sewer tap using Authority camera
– No charge
2. Dig Locate – Typically the plumber’s responsibility. If requested, the

Authority will excavate for a fee of \$1,000. If removal and replacement of concrete, asphalt or any other landscaping is required, the customer will be charged for the additional work incurred.

DONE THIS 26th day of August 2024, at Edgefield, South Carolina

Approved By:

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Treasurer / Secretary

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ATTEST:


Secretary

A motion was made by Washington to approve the resolution. Second by Kitchens. During the discussion session, members wanted to make sure that the fee adequately covered the Authority's expenses. Hare said it does at this point. No further discussion. Vote unanimous.

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

Motion was made by Washington to adjourn.
Second by Kitchens
Time: 6:10 p.m., August 26, 2024
Vote Unanimous

Approved



James Earl Kennamer, Chairman