

**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 22, 2022, 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 28, 2022.

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

INVOCATION: Smith

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Hare, Business Manager Carroway, Distribution Supt. Zeb Ryan

GUEST PRESENT: Tom Thain (AECOM), Porter Rivers (AECOM), Ryan Diedtrich (AECOM)

AGENDA: A motion was made by Johnson to approve the August 22, 2022 Agenda. Second by Washington. Vote unanimous to approve the agenda.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Johnson to approve the July 25, 2022 Minutes. Second by Smith. 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 July 31, 2022. Budget should be at 8.33%. Revenues are 10.73%, and Expenses are at 7.89%. Water & Sewer sales are up from last year.

REPORTS:

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

- Administrator Hare gave an update of continued supply chain issues, especially with service line fittings.

BUSINESS

A. Repairs to Trenton Lagoon Lift Station

Administrator Hare presented a list of repairs needed for the Trenton Lagoon lift station. Hare recommended approval of \$30,000 to replace and install new pumps and a new rail system from multiple vendors with approximately \$2,800 of contingency. A motion was made by Kitchens to approve funding. Second by Clark. No discussion. Vote unanimous.

B. Presentation by AECOM of Master Plan and SCIIP Project Application

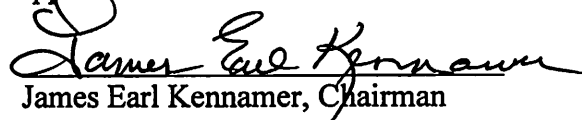
Administrator Hare introduced members for AECOM (Authority's engineering consulting firm) to the Board before AECOM made a presentation of the Water System's Master Plan. Porter Rivers of AECOM led an in-depth Power Point presentation of needed upgrades at the Water Plant and in the Distribution System. The SCIIP grant presents a great opportunity to fund upgrades at the WTP. Administrator Hare also discussed with the Board the opportunity to make the application stronger by beginning engineering before award of grants. The Authority will need to make these upgrades regardless of whether the grant is awarded or not. Hare also discussed with the Board certain requirements of the grant such as the need to match the grant with at least 15% of the requested amount. Hare recommended that the Board commit to a \$3,500,000 match to the \$10,000,000 grant request. A motion was made by Washington to commit to the \$3.5 million match. Second by Creswell. No further discussion. Vote unanimous.

A motion was then made by Clark to approve the engineering fee from AECOM in the amount of \$1,313,000. Second by Kitchens. During the discussion period, Administrator Hare reminded the Board that if the Authority did not receive the grant, they would be free to stop the engineering at anytime and not spend the entire \$1,313,000. No further discussion. Vote unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

Motion was made by Clark to adjourn.
Second by Smith
Time: 6:55 p.m., August 22, 2022
Vote Unanimous

Approved


James Earl Kennamer, Chairman