

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

The September Regular Board of Directors Meeting of Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority was held on September 26, 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 September 23, 2022.

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

INVOCATION: Kitchens

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Hare

GUEST PRESENT: Grant Davis, Mauldin & Jenkins

AGENDA: A motion was made by Johnson to approve the September 26, 2022 Agenda. Second by Creswell. Vote unanimous to approve the agenda.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Johnson to approve the August 22, 2022 Minutes. Second by Clark. Vote unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments from the public and no one present from the public.

PRESENTAION OF THE DRAFT FY 2022 AUDIT:

After a brief introduction by Administrator Hare, Mr. Grant Davis of Mauldin & Jenkins made his presentation of the ECWSA FY 2022 Audit in draft form. Mr. Davis then began a review of the draft 2021-22 financials for the Board. Mr. Davis stated that the Authority was in a strong position financially at the conclusion of FY 2022. He stated that his staff had some additional work on the footnotes and other parts of the financial report to produce the final audit. The final report would also include Mauldin & Jenkins opinion of the Authority's finances, but that his staff had not discovered anything that would result in a negative opinion. At the conclusion of the audit, Mr. Davis expressed his appreciation, on behalf of his firm, for continued strong working relationship and cooperation of staff at the Authority. He also encouraged the Board to review the draft, and any questions they had could be answered at the presentation of the final draft in October 2022. Chairman Kennamer and other Board members thanked him for his work on the audit.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: After the reading of the bank balances, Administrator Hare discussed the Financial Statement ending August 31, 2022. Budget should be at 16.67%. Revenues are 21.41%, and Expenses are at 15.71%. Water & Sewer sales are up from last year.

REPORTS:

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

- The Board needs to select a date for its December meeting. There will be no business conducted at this meeting and is held only as a Christmas supper. The Board chose December 5th, with a specific place and time to be determined.

BUSINESS

A. PINEHOUSE SEWER PUMP STATION REPAIRS

Administrator Hare presented a quotation for a replacement pump for the Pinehouse sewer pump station from Tencarva. Hare recommended approval of \$37,901.52 to replace and install a new since the station currently has only one operational pump. A motion was made by Johnson to approve funding. Second by Clark. No discussion. Vote unanimous.

B. SATELLITE LEAK DETECTION PROPSAL

Administrator Hare discussed with the Board the Authority's current unaccounted for non-revenue water. This is basically the water lost in leaks, theft, etc., or the difference between what is pumped vs. what is sold. This percentage has steadily increased over the last few years even as the Authority has taken steps to solve the issue. Currently the % difference is over 30%. Hare recommended a satellite leak survey be conducted by Asterra Co. with follow-up leak detection survey teams to analyze the system. This technology has proven successful in Europe and has most recently been used in Hilton Head to discover a large leak. Hare recommended funding in the amount of \$62,000 to perform the survey. Motion made by Clark. Second by Smith. No further discussion. Vote unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None


Motion was made by Washington to adjourn.

Second by Clark

Time: 6:49 p.m., September 26, 2022

Vote Unanimous

Approved


James Earl Kennamer, Chairman