

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

*The May 2025 Regular Board of Directors Meeting of Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority was held on May 27, 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 May 22, 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

**GUEST PRESENT:** None

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

**MINUTES:** A motion was made by Johnson to approve the April 28, 2025 Minutes. Second by Smith. Vote unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** After reading the bank balances, Administrator Hare discussed the Financial Statement ending April 30, 2025. Budget should be at 83.33%, Revenues were at 97.89% and Expenses were at 84.5%. 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 were up slightly as compared with the previous year.

**REPORTS:**

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

- Hare discussed the upcoming site visits for potential tank sites at the Merriwether Middle School and the Merriwether Fire Dept. on Murrah Rd.

**BUSINESS**

**A. PURCHASE OF VALVE OPERATOR**

Administrator Hare presented pricing on a WACHS ERV-750 Valve Actuator for purchase. This piece of equipment will be utilized by the new Hydrant & Valve Coordinator position that is being funded in the upcoming fiscal year. This is a

specialized piece of equipment used to effectively operate and exercise valves in the system. A motion was made by Clark to make the purchase at a cost of \$35,115. Second by Creswell. During the discussion period, Clark asked if it could be used on hydrants as well. Hare stated that it could, but its primary use was for water main valves. Hare was also asked how many hydrants were not operable at this time. Hare stated that he did not have a firm answer but "probably 25". He also stated that one of the duties of this position was to document how many need service and/or replacement, so the plan could be developed to fix or replace. No further discussion. A motion was made by Clark. Second by Creswell. Vote unanimous.

**B. SECOND DRAFT OF FY 2026 BUDGET**

Administrator Hare presented the second draft of the FY 2026 Budget for the Board's consideration. Notable adjustments to this draft over the first were projected sewer rate increases driven by higher rates from ACPSA via City of North Augusta. This current draft reflected revenues and expenses of \$13,148,760 an increase of \$896,560 over FY2025. No action was taken on this second reading.

**C. IMPACT FEE DISCUSSION**


Hare led a discussion concerning the implementation of impact fees on water taps. Hare discussed with the Board how impact fees were calculated and how they could be spent, emphasizing that they were only to spent on Capital Improvement Plan Items related to new growth. The Board discussed a plan for moving forward. More detailed information related to the calculation of a potential fee will be presented at the July meeting. If approved, future meetings will determine the application and collection of the fees, resulting in a policy. Chairman Kennamer also reminded the Board that the Authority had imposed and collected Impact fees in the past. No vote was taken as this item will continue in the future.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

Motion was made by Washington to adjourn.  
Second by Smith  
Time: 6:05 p.m., May 27, 2025  
Vote Unanimous

Approved

  
James Earl Kennamer, Chairman