

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

The October Regular Board of Directors Meeting of Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority was held on October 23, 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 October 19, 2023.

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

INVOCATION: Kitchens

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Johnson

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Hare, Business Manager Carroway

GUEST PRESENT: Grant Davis – Mauldin & Jenkins

AGENDA: A motion was made by Washington to approve the October 23, 2023 Agenda.
Second by Clark. Vote unanimous to approve the agenda.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Smith to approve the September 25, 2023 Minutes. Second by Kitchens. Vote unanimous.

PRESENTATION OF THE FY 2023 AUDIT: Mr. Grant Davis of Mauldin & Jenkins, presented the final draft of the Authority's FY2023 Financial Audit. M&J presented an "unqualified opinion" which represents a clean audit. There were no material deficiencies or omissions to be found in the Authority's financials or accounting practices. Mr. Davis thanked the Authority and Staff for their cooperation in the audit and for again having strong financials in 2023. Hare and Kennamer both expressed their appreciation to M&J on behalf of the Authority. A motion was made by Kitchens to accept the Audit as presented. Second by Creswell. No further discussion. 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 September 30, 2023. Budget should be at 25%, Revenues are 29.7%, and Expenses are at 24.72%. Water & Sewer sales for September were up slightly from last year.

REPORTS:

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

- Administrator Hare held a brief discussion about the on-going residential housing developments in the Authority's service area, including Heritage Place, Windsor, Walnut Grove Townhomes, Kendall Mill Development and others.
- A brief update was given by Hare on the rate study being conducted by the Shpigler Group. Mr. Shpigler will be at the November meeting to present the final draft of the study.
- The Water Treatment Plant Upgrade project will be publicly advertised within the next week or so pending final review of plans with a projected bid opening in early December. A called meeting in December may be required for approval of the bids. More information will be available by the November meeting.
- The City of North Augusta has notified the Authority of a sewer rate increase effective January 1, 2024. This will require a corresponding increase from the Authority to be presented for vote in November. This increase projects to be about 4.7%.

BUSINESS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

Motion was made by Smith to adjourn.
Second by Kitchens
Time: 6:05 p.m., October 23, 2023
Vote Unanimous

Approved


James Earl Kennamer, Chairman