

## EDGEFIELD COUNTY WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The March 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority was held on March 23, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at 100 Waterworks Rd., Edgefield, SC (ECWSA Administrative Building). Notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

#### CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Kennamer called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

#### INVOCATION:

Invocation was given.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kennamer, Smith, Kitchens, Johnson, Clark, Creswell, Washington

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

#### STAFF PRESENT:

Administrator Hare, Business Manager Carroway

#### AGENDA:

A motion was made by Washington to approve the March 23, 2026 Agenda. Seconded by Johnson. Vote unanimous.

#### MINUTES:

A motion was made by Johnson to approve the February 23, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Smith. Vote unanimous.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

The financial report as of February 28, 2026 was presented. Revenues remained well ahead of budget at approximately 79%, while expenditures were in line with projections at approximately 66%. The Authority reported a positive net position for both the month and year-to-date.

#### REPORTS:

Administrator Hare provided updates on the following:

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### **- River Water Level Event:**

A significant drop in river levels occurred due to a combination of reduced discharge from Thurmond Dam, maintenance at Stevens Creek Dam, and increased diversion by the City of Augusta. The Authority maintained system pressure and service throughout the event. Coordination with Dominion and other entities has been improved to prevent recurrence.

### **- Federal Prison Water Issue:**

The Authority received inquiries regarding water service at the federal prison. It was confirmed that the issue was internal to the facility and not related to the Authority's system. Service to the meter remained uninterrupted.

### **- Horse Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Legislation:**

Proposed legislation would restructure the facility into a regional authority with representation from Aiken, Edgefield, and Saluda Counties. Consideration of the bill has been postponed, and further discussion will occur.

## **BUSINESS:**

### **Impact Fee Schedule – Third Reading:**

The third and final reading of the proposed impact fee schedule was presented. The fee is intended to support future capital improvements and will be implemented July 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Clark to adopt the impact fee schedule. Seconded by Washington. Vote unanimous.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Kitchens to enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Second by Johnson. Vote unanimous. No action was taken.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Smith to adjourn. Seconded by Creswell. Vote unanimous.

Time: 6:02 pm – March 23, 2026

Approved:

  
James Earl Kenamer, Chairman