

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

*The June 2025 Regular Board of Directors Meeting of Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority was held on June 23, 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 the meeting and the Agenda was posted June 19, 2025.*

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

**INVOCATION:** Smith

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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

**GUEST PRESENT:** David Shpigler (Teleconference)

**AGENDA:** A motion was made by Johnson to approve the June 23, 2025 Agenda. Second by Smith. Vote unanimous to approve the agenda.

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Johnson to approve the May 27, 2025 Minutes. Second by Washington. Vote unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**IMPACT FEE PRESENTATION:** A presentation was made by David Shpigler concerning the implementation of impact fees by ECWSA. Fees would need to be \$1750 per water and sewer tap. Shpigler led a discussion on how the fee was calculated based on upcoming Capital Improvement Projects in the Authority system, and the percentage of the upgrades that were attributed to projected growth. The Board was in agreeance with the amount of the Impact Fee. The Impact Fee program and implementation will now be developed by Shpigler and Authority staff and will be presented to the Board for full approval at a later date.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2026 BUDGET:** Chairman Kennamer brought the hearing to order. Hare presented the final reading of the FY 2026 Budget Revenues and Expenditures projected at \$13,148,760. No comment was received from the public. Chairman Kennamer closed the hearing

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** After the reading of the bank balances, Administrator Hare discussed the Financial Statement ending May 31, 2025. Budget should be at 91.67%, Revenues were at 108.21% and Expenses were at 94.12%. 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. The Clearwell that has been offline for upgrades is being brought back online this week.

## BUSINESS

### A. FINAL READING OF FY 2026 BUDGET

Administrator Hare presented the final FY 2026 Budget for the Board's consideration. No changes were made between the second reading and this reading. This budget reflected revenues and expenses of \$13,148,760, an increase of \$896,560 over FY2025. A motion was made by Washington to approve the FY2026 budget. Second by Creswell. No discussion. Vote unanimous.

## **B. RESOLUTION TO AMEND WATER USER'S RULES & REGULATIONS**

Hare presented a resolution to amend the Water Users Rules and Regulations to address adjustments in Water Rates for FY 2026.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
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EDGEFIELD COUNTY )

RESOLUTION No. 01-2025

## Revising Water and Sewer Rates by amending the Edgefield County Water User's Rules and Regulations

Whereas, the Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority (the Authority) is a body Corporate and Politic and a Special Purpose District, created by Act No. 571 of the Acts and Joint Resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, regular session of 1967, as amended, whereby the Authority is given the function to acquire, construct and operate a waterworks and sewer system within its service area, which consists of the territory of Edgefield County, South Carolina and a small area in the Southwestern corner of Aiken County, South Carolina, exclusive of any area within an incorporated municipality which owns and operates a municipal water works system;

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Whereas, in order to perform its statutory function to operate and maintain the waterworks and sewer system, the Authority is authorized to adjust water and sewer rates as needed.

Whereas each residential, commercial or industrial customer of the Authority's system must pay such a customer's proportionate share of costs for operation and maintenance of the system; In addition, each customer must pay an amount to share the costs of debt service and to provide for Depreciation / Contingency funds.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Board of Directors of the Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority, that a resolution approving the revised schedules of water and sewer charges and fees is adopted.

Effective as of July 1, 2025, the Water and Sewer User Rules and Regulations are hereby

amended and when amended shall read as follows:

DONE THIS 23rd day of June 2025, at Edgefield, South Carolina

Approved By:

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Treasurer / Secretary

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Board Member

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ATTEST:

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Secretary

**EDGEFIELD COUNTY WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY**

**WATER & SEWER USER RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**(Revised June 23, 2025 Board Meeting)**

These Rules and Regulations have been adopted by the Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority to provide for an orderly operation of the Water and Sewer Systems and to protect the Authority and the user. Noncompliance with these Rules and Regulations will result in discontinuing of service.

**SECTION I            DEFINITIONS**

- A.     *User*            A person, corporation, association or other type organization or entity who has received a water user's agreement for water service/sewer service.
- B.     *Authority*        Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority.

## **SECTION II            SERVICE AREA**

The service area consisting of Edgefield County and a small area in the Southwestern corner of Aiken County bounded on the East by the eastern right-of-way of U.S. Highway 25 and on the South by the southern right-of-way of U.S. Interstate 20, and as amended from time to time.

## **SECTION III           DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE**

The Authority will exercise reasonable diligence and care in delivering a continuous, sufficient supply of water at a proper pressure and will endeavor to avoid any shortage or interruption of service. The Authority will endeavor to see that all water furnished for human consumption will be potable water.

## **SECTION IV           CLASSES AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE**

### **A.     Water Service**

All water services will be metered. There are three (3) classes of water service: Residential, Commercial and Industrial. Each water service will fit into one of the three classes and will be billed at the rate for that class. Any agricultural operation that directly produces agricultural commodities may be classified as Industrial. Any account not specifically classified as Residential or Industrial will be classified as Commercial. The water service charge will be charged to all customers and does not include a water-use allowance.

#### **1.     *Water Service Charge For All Classes***

<u>Meter Size</u>		<u>Meter Size</u>	
3/4"	\$21.28	3"	\$211.39
1"	\$35.30	4"	\$352.16
1-1/2"	\$70.38	6"	\$704.56
2"	\$112.67	8"	\$1127.34
		10"	\$1803.77

#### **2.     *Residential Water Rates***

First 8,000 Gallons	\$3.31 Per 1,000 Gallons
8,001-16,000 Gallons	\$4.22 Per 1,000 Gallons
16,001-24,000 Gallons	\$4.88 Per 1,000 Gallons
24,001-32,000 Gallons	\$5.46 Per 1,000 Gallons
Over 32,000 Gallons	\$6.03 Per 1,000 Gallons

#### **3.     *Commercial Water Rates***

First 100,000 Gallons	\$3.31 Per 1,000 Gallons
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4. *Industrial Water Rates*  
First 100,000 Gallons \$3.31 Per 1,000 Gallons

B. Sewer Service

There are five (5) classes of sewer service: Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Prison, and Wholesale/Saluda County. Each sewer service will fit into one of the five classes and will be billed at the rate for that class. The sewer service charge will be charged to all customers and does not include a water-use allowance. Sewer rates will be charged on 100% of the amount of water metered each month with a cap of 12,000 gallons for residential customers.

1. *Sewer Service Charge For All Classes*

<u>Meter Size</u>		<u>Meter Size</u>	
¾	\$13.52	3"	\$135.04
1"	\$22.55	4"	\$224.97
1-1/2"	\$44.98	6"	\$450.12
2"	\$71.98	8"	\$720.20

2. *Residential Sewer Rate*

Flat Rate \$6.30 Per 1,000 Gallons (12,000 Gallon Cap)

3. *Commercial Sewer Rate*

Flat Rate \$6.30 Per 1,000 Gallons

4. *Industrial Sewer Rate*

Flat Rate \$6.30 Per 1,000 Gallons

5. *Other Sewer Rates*

Flat Rate \$8.00 Per 1,000 Gallons for State and Federal Prisons  
(Based on 85% of water metered each month)

Flat Rate \$6.03 Per 1,000 Gallons for Saluda County  
(Based on amount of wastewater metered each month)

Monthly Charge \$35.79 for Sewer Only Customers (No Water Service)

C. Temporary Services

1. Temporary services will be installed only for special services where the total time for use of the service is less than sixty (60) days. The user desiring such service

will be required to pay the actual cost of the installation and the service will be billed in accordance with the water service and sewer service schedules above.

2. Water used from fire hydrants for other than fire protection shall be metered. The following rules will apply:
  - a. A permit fee of \$100.00, which provides service up to 30 days, shall be paid before allowing water to be used.
  - b. After 30 days Rental Fee on meter = \$2.00 per day.
  - c. Water will be billed on a monthly basis at the rate of \$3.83 per 1,000 gallons
  - d. No water shall be used from the fire hydrants except for special community services as approved by the Board or Administrator, on an individual basis.
  - e. Charge for filling a swimming pool up to size 40' x 20' will be \$250.00. Charge for filling larger sized pools will be determined by the Business Manager.
  - f. The proper hydrant wrench and hose threads shall be used.
  - g. Any damage to hydrant and/or meter will be charged to the responsible user.
  - h. Authority shall install and relocate hydrant meter and have final decision on location. Meter can only be relocated by Authority staff.
  - i. After Permit Fee is paid Authority to set meter within 48 hours during normal working hours.
  - j. There shall be a relocation fee of \$50.00 per meter if the customer requests the hydrant meter be moved. If the Authority moves the hydrant meter for Authority related reasons, (i.e. hydrant issues, flow issues, dirty water, etc.) there will be no charge.
3. Temporary services for house cleaning, one-time events, or other uses that are non-reoccurring (less than 3 times per year) shall be charged at a rate of \$25 per ten days.
  - a. Any service that is needed more than described above shall be classified as permanent and shall be treated as a "normal" or "typical" connection.
  - b. Any usage in excess of 2,000 gallons shall be charged at \$3.31/1000 gallons.
  - c. Any variance from the above regulation will be at the sole discretion of the Business Manager or Administrator.

## **SECTION V                      SERVICE CONNECTIONS FEES AND "OTHER" FEES**

### **A.     Water Connection Fees**

The Authority will not provide a free water tap. The Authority will install a service connection to the property line of the user. The service connections and meters are the property of the Authority and only duly authorized employees or agents of the Authority are to install and maintain them.

1. Tap Fees for Residential Customers

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Total Service</u>	<u>Meter Only</u>
3/4"	\$1,700.00	\$ 500.00
1"	\$2,000.00	\$ 600.00
2"	\$5,000.00	\$1,200.00

Charges for larger meters will be based on actual cost.

2. Tap Fees for Industrial/Commercial Customers where the Authority installs the tap, meter and all associated appurtenances.

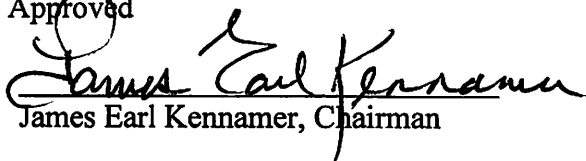
<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Total Service</u>
3/4"	\$1,700.00
1"	\$2,000.00
2"	\$5,000.00
3"	\$5,000.00 + cost of materials

A motion was made by Smith to adopt the Resolution. Second by Clark. No discussion.  
Vote unanimous.

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

Motion was made by Washington to adjourn.  
Second by Clark  
Time: 6:15 p.m., June 23, 2025  
Vote Unanimous

Approved

  
James Earl Kennamer, Chairman