

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

The June Regular Board of Directors Meeting of Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority was held on June 28, 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 June 24, 2021.

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

INVOCATION: Creswell

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Hare, Business Manager Carroway

GUEST PRESENT: None

AGENDA: A motion was made by Johnson to approve the June 28, 2021 Agenda. Second by Clark. Vote unanimous to approve the agenda.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Johnson to approve the May 24, 2021 Minutes. Second by Creswell. 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 May 31, 2021. Budget should be at 91.67%, Revenues are 91.95%, and Expenses are at 87.15%. 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
- The Employee Appreciation Supper was a great success and there was a lot of positive feedback from the everyone.
- Taps and set meters will be down slightly for June, however development is continuing at a fairly rapid pace.

BUSINESS:

A. 3rd Reading of the FY2021 Budget

Administrator Hare held a brief review of the Budget. No changes from the second reading. Revenues and expenditures of \$10,559,581 are projected. Hare recommended to the Board adoption of this budget for the FY2022 year.

A motion was made by Johnson to adopt the presented budget. Second by Washington.
No discussion. Vote unanimous.

B. Resolution Regarding Rate Adjustment

As part of the adoption of the FY 2022, a resolution concerning adjustment of rates is required.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	
)	RESOLUTION No. 01-2021
EDGEFIELD COUNTY)	
)	Revising Water & Sewer Charges and other Fees 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, Sections IV and V of the Water and Sewer User Rules and Regulations are hereby amended and when amended shall read as follows:

EDGEFIELD COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
WATER & SEWER USER RULES AND REGULATIONS
(Proposed)

SECTION IV CLASSES AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE

A. Water Service

All water services will be metered. There are three (3) classes of water service: Residential, Commercial and Industrial. Each water service will fit into one of the three classes and will be billed at the rate for that class. Any agricultural operation that directly produces agricultural commodities may be classified as Industrial. Any account not specifically classified as Residential or Industrial will be classified as Commercial. The water service charge will be charged to all customers and does not include a water-use allowance.

1. *Water Service Charge For All Classes*

<u>Meter Size</u>		<u>Meter Size</u>	
3/4"	\$17.85	3"	\$177.33
1"	\$29.61	4"	\$295.43
1-1/2"	\$59.05	6"	\$591.07
2"	\$94.52	8"	\$945.74
		10"	\$1513.21

2. *Residential Water Rates*

First 8,000 Gallons	\$2.76 Per 1,000 Gallons
8,001-16,000 Gallons	\$3.54 Per 1,000 Gallons
16,001-24,000 Gallons	\$4.09 Per 1,000 Gallons
24,001-32,000 Gallons	\$4.57 Per 1,000 Gallons
Over 32,000 Gallons	\$5.06 Per 1,000 Gallons

3. *Commercial Water Rates*

First	100,000 Gallons	\$2.69 Per 1,000 Gallons
Over	100,000 Gallons	\$2.37 Per 1,000 Gallons

4. *Industrial Water Rates*

First	100,000 Gallons	\$2.11 Per 1,000 Gallons
Over	100,000 Gallons	\$1.84 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"	\$12.50	3"	\$124.90
1"	\$20.86	4"	\$208.08
1-1/2"	\$41.60	6"	\$416.31
2"	\$66.58	8"	\$666.11

2. *Residential Sewer Rate*

Flat Rate \$4.42 Per 1,000 Gallons(12,000 Gallon Cap)

3. *Commercial Sewer Rate*

Flat Rate \$4.42 Per 1,000 Gallons

4. *Industrial Sewer Rate*

Flat Rate \$4.42 Per 1,000 Gallons

5. *Other Sewer Rates*

Flat Rate \$5.90 Per 1,000 Gallons For State and Federal Prisons
 (Based on 85% of water metered each month)

Flat Rate \$4.41 Per 1,000 Gallons for Saluda County
 (Based on amount of wastewater metered each month)

Monthly Charge

\$30.39 for Sewer Only Customers (No Water Service)

DONE THIS 28th day of June 2021, at Edgefield, South Carolina

Approved By:

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Treasurer / Secretary

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member

ATTEST:

Administrator

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


C. Master Plan Discussion

Administrator Hare discussed with the Board the entire RFQ/RFP in using to select an engineering firm for the Comprehensive Water Systems Master Plan. In person presentations were made on June 23 by each shortlisted firm. Staff then had in depth discussions about the strengths and weaknesses of each firm. Administrator Hare recommended to the Board that the Authority proceed to the negotiation phase with AECOM to provide services for the Master Plan. A full proposal including scope and pricing will be presented at the August meeting for Board approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – A motion was made by Johnson to enter into Executive Session to discuss a potential legal matter. Second by Clark. Vote Unanimous. A motion was made by Kitchens to exit Executive Session. Second by Johnson. Vote unanimous. No action was taken.

Motion was made by Kitchens to adjourn.
Second by Johnson
Time: 6:20 p.m., June 28, 2021
Vote Unanimous

Approved


James Earl Kennamer, Chairman