

**MINUTES**

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

**August 20, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Present**

Chair Jody Kleckley, John David Griffith, David Ballard, and John Drolet, Committee Members.

*Quorum of Members Present.*

**Absent**

Lou Rasmussen(excused)

**Others Present**

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

**Call to Order**

Chair Kleckley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes – May 20, 2024**

Mr. Griffith moved to accept the minutes of May 20, 2024. Mr. Ballard seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Old Business**

**Pump Station A Update**

Town Administrator Aakhus reported construction on Pump Station A is underway by Babcock LLC and is scheduled for completion by the end of September. Mr. Zemp stated the electrical panels and wet well have been installed and the pumps are on site.

**New Business**

**Wastewater Systems Upgrades Project-schedule Update**

Mr. Aakhus noted we are working with American Engineering for confirmation as we work to lift the moratorium. Several businesses and residents are noted on the Sewer Connection Decision Tree. There is a fee to the homeowner for the tie in and the tap. Business owners may be required to have grease traps and the fees will depend on water usage. Mr. Ballard asked if both pump stations must be operational prior to the moratorium being lifted. Mr. Zemp confirmed they do.

**Well Pump Update**

Mr. Zemp commented Well #8 was delivered and installed. Well #7 is up and running. Both had electrical issues that are now resolved.

**Meter Reader Update**

Mr. Aakhus reported the additional grant money for the meter readers has been approved. With the \$500,000 already received for this project, the Town expects the total of \$1,000,000 to cover the project; however, the Town is prepared to cover any shortfall. The Town will now begin the process of selecting a vendor committee. We will obtain quotes on both systems and decide which features will be most beneficial to the Town and our residents, giving them more billing and payment options.

**Open Discussion**

There were no topics for discussion

**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 10:20 a.m.

**APPROVED BY THE WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE**



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Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk  
February 18, 2025