

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

*The April Regular Board of Directors Meeting of Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority was held on April 22, 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 April 18, 2024.*

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

**INVOCATION:** Smith

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Administrator Hare

**GUEST PRESENT:** None

**AGENDA:** A motion was made by Johnson to approve the April 22, 2024 Agenda. Second by Smith. Vote unanimous to approve the agenda.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Johnson to approve the March 25, 2024 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 March 31, 2024. Budget should be at 75%, Revenues are 80.5%, and Expenses are at 73.79%. Water & Sewer sales are roughly equivalent to last year.

**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. Material supply chain issues will delay the start of construction until September on the WTP project.
- New water services were up considerably over the previous month (45 total)
- Hare gave an update about the loss of water service to the Town of Johnston on 4/19/2024. The 14" water main that supplies the town was hit by a home owner. The Authority will attempt to recoup all funds expended on the repair.
- The date for the May meeting will be May 20<sup>th</sup> to avoid any conflict with Memorial Day.

**BUSINESS**

**A. Replacement of Mt. Vintage L/S #1 Pumps**

Both sewer pumps at the Mount Vintage #1 L/S are in need of replacement. They were last replaced approximately 10 years ago. Hare presented bids from Tencarva and Heritage Water for 30 hp pumps. Tencarva had the low bid at \$24,000 + tax. Motion by Kitchens to purchase the pumps. Second by Clark. No discussion. Vote unanimous.

**B. First Draft Reading of the ECWSA FY 2025 Budget**

Administrator Hare led the Board in a review of the first draft of the FY 2025 budget. This budget reflects revenues and expenses of \$12,203,265.00. This is a \$602,898.00 increase over last year. Almost half of this increase is due to the increased sewer rate from the City of North Augusta. No vote or motion at this time.

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

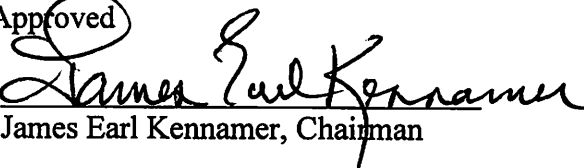
Motion was made by Smith to adjourn.

Second by Clark

Time: 6:14 p.m., April 22, 2024

Vote Unanimous

Approved

  
James Earl Kennamer, Chairman