

**WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH**

**July 15, 2025
10:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

Present

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

Absent

Lou Rasmussen (excused), John Drolet

Staff Present

Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey, Utilities Director Patrick Zemp, and Municipal Clerk Donna Rizer

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chairman Kleckley.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ballard moved to approve the minutes of the Water and Sewer Committee Meeting of April 15, 2025. Mr. Griffith seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

Old Business

SCIIP Grant #A-23-C065 Wastewater System Upgrades.

Mr. Aakhus reported on the lift station project. He noted the first change order was to upgrade the pumps; the second change order (\$205,207.14) has been approved and reflects an adjustment in generator connection equipment to standardize the eleven lift stations, thus enhancing operational flexibility. The existing generator will be able to power any of the lift stations, providing critical redundancy. While the project was to be mobilized in July, equipment delays have pushed that date to August - November.

Mr. Zemp noted that he is in frequent communication with the contractor and anticipates some equipment may arrive sooner. He indicated the lift stations on Pompano Street and at Waterfront will have priority when equipment arrives, as those stations are most in need.

Regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project, Mr. Aakhus noted that American Engineering Consultants, Inc. recently discovered that the liner in the lagoon has a tear in it. Repair is not feasible; the liner will need to be replaced. SC Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) has approved the replacement to be included as part of the project, and the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) has issued a permit. The replacement will be up for bid soon. If this brings the project over budget, the Town may return to RIA with a financial request.

Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) System.

Mr. Aakhus reported the selection committee (Mayor Moore, Mr. Aakhus, Mr. Zemp, Mr. Renner, and Mr. Kleckley) unanimously chose Fortiline Waterworks' proposal for the AMI Project. Town Council approved the contract with Fortiline. The project launch meeting will take place soon. Propagation studies will be completed to ensure network coverage.

Mr. Zemp reported that he talked with several utilities and manufacturers; the AMI System has become the standard.

New Business/Open Discussion

There was no New Business to discuss.

Under open discussion, Mr. Zemp stated the Consumer Confidence Report has been posted on the Town website and shall be published in the *Press & Standard* on July 31, 2025. This 2024 Water Quality Report shows no issues with the Town's water quality. Mr. Zemp noted the water use over the July 4th holiday showed a 10% increase from last year.

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 10:30 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE



Donna Rizer, Municipal Clerk
October 21, 2025