

**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 28, 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 August 24, 2023.

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

INVOCATION: Creswell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Hare, Business Manager Carroway

GUEST PRESENT: Grant Davis, Mauldin & Jenkins

AGENDA: A motion was made by Johnson to approve the August 28, 2023 Agenda. Second by Washington. Vote unanimous to approve the agenda.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Johnson to approve the July 24, 2023 Minutes. Second by Smith. Vote unanimous.

PRESENTATION OF THE DRAFT FY2023 AUDIT: After a brief introduction by Administrator Hare, Mr. Grant Davis of Mauldin & Jenkins made his presentation of the ECWSA FY 2023 Audit in draft form. Mr. Davis then began a review of the draft 2022-23 financials for the Board. Mr. Davis stated that the Authority was in a strong position financially at the conclusion of FY 2023. 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 the 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 2023. Chairman Kennamer and other Board members thanked him for his work on the audit.

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, 2023. Budget should be at 8.33%, Revenues are 9.52%, and Expenses are at 8.17%. Water & Sewer sales are up from last year.

REPORTS:

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

- Administrator Hare discussed continued sale of new water services. Board members inquired about supply chain issues related to new services. Hare explained that while there had not been a shortage of meters for the Authority, some supply line fittings were difficult to acquire.
- The December Board meeting (Christmas Dinner) will be held December 4th, 2023. Although a quorum will be present, no agenda will be published, and no business will be conducted.

BUSINESS


A. Brooks St. Centrifuge Repairs

Administrator Hare presented a proposal Alfa Laval Co. to repair and upgrade the sludge removal centrifuge at the Brooks St. WWTF. After a mechanical evaluation this summer, technicians from Alfa determined that this repair would be needed. The cost of the repair is \$56,408.31. This work comes with a 1-year warranty and there is a 22-26 week lead time on the repair. Supt. Brunson is currently able to partially run the system, but it is not optimal as an operator has to constantly hand adjust feed rates (the centrifuge is to do this automatically). Motion by Clark to approve the proposal. Second by Kitchens. Vote unanimous.

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

Motion was made by Johnson to adjourn.
Second by Kitchens
Time: 6:18 p.m., August 28, 2023
Vote Unanimous

Approved


James Earl Kennamer, Chairman