EDGEFIELD COUNTY WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The July 2025 Regular Board of Directors Meeting of Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority was held on July 28, 2025, 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 July 24, 2025.

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

INVOCATION: Creswell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Hare, Business Manager Carroway

GUEST PRESENT: None

AGENDA: A motion was made by Washington to approve the July 28, 2025 Agenda. Second by Kitchens. Vote unanimous to approve the agenda.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Johnson to approve the June 23, 2025 Minutes. Second by Kitchens. Vote unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: After reading of the bank balances, Administrator Hare discussed the Financial Statement ending June 30, 2025. Budget should be at 100%, Revenues were at 118.2% and Expenses were at 102.27%. Usage and billing were up slightly as compared with the previous year.

REPORTS:

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

- Hare discussed the on-going SCIIP project at the Water Treatment Plant. Construction still is on track at current time.
- Brief update on sewer capacity issues in the Regional system. Hare informed the Board that a meeting of all parties that contribute to Horse Creek was scheduled for July 29, 2025.

BUSINESS

A. WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN UPDATE ENGINEERING PROPOSAL

Administrator Hare presented a proposal from GHD to update ECWSA's WW Master Plan. It has been five years since the last plan, and a lot of things have changed as related to the Authority's sewer needs. Hare recommended that the Board approve \$143,700 to conduct the update. A motion was made by Clark to approve the funding for the study. Second by Smith. Kitchens asked if the Authority needed to conduct the study now or wait until after the Horse Creek Study was complete. Hare recommended that the study start now. Vote unanimous.

B. ENGINEERING FOR NEW TANK, BOOSTER STATION, AND 24" WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN

Hare presented a proposed Task Order from GMC to conduct engineering and right-of-way acquisition for the proposed new tank, 24" line, and Booster Station. Acquisition and design are projected to take approximately 18 months. These projects were all outlined in the Water Systems Master Plan and are part of the multi-year improvements to ECWSA's WTP and Distribution system. Hare recommended that the Board approve \$840,000 to fund the engineering for this project. A motion was made by Kitchens to approve the funds. Second by Washington. No discussion. Vote unanimous.

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

Motion was made by Washington to adjourn.

Second by Clark

Time: 6:13 p.m., July 28, 2025

Vote Unanimous

James Earl Kennamer, Charman