

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

*The March 2025 Regular Board of Directors Meeting of Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority was held on March 24, 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 March 20, 2025.*

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

**INVOCATION:** Kitchens

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Administrator Hare, Business Manager Hope Carroway

**GUEST PRESENT:** None

**AGENDA:** A motion was made by Johnson to approve the March 24, 2025 Agenda. Second by Creswell. Vote unanimous to approve the agenda.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Johnson to approve the February 24, 2025 Minutes. Second by Smith. Vote unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** After the reading of the bank balances, Administrator Hare discussed the Financial Statement ending February 28, 2025. Budget should be at 67.67%, Revenues were at 79.87% and Expenses were at 66.77%. Hare discussed that the Federal Prison had not paid their water and sewer bill for the last 2 months and was over \$200,000 past due. Hare said he would be contacting Sen. Scott, Sen. Graham, and Rep. Biggs office for assistance in getting the bill paid. Hare also brought up the fact that the North Augusta sewer bill has not been received due to their transition to a new billing system. Usage and billing is in-line with the previous year.

**REPORTS:**

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

- Hare discussed the permitting of the Federal Prison Force main.
- A brief update was given regarding sewer capacity.
- Administrator Hare gave brief update on a the WTP SCIIP Project. It is progressing well at this point. The clear well is being drained in anticipation of entrance and work to begin next week. Hare anticipates that it will be back online in May. However, he cautioned the Board that if water demand became excessive while operating on one clear well, water restrictions could be implemented.

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- The Lanier Rd. L/S project is currently being advertised for bids on SCBO.
- Work on FEMA reimbursement continues, with Lynn Willis taking the primary role of coordinating with FEMA. Potential reimbursement may exceed \$300,000.
- The Board decided on May 12<sup>th</sup> for the Spring Board/Employee Supper.

### **BUSINESS**

#### **A. BROOKS ST WWTP RE-RATING STUDY**

Administrator Hare discussed the need to perform an engineering evaluation to expand the Brooks ST. WWTF capacity by re-rating. This would add approximately 100,000 gpd of capacity to the plant without the need for construction. Hare recommended to the Board to enter into a contract with GHD to conduct the rerate study for a cost of \$56,750. A motion was made by Kitchens to approve the rerate study. Second by Washington. No discussion. Vote unanimous.

#### **B. 2025 AUDIT ENGAGEMENT WITH MAULDIN & JENKINS**

Hare presented an engagement letter from Mauldin & Jenkins for 2025 audit services. This audit will be more expensive than past audits due to the new GASB 101 requirement and the need for a Single Audit (Compliance with Federal law when receiving more than \$750,000 of Federal money). Total amount for audit services is approximately \$41,000. A motion was made by Washington to engage with Mauldin & Jenkins. Second by Clark. No discussion. Vote unanimous.

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

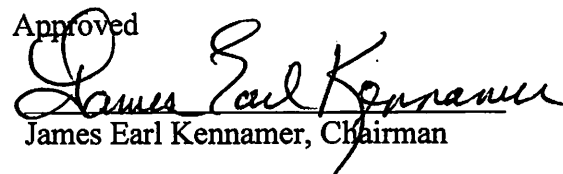
Motion was made by Washington to adjourn.

Second by Clark

Time: 6:15 p.m., March 24, 2025

Vote Unanimous

Approved



James Earl Kennamer, Chairman