

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

*The July Regular Board of Directors Meeting of Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority was held on July 26, 2021 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 July 22, 2021.*

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

**INVOCATION:** Kennamer

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Creswell

**STAFF PRESENT:** Administrator Hare

**GUEST PRESENT:** None

**AGENDA:** A recommendation was made by Administrator Hare to amend the agenda to include an emergency business item for approval, Repair to the Raw Water Station Rd. A motion was made by Johnson to approve the Amended July 26, 2021 Agenda. Second by Clark. Vote unanimous to approve the amended agenda.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Johnson to approve the June 28, 2021 Minutes. Second by Washington. Vote unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments from the public and no one present from the public.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** After the reading of the bank balances, Administrator Hare discussed the Financial Statement ending June 30, 2021. Budget should be at 100%, Revenues are 101.91%, and Expenses are at 95.2%. Water & Sewer sales are in line with last year.

**REPORTS:**

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

- Administrator Hare gave an update on the progress of the Force Main from the Federal Prison and on the Brooks St. Improvements. A construction permit has been received for the Brooks St. Improvements, and it will be advertised soon.
- Taps and set meters will be down slightly for June, however development is continuing at a fairly rapid pace.

**BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ECWSA WATER USERS RULES & REGULATIONS REGARDING RECOVERY OF PREVENTATIVE EXPENSES**

Administrator Hare presented a Resolution to amend the Water Users Rules and Regs to include a rate code to recoup expenses related to sewer users discharging unwanted materials into the sewer system.

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EDGEFIELD COUNTY )

RESOLUTION No. 01-2022

Addition of a Preventative Expenses Rate by Amending the Edgefield County Water and Sewer Users Rules and Regulations

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 adjust water and sewer rates as needed;

Whereas, each residential, commercial or industrial customer of the Authority's system must pay such customer's proportionate share of costs for operation and maintenance of the system; In addition, each customer must pay an amount to share the costs of debt service and to provide for Depreciation / Contingency funds;

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

Effective as of July 1, 2021, Section XX of the Water and Sewer User Rules and Regulations is added and shall read as follows:

## **XX. RECOVERY OF PREVENTATIVE EXPENSES RATE SCHEDULE**

When any discharge, in the determination of ECWSA, violates any section or subsection of the ECWSA Sewer Use Ordinance, to the extent that the discharge may interfere with, Pass Through, or have an adverse impact upon, the operation of facilities, ECWSA may act to take preventative action. All costs and expenses, losses and damages, including the reasonable value or cost of the use of ECWSA personnel and equipment caused or incurred by the implementation of such preventative measures shall be charged to and paid by the discharger

For all users who discharge wastewater into Edgefield County Water & Sewer Authority's Wastewater / Sewer system(s). The surcharge billing shall be based on any compound, contaminant, substance, solid, liquid, gas or any other material that directly impacts the wastewater collection and/or treatment system of the Authority. This determination will be made solely by the Authority staff. The Authority will issue two written requests to cease and desist or repair any problem contributing the substances to the system. If the discharge continues, the Authority may at its discretion impose a surcharge of not more than \$2,500 per month to offset additional operation, maintenance, and treatment costs. This surcharge will be applied to the user's monthly bill until such time as the Authority considers the issue corrected.

DONE THIS 26th day of June 2021, 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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Administrator

A motion was made by Johnson to approve the Resolution. Second by Kitchens. No discussion. Vote unanimous.

**B. REPLACEMENT OF WTP TURBIDIMETERS**

Administrator Hare held a brief discussion regarding the need to replace the turbidimeters at the Water Plant. These devices are required to be in place to monitor water quality. The current units are aging out and the manufacturer is no longer supporting replacement parts for them. Staff examined three different manufacturers, and recommends the purchase of the HACH units at a total cost of \$29,659.50. A motion was made by Clark to approve the purchase. Second by Washington. No discussion. Vote unanimous.

**C. REBUILD OF LANIER RD. LIFTSTATION PUMPS**

The Lanier Rd. sewer lift station in Johnston currently requires a few heavy maintenance items including rebuild of pumps, replacement of valves, and replacement of volutes. This work is to be done by Southeast Pump Specialists at a cost of \$42,390.70. A motion was made by Johnson to approve the repairs. Second by Smith. No further discussion. Vote unanimous.

**D. EMERGENCY REPAIR TO RAW WATER ROAD**

Administrator Hare discussed with the Board significant damage done to the road to the Raw Water Station caused by the recent rains. The road has two large, corrugated metal storm pipes in a section of it that allows crossing of a small stream. Over time, one of these pipes has rusted through and failed, causing significant damage to the road. After the rain last week, the road is no longer safe to use to get to the Raw Water station. Hare recommended approving a price from Tri-Star Construction in the amount of \$32,000 to replace both pipes with 66" Concrete Pipes. Tri-Star would be able to repair this week. A motion was made by Johnson to approve the repair. Second by Washington. No discussion.

**E. MASTER PLAN PROPOSAL**


Administrator Hare presented the Board with a scope and fee structure from AECOM for the Comprehensive Water Systems Master Plan. The total proposed cost is \$189,000. Administrator Hare recommended to the Board to approve an additional \$11,000 contingency amount for any additional items that need to be covered outside of the initial scope. Administrator Hare also discussed with the Board the possibility of Edgefield County funding 50% of the plan utilizing American Rescue Plan funds. A motion was made by Washington to proceed with the proposal from AECOM. Second by Clark. Vote unanimous.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – A motion was made by Johnson to enter into Executive Session to discuss a potential legal matter, and a contractual matter. Second by Smith. Vote Unanimous. The Board exited Executive Session and approved a tree thinning contract with Log Creek Timber Company. No further action was taken.

Motion was made by Washington to adjourn.  
Second by Johnson  
Time: 6:12 p.m., July 26, 2021  
Vote Unanimous

Approved

  
James Earl Kennamer, Chairman