

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

The February Regular Board of Directors Meeting of Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority was held on February 27, 2023, 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 February 24, 2023.

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

INVOCATION: Kitchens

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Hare, Business Manager Carroway

GUEST PRESENT: Dennis Wall

AGENDA: A motion was made by Johnson to approve the February 27, 2023 Agenda. Second by Washington. Vote unanimous to approve the agenda.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Johnson to approve the January 23, 2023 Minutes. Second by Creswell. Vote unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Annette Holloway was originally scheduled to attend the Board meeting, but elected to meet with Chairman Kennamer and Administrator Hare on Friday to share concerns about water in the Northside of the county. As Hare was recapping the meeting, Mr. Dennis Wall asked to speak. He shared his concerns over well damage related to the explosives testing facility in the Northside. Hare and Kennamer shared the overall cost of over \$24 million to extend water to the Northside. Mr. Wall asked to look into the possibility of connecting to McCormick County's water system. Hare told Wall that the Authority would continue to look for alternatives that would be fiscally feasible to extend water. Kennamer also said that if water were to be extended, it would have to be extended to the Westside as well, effectively doubling the cost of the project.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: After the reading of the bank balances, Administrator Hare discussed the Financial Statement ending January 31, 2023. Budget should be at 58.33%, Revenues are 65.22%, and Expenses are at 55.47%. Water & Sewer sales are still ahead of last year.

REPORTS:

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

- Administrator Hare discussed the RIA Tank Improvements project was wrapping up soon.
- The Authority was scheduling a Spring Board and Staff meal for May. After discussion, May 8, 2023, 6:30 pm at Old McDonald’s Fish Camp was tentatively chosen.

BUSINESS

A. Strategic Planning and Budget Planning for FY2024

Administrator Hare discussed with the Board Authority plans for the upcoming year. Topics discussed were:

- OPERATIONAL BUDGET – Large increases expected in Fuel, Chemicals & Electricity expenses. Salaries as always are a concern. Revenue is expected to be up slightly with continued growth.
- CAPITAL / DEPRECIATION BUDGET-The below items are forecasted as needs in the coming year:

• <u>Administration</u>	• <u>Estimated Cost</u>
• Meters	• \$150,000.00
• <u>Distribution</u>	•
• Currytown Rd PRV	• \$35,000.00
• Zone Metering	• \$50,000.00
• Fencing	• \$50,000.00
• <u>WW Collections</u>	•
• Sewer Camera System	• \$150,000.00
• Pavillion Lk. L/S Rails	• \$17,000.00
• Hazelwood L/S Rails	• \$13,000.00
• Johnston Sewer Lining	• \$250,000.00
• Pinehouse Building	• \$60,000.00
• Lanier Rd. L/S Upgrade	• \$250,000.00
• Fences	• \$50,000.00
• <u>WW Treatment</u>	•
• Jet Pump	• \$50,000.00
• Aerators	• \$25,000.00
• Brooks St. PLC's	• \$20,000.00
• Fences	• \$50,000.00
• <u>WTP</u>	
• WTP Upgrade	• \$3,500,000.00
• TOTAL	• \$4,720,000.00

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- FY2024 PROJECTS-The below projects will focus most of staff's time during FY2024.
 - WTP UPGRADES
 - FEDERAL PRISON FORCE MAIN
 - LANIER RD L/S
- FUTURE PROJECTS/FUNDING-Hare discussed potential funding options for these projects.
 - NEW ELEVATED STORAGE TANK
 - NEW TRANSMISSION LINES
 - RAW WATER STATION UPGRADES
- STAFFING
 - AGING WORKFORCE
 - COMPENSATION STUDY
 - RETENTION STRATEGY

EXECUTIVE SESSION – A motion was made by Johnson to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel and a legal matter. Second by Kitchens. The Board exited Executive Session with no action taken.

Motion was made by Clark to adjourn.

Second by Kitchens

Time: 6:50 p.m., February 27, 2023

Vote Unanimous

Approved


James Earl Kennamer, Chairman