

MINUTES
WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
April 15, 2025
10:00 a.m.

Present

Chair Jody Kleckley, John David Griffith, David Ballard, Committee Members
Quorum of Members Present.

Absent

Lou Rasmussen and John Drolet

Staff Present

Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Utilities Director Patrick Zemp, and Municipal Clerk Donna Iskra

Call to Order

Chair Kleckley called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Approval of Minutes – February 18, 2025

Mr. Ballard moved to accept the minutes of February 18, 2025. Mr. Griffith seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

New Business/Open Discussion

AMI Bids/Information

- Mr. Aakhus reported three submittals have been received. Two of the three were short listed for interviews. Mr. Aakhus requested the members of the committee to present any questions prior to the interviews.
- Mr. Kleckley stated each submittal had various options; Mr. Aakhus stated they all generally complied with technical compliance, licensing, software, and warranties.
- Mr. Griffith requested a timeline for the project and if our software has the capacity. Mr. Aakhus noted the timeline is approximately ten months. Storage capacity is not a concern as the Town utilizes the cloud.

SCIIP Grant #A-23-C065 Wastewater System Upgrades

- Mr. Aakhus reported parts for the lift stations have been ordered and the contractor plans to mobilize in July. Council held a Special Meeting to approve a change order for additional pumps.
- Mr. Zemp reported we are able to increase the scope capturing upgrades previously not included due to budget.
- Mr. Aakhus further explained we had a 25% contingency, but prices have decreased, which permits us to do more.

Open Discussion

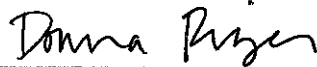
- Mr. Zemp reported all sewer tap requests have been approved with one pending (need proof the septic is failing).
- Mr. Aakhus noted no issues with Pump A or B. Mr. Zemp reported one complaint of noise from B and that fan has been replaced with a quieter one.
- Mr. Zemp reported chlorine residual levels are down with increased water usage. Periodic testing of levels is in place but he can perform additional testing if a resident has concerns.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Ballard made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Griffith. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE



Donna Rizer, Municipal Clerk
July 15, 2025