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Ad-Hoc Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee
September 10, 2026

The Ad-Hoc Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee meeting was held at the Coneross Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Commissioners/Committee Members that were present:

- Kevin Bronson (City of Westminster) – Committee Chair
- Chip Bentley (Appalachian Council of Gov'ts.)
- Chris Eleazer (Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority)
- Angie Mettlen, (Vice President, Ardurra)
- Lawrence Flynn (Pope Flynn - OJRSA Attorney) – *via Microsoft Teams*
- Joel Jones (Consultant, JonesWater)
- Scott Moulder (City of Seneca)
- Katherine Amidon (Environmental Planner, Bolten & Menk)

Committee Members that were not present:

- Glenn Hart, Oconee County Councilman
- Celia Myers (City of Walhalla

OJRSA appointments and staff present were:

- Amanda Kelley, Records Clerk

Others present were:

- None

A. Call to Order – Mr. Bronson called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

B. Approval of Minutes

- **Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee Meeting of August 13, 2026**

Mr. Moulder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bentley, to approve the August 13, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

C. Committee Discussion and Action Items

1. **Status Update on Financial Studies –** Mr. Mettlen started she met with Raftelis, and they are finalizing the study. There's been a lot of progress and a draft will be ready for the October meeting. Mr. Jones added it will not be completed until everyone has an opportunity to give comments and input.
2. **Discussion of Continued County Participation (Exhibit A) –** Mr. Flynn provided an update regarding Oconee County's continued participation in the reconstitution process. He reported that the OJRSA Board had directed that a letter be sent to Oconee County advising that its participation in the two ongoing studies could affect its permanent position on the Reconstitution Committee and future reconstituted board, with a response requested by September 15, 2026. The county administrator, Mr. Stewart Jones, responded that the County was continuing its due diligence and requested additional time to evaluate participation rather than confirming its intent to participate and pay its share of the project costs. Mr. Flynn noted concerns regarding the County's level of participation and responsiveness throughout the approximately 18-month process.

The Committee reviewed memoranda prepared by Ms. Amidon documenting the County's participation, communications, meeting attendance, and opportunities provided to the County to obtain information and provide input. The documents were intended to establish a record of the efforts made by the Reconstitution Committee, Executive Committee, and consulting team to engage the County. The materials were presented for informational purposes and were to be attached to the meeting minutes in draft form for review and correction as appropriate.

The Committee also discussed the treatment of County assets and costs if the County does not participate in the reconstitution. Ms. Mettlen noted that Raftelis had been directed to not perform additional work related to the County and that the draft report would not include County assets at that time as the County does not own many assets. The Committee discussed whether County customers would remain subject to applicable rate-study costs and future capital improvements and indicated that, if the County does not participate, its system could remain a satellite system rather than having its assets incorporated into the reconstituted authority. Mr. Eleazer stated the letter sent to the County is included in the packet along the County's response.

Ms. Amidon passed out two documents *(made a part of these minutes)*. The first document is an overview of the County's participation in Reconstitution Committee. The second document is a communication log between the Committee and the County, noting when a response was requested and when there was no response received from the County. Mr. Bronson reiterated the efforts put toward the County's involvement, West Union, and all parties were fair and equal to creating a new governing sewer system to operate at a higher function. Ms. Amidon stated these documents were presented as information only, and if anyone had any edits, to let them know, and they would incorporate the changes.

Mr. Bronson and members discussed whether the County should continue as a voting member of the Committee or be moved to a non-voting role while remaining welcome to participate. Members expressed the importance of maintaining progress on financial studies and avoiding further delays. Ms. Mettlen added that the reason Oconee County was involved was that, when the original study began, the County explicitly stated they wanted to be a member and the ability to participate in this effort.

Mr. Moulder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eleazer, to submit the compiled information and supporting documentation to the OJRSA Board for its consideration and decision regarding the County's lack of participation, including whether the County should remain a voting member. The motion carried.

3. **Next Steps for Reconstitution** – Mr. Flynn stated there is nothing to be done until reports are back from Raftelis and First Tryon, because the OJRSA cannot pitch consolidation or conveyance of the assets until the OJRSA knows what things are worth and how it will affect the rate base. Ms. Amidon went over PowerPoint slides of options *(made a part of these minutes)*.

   The Committee reviewed an updated options graphic reflecting the post-legislation environment. The options include maintaining the status quo; proceeding with reconstitution through updated sewer use agreements and changes to membership; full consolidation in which collection systems and treatment would be placed under one entity; partial consolidation in which entities retaining their systems would become contract wholesale customers; and an option in which all entities become contract wholesale customers. Privatization or transfer to an outside third party was also acknowledged as a theoretical option but was not pursued because the feasibility-study discussions indicated that committee did not favor an external third-party provider.

   Mr. Bronson agreed that the options have been narrowed to several viable alternatives and that the updated graphic provides a useful framework for future discussions. Mr. Moulder said that any of the four options could work. Ms. Amidon agreed that receipt of the Raftelis study will be important before making decisions concerning asset conveyance, rates, and the ultimate structure of the system; however, members also discussed the need to avoid allowing the entire process to remain stalled while awaiting the studies.

Attention was given to the composition and governance of the future OJRSA board by Ms. Mettlen since legislation had passed. Members generally agreed that the board structure should be addressed separately from the ultimate decision regarding consolidation or conveyance because a change in board composition is necessary regardless of which system-ownership option is eventually selected.

Mr. Flynn led discussion centered on the three principal governance alternatives: maintaining the existing structure; adopting a revised board structure under which the municipalities continue appointing members while establishing restrictions on officers, employees, and ex-officio members serving on the board; or transitioning to a structure involving recommendations from the legislative delegation and appointments by the Governor, consistent with the legislation and the structure of other special-purpose districts.

The Committee discussed the number and qualifications of board members, including the statutory requirement that at least one board member reside within the service territory of each authority member participating in the organization. The Committee further discussed the procedural requirements for implementing reconstitution, including whether resolutions, ordinances, amendments to sewer use agreements, or other formal approvals would be necessary.

Because as many as three to six governing bodies could ultimately be involved, members emphasized the importance of determining the required approval process, developing appropriate language, and understanding the anticipated timeline while the Committee awaits the feasibility reports.

Mr. Flynn explained that the ultimate decision concerning conveyance of collection and conveyance assets will significantly affect the structure of sewer use regulations and the responsibilities of OJRSA and any entities retaining their systems. If OJRSA becomes the owner of the conveyance assets, it would operate as the exclusive sewer provider and would establish its own sewer use regulations; if individual entities retain portions of their conveyance systems, additional regulatory and governance complexities would remain.

The Committee, therefore, recognized that asset ownership and conveyance remain major unresolved questions, while also agreeing that board governance can be advanced independently. Members supported beginning work on the board reconstitution approval documents and developing a more detailed roadmap rather than waiting for all other decisions to be resolved. The proposed roadmap would identify the major decisions, explain the implications of each option, establish a logical sequence or critical path, and assign approximate target dates that could later be refined.

Mr. Jones discussed the possibility of developing a board succession or selection standard operating procedure (SOP) to provide a consistent process for identifying qualified individuals for appointment while recognizing that the formal recommendation authority would remain with the legislative delegation and appointment authority with the Governor. It was suggested that the legislative delegation be consulted regarding any proposed SOP so that its members could provide input and be comfortable with the process.

The Committee discussed presenting the governance options to the participating city councils in a simplified and compartmentalized manner so that elected officials could consider the board structure decision independently of the more complex asset conveyance and consolidation questions. Mr. Moulder and Mr. Bronson agreed to organize a separate meeting involving representatives of the participating city councils and the Town of West Union, with the mayors and an additional council representative from each city participating without the need for the facilitation team. The purpose of the meeting will be informational and will provide an opportunity to explain the legislation, outline the available governance options, discuss the anticipated decision-making process, and obtain feedback before formal action is requested.

Mr. Flynn will prepare a concise PowerPoint presentation describing the process and the three primary board governance options, along with the subsequent decisions that will be required. Mr.

Jones emphasized that the presentation should clearly identify the decisions required. Mr. Bronson added it should identify the process so that the councils understand that the reconstitution effort requires a sequence of decisions rather than a single action. Ms. Mettlen added that she supported decoupling this into a different conversation.

The Committee also discussed whether the Appalachian Council of Governments (ACOG) board should eventually be asked to provide an acknowledgment or endorsement of the governance approach, noting that input from county representatives and the ACOG could provide additional support for the process, although the ACOG has traditionally relied on local entities to provide direction on matters specific to Oconee County. Mr. Bentley stated that ACOG does not take the lead in such matters; it generally relies on the entities to give guidance as to what is desired, and ACOG will support it.

Mr. Eleazer gave the Committee an update concerning Walhalla, including its vacant seat and the anticipated swearing-in of its new City Administrator, Mr. David Poulsen. Members agreed that Ms. Amidon should provide the new administrator with selected prior memoranda and background information to bring him up to speed. The Committee also discussed whether future committee appointments should be handled through a blanket approval process rather than approving individual names whenever municipal representatives change.

The Committee concluded the discussion by recognizing that the immediate priority is to advance the board reconstitution component, continue preparation of the necessary approval materials and council presentations, and await the Raftelis and First Round reports before making decisions concerning the ultimate structure, rates, asset values, and conveyance of the regional sewer system.

4. **Communication with Elected Officials and Leadership** – Ms. Amidon reviewed the status of communications and action items related to elected officials and leadership. She noted that four communication memoranda had previously been distributed and that, at the Committee's request, future potential memo topics are identified at the bottom of each memorandum.

   Several previously identified topics, including order of operations and the actions that would follow the Raftelis study, remain on hold pending receipt of the Raftelis study results. The next communication memorandum will instead address the recent passage of the legislation, explain what the legislation means for the reconstitution process, outline the potential paths forward, and provide a recommended timeline and target dates for the major decisions.

   The memo is intended to support the members' upcoming discussions with their respective councils and elected officials. The facilitation team will provide members with approximately five business days to review the memorandum before it is finalized.

   The Committee discussed the timing of upcoming council discussions, with the goal of holding a meeting during the first or second week of October. Members indicated that the meeting would likely be held in the evening and would provide an opportunity for a general discussion with elected officials regarding the reconstitution process. It was also suggested that the memorandum include a general description of the proposed board composition and identify the current direction being considered so that elected officials understand the governance issue before the meeting. Mr. Flynn and the facilitation team will also prepare several PowerPoint slides to supplement the memorandum and facilitate discussion with the councils.

   The target date for providing the memorandum to Committee members was discussed as approximately September 25, allowing the members the final week of September to review the material, although the facilitation team indicated that it would begin preparing and distributing the material as soon as possible. Ms. Amidon noted that the memorandum would need to remain concise while still providing sufficient detail, with a goal of approximately two pages, and that Mr. Flynn would assist with refining the language. Members were asked to identify any additional communication topics or changes that should be addressed.

   The Committee also reviewed the stakeholder communication distribution list. Members identified the need to remove individuals who are no longer serving in their respective positions,

including the former Walhalla council representative who resigned, and to add the appropriate new leadership as changes occur. It was noted that the vacant Walhalla position would not be filled until November.

Committee members confirmed that Mr. Josh Riches should remain on the communication list and discussed whether Mr. Ryan Thomas was also included. Ms. Amidon agreed to verify the list and make any necessary updates. She also indicated that the updated stakeholder list could be redistributed to all recipients as a reminder of who is currently receiving communications and to ensure the list remains current following the summer period.

D. Committee Member Discussion – None.

E. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings

1. **Board of Commissioners –** Monday, September 14, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.
2. **Operations & Planning Committee –** Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.
3. **Finance & Administration Committee –** Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
4. **Board of Commissioners –** Monday, October 5, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.
5. **Reconstitution Committee & Executive Committee –** Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Approved By: _____ Date Approved: 11/12/26
Kevin Bronson
Committee Chair

Approved By: _____
Lynn M. Stephens
OJRSA Secretary/Treasurer

Notification of the meeting was distributed on August 7, 2026 to *Upstate Today*, *Anderson Independent-Mail*, *Westminster News*, *Keowee Courier*, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, City of Seneca Council, City of Walhalla Council, City of Westminster Council, Oconee County Council, SCDES, www.ojrsa.org, and posted at the OJRSA Administration Building.

Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee

OJRSA Operations & Administration Building
Lamar Bailes Board Room
September 10, 2026 at 9:00 AM

This advisory committee was established by the OJRSA Board of Commissioners at its August 4,2025 meeting to consider the reorganization recommendations as identified in the Ad Hoc Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee Final Recommendations report. This committee can neither create policy nor make decisions on behalf of the OJRSA or other wastewater service providers within the area. The recommendations are available at www.ojrsa.org/info.

OJRSA commission and committee meetings may be attended in person at the address listed above. The OJRSA will also broadcast meetings live on its YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/@OconeeJRSA (if there is a technical issue preventing the livestreaming of the meeting, then a recording will be published on the channel as soon as possible). For those not able to attend in person, then the OJRSA Board or Committee Chair will accept public comments by mail (623 Return Church Rd, Seneca, SC 29678) or at info@ojrsa.org. Comments must comply with the public session instructions as stated on the meeting agenda and will be received up until one hour prior to the scheduled meeting. If there is not a public session scheduled for a meeting, then comments shall not be accepted.

Agenda

A. Call to Order – Kevin Bronson, Committee Chair

B. Approval of Minutes
- Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee Meeting of August 13, 2026

C. Committee Discussion and Action Items
1. Status Update on Financial Studies – Angie Mettlen, Facilitator
2. Discussion of Continued County Participation: Funding for Studies and Role on Reconstitution Committee (Exhibit A) – Lawrence Flynn, OJRSA Counsel and Katherine Amidon, Facilitator
3. Next Steps for Reconstitution – Lawrence Flynn, OJRSA Counsel and Katherine Amidon, Facilitator
4. Communications with Elected Officials and Leadership: Feedback and Future Memo Requests – Katherine Amidon, Facilitator

D. Committee Member Discussion – Led by Kevin Bronson, Committee Chair
Discussion can be related to matters addressed in this meeting or for future consideration by the Board or Committee. Voting is not permitted during this session.

E. Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings

All meetings to be held in the Lamar Bailes Board Room unless noted otherwise.

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August 14, 2026

Stewart Jones, County Administrator
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Walhalla, South Carolina 29691

Via U.S. Mail -and- Email to
sjones@oconeesc.com

RE: **Oconee County Participation in OJRSA Reconstitution; Payment of Agreed Study Costs**

Dear Mr. Jones:
The Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Commission (the "Commission"), as the governing body of the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority ("OJRSA"), has concerns about Oconee County's (the "County") ongoing participation in the OJRSA's reconstitution process, particularly in light of the County's recent refusal to pay its share of the cost for agreed-upon technical and financial studies that are essential to finalize the terms of the anticipated restructuring or reconstitution of OJRSA.

For many years the County has expressed a desire to be involved in OJRSA governance, and OJRSA has structured its proposed reconstitution process to include the County as an integral participant. The Ad Hoc Regional Feasibility Study Implementation Committee (the "Implementation Committee") was established by the Commission in November 2024, met monthly from December 2024 through June 2025, and was staffed with ten members, including County representation through former County Administrator Amanda Brock. The Implementation Committee's purpose was to review, discuss, and evaluate plans for restructuring OJRSA; in keeping with that mission, it issued a recommendation report in June 2025 with five major recommendations (the "Report").[1] Among those recommendations were that the County be added as a member of the reconstituted organization and that governance be reconstituted with representation involving the County.

Following dissolution of the Implementation Committee and as contemplated by the Report, OJRSA established an Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee (the "Reconstitution Committee") to guide the initial implementation steps, and the County has continued to be represented on that committee—initially by Ms. Brock and more recently by Councilman Glenn Hart. Over more than a year of meetings, the parties have worked in alignment with the Report recommendations and with the County Council's subsequent support resolution. County Resolution 2026-04, dated March 3, 2026 ("Resolution 2026-04"), expressly acknowledges the need to evaluate potential coordination or consolidation opportunities, asset transfers, intergovernmental agreements, operational restructuring, or financial commitments, and further recognizes that technical evaluations and financial valuations of the collection systems, including debt, asset viability, and immediate capital, are essential to finalize the terms of systems transfers to OJRSA. The Report similarly emphasizes that technical and financial studies should be completed as soon as possible.

In this context, OJRSA is deeply troubled by the County's recent rejection of payment requests associated with the proposed studies to be performed by Raftelis and First Tryon, the consultants engaged to perform the required studies. On February 12, 2026, the Reconstitution Committee approved the initial Raftelis financial study invoice by unanimous vote, including the affirmative vote of Councilman Glenn Hart as the County's representative. The County has since declined to pay its share of the Raftelis invoice (and generally declined to provide any financial

[1] Note, the Report was publicly released at a meeting held at Tri-County Technical College on June 15, 2025. County Council attended the presentation and participated in a discussion about the findings of the Report.

Josh Riches *Seat 1 Seneca*
Marty McKee *Seat 4 Seneca*
Scott Parris, PE *Seat 7 Westminster*

Scott Moulder, MPA *Vice Chair, Seat 2 Seneca*
Celia Myers, AICP *Seat 5 Walhalla*
Kevin Bronson, MPA *Chair, Seat 8 Westminster*
Chris Eleazer, MPA *Executive Director*

Scott McLane *Seat 3 Seneca*
Zane Thompson *Walhalla Seat 6*
David Dial *Seat 9 Walhalla/Westminster*

support for the required studies).[2] We understand from recent communications between you and OJRSA's undersigned Executive Director that County Council was not aware of the financial obligation and that Councilman Hart lacked authority to commit the County. These developments are at odds with the collaborative framework the parties have followed and with the commitments espoused by the various reconstitution participants.

The Commission has discussed the practical implications of the County's nonpayment. The Commission prefers continued full participation and a voting role for the County, consistent with the Report and Resolution 2026-04, but we must ensure that voting members are aligned on the funding and execution of essential work products. If the County is unwilling to share in the costs of the studies necessary to advance the reconstitution work, the County's voting seat on the Reconstitution Committee will be eliminated by the Commission and the County will be shifted to an advisory-only role, similar to the current posture of the Town of West Union.

Accordingly, please provide a written response confirming the County's commitment to pay its allocated share of the Raftelis invoice, and future costs of both the Raftelis and First Tryon studies by Friday, September 11, 2026, so that the Commission may consider the County's position at its Monday, September 14, 2026 board meeting. If the County declines to pay its share, the County will be moved to an advisory-only role on the Reconstitution Committee (no voting seat) effective at or after the September 14 meeting. Further, if the County is moved to a non-voting position on the Reconstitution Committee, the Commission will deem such action to constitute the County's election not to be considered for future membership or participation in the reconstituted OJRSA and as the County's acknowledgment that it will not participate in the reconstituted Commission.

We value the County's partnership and invite its continued participation in all aspects of the reconstitution process, including consultant coordination, technical review, and the development of governance documents. The Reconstitution Committee's consultants, coordinated through Ms. Angie Mettlen of Ardurra, remain available to meet with County Council to present the study scopes, cost allocations, and anticipated deliverables, and to answer any questions regarding the proposed reconstitution of OJRSA. As you know, Ms. Mettlen and her team have made multiple attempts to coordinate such a meeting with County Council.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this letter and look forward to your written response by Friday, September 11, 2026.

Sincerely,
OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY

Kevin Bronson,
Chairman

Christopher Eleazer,
Executive Director

C (via email) Mr. Glenn Hart, Oconee County Council
Ms. Bonnie Ammons, South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority
Sen. Thomas C. Alexander
Mr. Lawrence E. Flynn III, Esquire

[2] Note, it is anticipated that the County's share of the studies would be $12,972.

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August 26, 2026

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Chris Eleazer, Executive Director
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RE: Oconee County Participation in OJRSA Reconstitution; Payment of Study Costs

Dear Chairman Bronson and Mr. Eleazer:

I am writing in response to your August 14, 2026 letter regarding Oconee County's participation in the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority ("OJRSA") reconstitution process and the requested payment of the County's share of the costs associated with the Raftelis and First Tryon studies. Oconee County appreciates the work that OJRSA and the Reconstitution Committee have undertaken and recognizes the importance of evaluating the future structure, governance, assets, financial obligations, and operational considerations associated with OJRSA.
However, I believe it is important to clarify the County's understanding of the matters raised in your letter.

First, the County's participation on the Reconstitution Committee should not be construed as authorization for the County Administrator, or any individual County representative serving on the Committee, to incur an expenditure or otherwise commit County funds without appropriate authorization from Oconee County Council.

As your letter acknowledges, OJRSA understands that Oconee County Council was not aware of the financial obligation associated with the studies at the time the Reconstitution Committee approved the initial Raftelis invoice. The County Administrator nor any individual representative therefore does not have the authority to unilaterally commit County funds to that obligation.

Second, Oconee County Council's adoption of Resolution 2026-04 expressed support for evaluating potential coordination and consolidation opportunities and recognized the need for technical and financial evaluations as part of that process. That resolution should not be interpreted as an independent appropriation or authorization for the County Administrator to obligate County funds for expenditures that were not previously approved through the County's budget or other appropriate County authorization process.

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Accordingly, I am not in a position to provide the requested commitment that Oconee County will pay the approximately $12,972 referenced in your letter. Any commitment of County funds will need to be considered and authorized through the appropriate County process.

That position should not be interpreted as a withdrawal from the reconstitution process. Oconee County remains interested in participating in discussions concerning the future of OJRSA and in evaluating potential governance, operational, financial, and infrastructure arrangements that may benefit the participating communities.

I also believe it would be beneficial for the County Council and OJRSA to have a clear understanding of the scope, cost, authorization, and expected deliverables associated with the studies before the County is asked to commit public funds. Oconee County would welcome the opportunity for the consultants and OJRSA representatives to meet directly with County Council to provide that information and answer questions regarding the work performed, the remaining scope of work, the allocation of costs among participating entities, and the anticipated use of the resulting reports.

With respect to the County's representation on the Reconstitution Committee, Oconee County would prefer that the County's voting status not be altered while these matters are being reviewed by County Council. Removing the County's voting representation before County Council has had an opportunity to consider the financial and substantive issues would, in my view, be premature.

I appreciate OJRSA's continued communication and its stated desire to maintain Oconee County's participation in the reconstitution process. I look forward to working with OJRSA, the Reconstitution Committee, and County Council toward a clear and mutually understood path forward.

Sincerely,

Stewart O. Jones, Administrator
Oconee County, South Carolina

AD HOC RECONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Oconee County Participation Overview

The following provides a synopsis of Oconee County's participation on the Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee from August 2025 to August 2026. Overall, the record shows Oconee County (County) moving from active early engagement to more sporadic participation by August 2026, despite adoption of a support resolution in March 2026. This memo has been prepared to document County representative attendance and to summarize meeting events and discussion pertinent to County participation as a stakeholder in the reconstitution process.

- **August 14, 2025**
  - Amanda Brock present. Active participant.
  - Confirmed County could meet October resolution schedule and discussed governance, valuation, and implementation questions.
- **September 11, 2025**
  - Amanda Brock present via Teams.
  - Explained County reassessment process, ordinance issues, septic data sources, and reported County questions regarding costs, rates, and future infrastructure.
- **October 9, 2025**
  - Amanda Brock absent.
  - County-related discussion focused on ordinance updates and responses to County questions.
- **November 13, 2025**
  - County seat vacant.
  - Matt Durham and Glenn Hart attended as guests.
  - Durham and Hart received updates and indicated a new representative would be appointed.
- **December 11, 2025**
  - Glenn Hart present.
  - Stated: "I wouldn't be here if Oconee County didn't support the resolution," but noted he could not commit County positions without Council consultation.
- **February 12, 2026**
  - Glenn Hart participated actively.
  - Asked liability questions related to consolidation and committed to bringing the resolution before County Council.
- **March 12, 2026**
  - Glenn Hart attended with Stewart Jones and Matt Durham.
  - County remained engaged, although facilitator one-on-one meetings had still not occurred.
- **April 9, 2026**
  - Glenn Hart present.

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    - Facilitators reported multiple emails and phone calls to Oconee County had gone unanswered for scheduling purposes. County was asked to clarify long-term participation and to schedule a meeting with facilitators.
- **May 14, 2026**
    - Glenn Hart present.
    - Quarterly report documented County adoption of support resolution on March 3, 2026. Facilitators reported they still had not completed their one-on-one meeting with County leadership.
- **August 13, 2026**
    - County representative absent.
    - Raftelis reported no County information had been received. OJRSA reported County rejected its share of study costs and discussed possible removal from future reconstitution ad hoc committee participation

Executive synthesis: The participation record reflects initial County engagement, a temporary vacancy, renewed but qualified participation by Council representation, and then a late-stage breakdown marked by Oconee County's lack of response to facilitator outreach, incomplete data coordination, and rejection of study cost sharing. Other Board members expressed concern and frustration with the County's change in participation, which led to discussion of removing the County from future reconstitution ad hoc committee participation.

More detailed summaries of each meeting, with notes focusing on County participation, can be found on the following pages.

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AD HOC RECONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

August 14, 2025

County Representative: Amanda Brock (Oconee County) - Present.

Participation Summary: Amanda Brock actively participated throughout the meeting.

Major Contributions

Support Resolution

- Noted that County Attorney David Root would likely review the proposed resolution.
- Discussed possible revisions and standardization of resolution language.
- Confirmed that the proposed October 13, 2025 deadline was achievable for Oconee County.

Committee Structure

- Questioned whether committee membership reflected recommendations previously made by the Ad Hoc Feasibility Committee.
- Asked whether board representation had changed from the original recommendation.

Timeline

- Expressed concern regarding Oconee County's limited technical valuation information.
- Suggested she may abstain from certain votes because of limited County technical data.

Financial Evaluation

- Stated County Council appreciated the level of activity and discussion surrounding potential changes.
- Anticipated numerous future questions from County Council regarding reconstitution.

Legislative Changes

- Stated Oconee County was generally comfortable with proposed legislative changes and wanted the process to continue.

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AD HOC RECONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

September 11, 2025

County Representative: Amanda Brock (Oconee County) - Present via Microsoft Teams.

Participation Summary: Active participant and one of the primary contributors during discussion of County-related issues.

Major Contributions

Property Tax Audits

- Explained County reassessment procedures and annual tax review process.
- Clarified how agricultural property classifications are monitored.

County Ordinances

- Explained County Attorney David Root's concerns regarding removal of historic sewer ordinance language.
- Noted County does not regulate sewer service because OJRSA serves that role.
- Agreed to discuss possible notations with the County Attorney.

Septic System Data

- Provided information regarding Friends of Lake Keowee Society and other organizations tracking septic failures.

Support Resolution

- Reported County questions included:
    - How reconstitution would function.
    - Cost impacts.
    - Future rates.
    - Equity between users.
    - Future infrastructure responsibilities.

"The questions included: how this is going to work, how much it will cost, what the rates will be, will the rates be equitable across the county, will there be zones, how will future infrastructure be considered, and how the cost right now will affect the County."

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AD HOC RECONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

October 9, 2025

County Representative: Amanda Brock - Absent.

Participation Summary: No direct participation.

County-Related Discussion

- County ordinance update discussed.
- County questions had been incorporated into the reconstitution Q&A document.

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AD HOC RECONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

November 13, 2025

County Representation: County seat vacant.

County Officials Present

- Matt Durham, County Council Chairman.
- Glenn Hart, County Councilman.

Participation Summary: County leadership attended despite vacant committee seat.

Major Contributions

- Durham reported meeting with OJRSA staff and receiving project updates.
- Requested copies of project materials.
- Reported County intended to appoint a new committee representative.

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AD HOC RECONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

December 11, 2025

County Representative: Glenn Hart - Present. First meeting as County representative.

Participation Summary: Moderate participation.

Major Contributions

"I wouldn't be here if Oconee County didn't support the resolution."

However, Hart qualified the statement by noting:

"I cannot make any decisions without talking to the other council members first."

Issues Identified

- Resolution still had not been approved by County Council.
- Hart stated he had not yet received the latest version of the resolution.

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AD HOC RECONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

February 12, 2026

County Representative: Glenn Hart - Present.

Participation Summary: Active participant.

Major Contributions

Liability Discussion

Asked significant questions regarding:

- Liability transfer.
- Sewer backup claims.
- Potential impacts on taxpayers after consolidation.

Support Resolution

Committee members expressed concern over County inaction on the resolution.

"there is still no written resolution from Oconee County that they want to participate."

Hart stated:

"there is a council meeting Tuesday night, and he will have it discussed during an Executive Session and will bring it back to this committee at its next meeting."

He later reported the resolution had been added to the upcoming County Council agenda.

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AD HOC RECONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

March 12, 2026

County Representative: Glenn Hart - Present.

Additional County Officials Present

- Stewart Jones, County Administrator.
- Matt Durham, County Council.

Participation Summary: High level of County participation.

Major Contributions

- Participated in discussions regarding governance options.
- Requested recognition of County attendees.
- Asked questions regarding valuation studies.
- Participated in discussions regarding future structure options.

Notable Issue

Facilitators reported every entity had completed one-on-one meetings except Oconee County.

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AD HOC RECONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

April 9, 2026

County Representative: Glenn Hart - Present.

Participation Summary: Moderate participation.

Significant Issue: Facilitators documented difficulty scheduling County meetings.

Facilitator Katherine Amidon has "tried through multiple emails and phone calls to request availability with Oconee County and has not gotten a response."

Angie Mettlen asked: "if Oconee County is going to stay in or not."

Hart suggested facilitators request an Executive Session with County Council but did not directly answer the question.

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AD HOC RECONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

May 14, 2026

County Representative: Glenn Hart - Present.

Participation Summary: Limited.

Major Development: Quarterly report documented "Oconee County – March 3, 2026" as the date the County adopted the support resolution.

Continuing Issue

Facilitators reported "still has not yet met with Oconee County." Despite resolution adoption, the one-on-one County meeting remained outstanding.

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AD HOC RECONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

August 13, 2026

County Representative: Glenn Hart - Absent.

Participation Summary: No participation.

Significant Issues Raised

Data Requests

Raftelis reported: "they have not received any information from Oconee County at this point and are moving forward with what the info they have."

Cost Sharing

Lawrence Flynn reported "Oconee County has rejected their share of the cost."

OJRSA Board Action

OJRSA board voted to send a letter advising that if the County remained unwilling to participate and fund studies:

- County would lose voting rights on the committee.
- County would be removed from consideration for membership on a reconstituted authority.

Kevin Bronson stated: "Oconee County wanted a seat on the board for a long time, and now that they have the opportunity, they don't want it anymore."

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AD HOC RECONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Oconee County Communication Log

Background

The below log is a brief list of key outreach activities directed at Oconee County for the purpose of engaging staff and elected officials to participate in the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority reconstitution committee. This does not include participation during the Reconstitution Feasibility Study process. Note that this is not a comprehensive log of all outreach from the OJRSA Board and their members but does provide a summary for understanding the commitment of the OJRSA facilitation team and ad hoc committee to reach out to Oconee County to keep them engaged and informed.

When the phrase "Facilitation Team" is used, it is referring to Angie Mettlen, Joel Jones, and Katherine Amidon. When OJRSA is mentioned, communication came from one of the following persons: Amanda Kelley, Lynn Stephens, or Chris Eleazer.

When a response or participation was requested from Oconee County and none was provided that is denoted in red. When a response or participation was received that is denoted in green.

Communication Log

July 11, 2025

OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Amanda Brock and Jennifer Adams. Email includes attached agenda.

A Special Called Commission Meeting with Oconee County Council will be held Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at Tri-County Technical College – Oconee Campus located at 552 Education Way, Westminster, SC 29693 in the Multipurpose Room.

Note: The following Oconee County representatives were present at this meeting:

- Don Mize, Oconee Co. Council Dist. 3
- Glenn Hart, Oconee Co. Council Dist. 5
- John Elliott, Oconee Co. Council Dist. 1
- Tommy James, Oconee Co. Council Dist. 4
- Amanda Brock, Oconee County Administrator
- Jennifer Adams, Oconee Co. Council Clerk

August 7, 2025

OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Amanda Brock and Jennifer Adams

The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, Aug 14, 2025.

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August 8, 2025
Facilitation Team emails Amanda Brock the final report of the Ad Hoc Implementation Committee for review ahead of the first reconstitution meeting to be held August 14, 2025. Also included was a working draft of the draft legislative amendments.

August 13, 2025
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Amanda Brock and Jennifer Adams. Email includes attached agenda.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, Aug 14, 2025.
Note: Amanda Brock was in-person for the Aug 14 meeting

August 15, 2025
OJRSA emails Reconstitution Meeting invite to Amanda Brock through February 2026 for the second Thursday of every month.

August 15, 2025
OJRSA emails Amanda Brock the 20-year project list spreadsheet for OJRSA based on the Oconee County and Western Anderson County Sewer Master Plan report as well as a link to the report to be found here: https://ojrsa.org/sewer-study/

August 21, 2025
Facilitation Team emails Amanda Brock the draft supportive resolutions for supporting the reconstitution process. All other jurisdictions within OJRSA (Seneca, Walhalla, Westminster, and West Union) receive this draft for individual editing and adoption.

August 22, 2025
Kevin Bronson emails Amanda Brock encouraging her to document specific questions from County Council and Oconee County staff that the Reconstitution Committee can address and if possible to provide them ahead of time to the facilitation committee ahead of the September 11 meeting.
No Response from County

September 10, 2025
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Amanda Brock and Jennifer Adams. Email includes attached agenda.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Sep 11, 2025.
Note: Amanda Brock was virtual for the Sep 11 meeting

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September 20, 2025
Facilitation Team emails Amanda Brock reminding her to send specific questions from County Council and Oconee County staff that the Reconstitution Committee can address with a formal Question and Answer document.
Amanda Brock responds on September 23, 2025 with the following: "My council's questions / concerns are of the "how" and "how much" variety. While specific questions may arise at a later date, at this point in time, they are very generalized as to the transition itself and how the costs may impact future budgets."

September 23, 2025
Facilitation Team replies to Amanda Brock asking for clarity about providing more specific questions as her response is broad.

October 3, 2025
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Amanda Brock and Jennifer Adams.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Oct 9, 2025.

October 7, 2025
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Amanda Brock and Jennifer Adams. Email includes attached agenda.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Oct 9, 2025.
Note: Amanda Brock was not present for the Oct 9 meeting

October 16, 2025
Facilitation Team emails Amanda Brock providing access to the Oconee County SharePoint folder requesting review of the gathered County documents for the pending valuation and evaluation effort and requesting additional data be provided should anything else be available for review.
Amanda Brock responded on Oct 16 "thank you"
Note no additional information was provided

October 20, 2025
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Amanda Brock and Jennifer Adams.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Nov 13, 2025.

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AD HOC RECONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

November 10, 2025
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Amanda Brock and Jennifer Adams. Email includes attached agenda.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Nov 13, 2025.
Note: Amanda Brock was no longer employed by Oconee County at this time and the seat on the Reconstitution Committee was vacant for the Nov 13 meeting.

November 24, 2025
Facilitation Team emails Glenn Hart welcoming him to the Reconstitution ad hoc Committee providing access to the Oconee County SharePoint folder and forwarding the original email sent to Amanda Brock, former Oconee County administrator, on October 16, 2025 at the onset of the reconstitution ad hoc committee process.
No Response from County

December 5, 2025
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Phil Shirley and Jennifer Adams.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Dec 11, 2025.

December 10, 2025
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Phil Shirley, Jennifer Adams, and Glenn Hart. Email includes attached agenda.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Dec 11, 2025.
Note: Councilman Glenn Hart was in-person for the Dec. 11 meeting.

December 12, 2025
Facilitation Team emails Glenn Hart and Phil Shirley confirming preferred communication list for reconstitution memos to be emailed moving forward.
No Response from County

January 6, 2026
Facilitation Team emails a second time Glenn Hart and Phil Shirley confirming preferred communication list for reconstitution memos to be emailed moving forward.
No Response from County

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January 9, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Glenn Hart and Phil Shirley for a third time confirming preferred communication list for reconstitution memos to be emailed moving forward. All County Council member emails were listed in this email and proposed to be included:

Name: John Elliott
Email: district1@oconeesc.com
Name: Matthew Durham
Email: district2@oconeesc.com
Name: Don Mize
Email: district3@oconeesc.com
Name: Thomas James
Email: district4@oconeesc.com
Name: James Glenn Hart
Email: district5@oconeesc.com

Note: Chris Eleazer responded via email the same day adding Stewart Jones to the email thread as he started his role as Oconee County Administrator on January 5, 2026. The same day the Facilitation Team emails a response welcoming Stewart to his new role and requests any changes to the list, such as including the county clerk.
No Response from County

January 9, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Final Communication Memo #1

January 9, 2026
Facilitation Team emails out full communication list for reconstitution committee review and also Draft Communication Memo #2 for committee review. It was decided at the December meeting that drafts for these memos should be sent to the ad hoc committee for review starting with Memo #2.
No edits provided by the County

January 12, 2026
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address)
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Feb 12, 2026.

January 19, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Final Communication Memo #2

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February 6, 2026
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Stewart Jones, Jennifer Adams, Phil Shirley, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address)
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Feb 12, 2026.

February 10, 2026
OJRSA emails notice of Reconstitution Committee Meeting Agenda to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, Jennifer Adams, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address). Email includes attached agenda.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Feb 12, 2026.
Note: Councilman Glenn Hart was in-person for the Feb. 12 meeting.

February 12, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Stewart Jones and Glenn Hart to set up a meeting as a follow-up action item to the Feb. 12 Reconstitution Committee meeting to meet with each jurisdiction within, and including, Oconee County. The same coordination was requested of Seneca, Westminster, Walhalla, and West Union.
No Response from County

February 12, 2026
OJRSA emails updated Reconstitution Meeting invite to Glenn Hart, Stewart Jones, Jennifer Adamas, and Matthew Durham through December 2026 for the second Thursday of every month.

February 18, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Stewart Jones and Glenn Hart as follow up to the February 12 email.
No Response from County

March 5, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Stewart Jones and Glenn Hart as follow up to the February 12 and February 18 email.
No Response from County

March 6, 2026
Facilitation Team calls Stewart Jones and leaves a message as a follow up to the February 12 and February 18 email.
No Response from County

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March 6, 2026
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, Jennifer Adams, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address)
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2026.

March 11, 2026
OJRSA emails notice of Reconstitution Committee Meeting Agenda to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, Jennifer Adams, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address). Email includes attached agenda.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2026.
Note: Councilman Glenn Hart, Councilman Matthew Durham, and Stewart Jones were in-person for the March 12 meeting.

March 13, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Stewart Jones, Matthew Durham and Glenn Hart as a follow up to the March 12 meeting with the email history from Feb 12, 18 and March 5 requesting the opportunity to meet with the County.
No Response from County

March 19, 2026
Facilitation Team calls Stewart Jones and leaves a message as a follow up to the February 12, February 18, and March 5 email.
No Response from County

April 7, 2026
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, Jennifer Adams, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address)
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2026.

April 7, 2026 second email
OJRSA emails notice of Reconstitution Committee Meeting Agenda to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, Jennifer Adams, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address). Email includes attached agenda.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2026.
Note: Councilman Glenn Hart was in-person for the April 9 meeting.

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April 9, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Draft Communication Memo #3 for committee review.
No edits provided by the County

April 9, 2026
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, Jennifer Adams, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address)
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2026.

April 14, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Stewart Jones and Glenn Hart a SharePoint file that contains the data already gathered from the feasibility study and a request for additional items needed from the County for the analysis to be completed by Raftelis and First Tryon. The email specifies that May 8th would be the deadline for these items.
No Response from County

April 16, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Stewart Jones, Matthew Durham and Glenn Hart a request to meet noting that they are the only jurisdiction that has not met with the Reconstitution Committee
Matthew Durham responded on April 30th, offering the May 5th council meeting and specifically to meet in executive session.

NOTE: The Facilitation Team did not agree that the topics to be discussed for this meeting fit into the guidelines set by the state of South Carolina for executive session and that proceeding with that form of meeting was inappropriate, which had already been expressed in the April 16th email.

April 17, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Draft Communication Memo #4 for committee review.
No edits provided by the County

April 17, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Final Communication Memo #3

April 22, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Final Communication Memo #4

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May 8, 2026
OJRSA emails notice of Reconstitution Committee Meeting to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address)
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2026.

May 12, 2026
OJRSA emails notice of Reconstitution Committee Meeting Agenda to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, Jennifer Adams, and Glenn Hart (to his council email address and personal email address). Email includes attached agenda.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2026.
Note: Councilman Glenn Hart was in-person for the May 12 meeting.

May 13, 2026
Facilitation Team emails a response to Matthew Durham's April 30 email, including Glenn Hart, Jennifer Adams, Rob Chumley, and Stewart Jones emphasizing the goal to meet with the County outside of executive session.
No Response from County

Note the Reconstitution Committee meetings were cancelled for June and July due to lack of agenda items and to allow Raftelis to work through the Financial Evaluation

June 9, 2026
Facilitation Team responds again via email to Matthew Durham's April 30 email, including Glenn Hart, Jennifer Adams, Rob Chumley, and Stewart Jones, stating willingness to meet in executive session if that is the only option and offers availability for the July 7th council meeting.
No Response from County

July 6, 2026
Facilitation Team responds a third time to Matthew Durham's April 30 email, including Glenn Hart, Jennifer Adams, Rob Chumley, and Stewart Jones, asking for availability since Oconee County has not responded with confirmation for a meeting.
No Response from County

July 8, 2026
OJRSA emails out notice of committee meetings to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, Matthew Durham, Jennifer Adams, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address)
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Aug 13, 2026.

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August 7, 2026
OJRSA sends out notice of committee meetings to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address)
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Aug 13, 2026.
Notes: No representative was present from the County for the Aug. 13 meeting.

August 11, 2026
OJRSA sends out notice of Reconstitution Committee Meeting Agenda to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, Jennifer Adams, Matthew Durham, and Glenn Hart (to his council email address and personal email address). Email includes attached agenda.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Aug 13, 2026.

September 4, 2026
OJRSA sends out notice of committee meetings to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, Matthew Durham, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address)
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Sep 10, 2026.

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Reconstitution: Prior unanimous support for this – update sewer use agreements, change board membership*

Full Consolidation: All collections systems and treatment under one entity – the reconstituted OJRSA

Partial Consolidation: Some collection systems and treatment under one entity, others contractual wholesale customers

= Contract wholesale customers

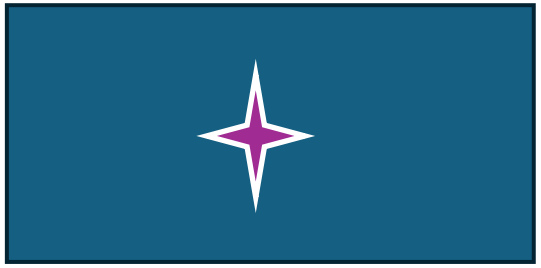
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Note: There are other options that were previously discussed and determined to be





* Board membership changes include more options with the passed legislation

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Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee

OJRSA Operations & Administration Building
Lamar Bailes Board Room
September 10, 2026 at 9:00 AM

This advisory committee was established by the OJRSA Board of Commissioners at its August 4,2025 meeting to consider the reorganization recommendations as identified in the Ad Hoc Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee Final Recommendations report. This committee can neither create policy nor make decisions on behalf of the OJRSA or other wastewater service providers within the area. The recommendations are available at www.ojrsa.org/info.

OJRSA commission and committee meetings may be attended in person at the address listed above. The OJRSA will also broadcast meetings live on its YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/@OconeeJRSA (if there is a technical issue preventing the livestreaming of the meeting, then a recording will be published on the channel as soon as possible). For those not able to attend in person, then the OJRSA Board or Committee Chair will accept public comments by mail (623 Return Church Rd, Seneca, SC 29678) or at info@ojrsa.org. Comments must comply with the public session instructions as stated on the meeting agenda and will be received up until one hour prior to the scheduled meeting. If there is not a public session scheduled for a meeting, then comments shall not be accepted.

Agenda

A. Call to Order – Kevin Bronson, Committee Chair

B. Approval of Minutes
- Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee Meeting of August 13, 2026

C. Committee Discussion and Action Items
1. Status Update on Financial Studies – Angie Mettlen, Facilitator
2. Discussion of Continued County Participation: Funding for Studies and Role on Reconstitution Committee (Exhibit A) – Lawrence Flynn, OJRSA Counsel and Katherine Amidon, Facilitator
3. Next Steps for Reconstitution – Lawrence Flynn, OJRSA Counsel and Katherine Amidon, Facilitator
4. Communications with Elected Officials and Leadership: Feedback and Future Memo Requests – Katherine Amidon, Facilitator

D. Committee Member Discussion – Led by Kevin Bronson, Committee Chair
Discussion can be related to matters addressed in this meeting or for future consideration by the Board or Committee. Voting is not permitted during this session.

E. Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings

All meetings to be held in the Lamar Bailes Board Room unless noted otherwise.

- Board of Commissioners – September 14, 2026 at 4:00 PM
- Operations & Planning Committee – September 17, 2026 at 8:30 AM
- Finance & Administration Committee – September 22, 2026 at 9:00 AM
- Board of Commissioners – October 5, 2026 at 4:00 PM
- Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee – October 8, 2026 at 9:00 AM

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August 14, 2026

Stewart Jones, County Administrator
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Walhalla, South Carolina 29691

Via U.S. Mail -and- Email to
sjones@oconeesc.com

RE: **Oconee County Participation in OJRSA Reconstitution; Payment of Agreed Study Costs**

Dear Mr. Jones:
The Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Commission (the "Commission"), as the governing body of the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority ("OJRSA"), has concerns about Oconee County's (the "County") ongoing participation in the OJRSA's reconstitution process, particularly in light of the County's recent refusal to pay its share of the cost for agreed-upon technical and financial studies that are essential to finalize the terms of the anticipated restructuring or reconstitution of OJRSA.

For many years the County has expressed a desire to be involved in OJRSA governance, and OJRSA has structured its proposed reconstitution process to include the County as an integral participant. The Ad Hoc Regional Feasibility Study Implementation Committee (the "Implementation Committee") was established by the Commission in November 2024, met monthly from December 2024 through June 2025, and was staffed with ten members, including County representation through former County Administrator Amanda Brock. The Implementation Committee's purpose was to review, discuss, and evaluate plans for restructuring OJRSA; in keeping with that mission, it issued a recommendation report in June 2025 with five major recommendations (the "Report").[1] Among those recommendations were that the County be added as a member of the reconstituted organization and that governance be reconstituted with representation involving the County.

Following dissolution of the Implementation Committee and as contemplated by the Report, OJRSA established an Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee (the "Reconstitution Committee") to guide the initial implementation steps, and the County has continued to be represented on that committee—initially by Ms. Brock and more recently by Councilman Glenn Hart. Over more than a year of meetings, the parties have worked in alignment with the Report recommendations and with the County Council's subsequent support resolution. County Resolution 2026-04, dated March 3, 2026 ("Resolution 2026-04"), expressly acknowledges the need to evaluate potential coordination or consolidation opportunities, asset transfers, intergovernmental agreements, operational restructuring, or financial commitments, and further recognizes that technical evaluations and financial valuations of the collection systems, including debt, asset viability, and immediate capital, are essential to finalize the terms of systems transfers to OJRSA. The Report similarly emphasizes that technical and financial studies should be completed as soon as possible.

In this context, OJRSA is deeply troubled by the County's recent rejection of payment requests associated with the proposed studies to be performed by Raftelis and First Tryon, the consultants engaged to perform the required studies. On February 12, 2026, the Reconstitution Committee approved the initial Raftelis financial study invoice by unanimous vote, including the affirmative vote of Councilman Glenn Hart as the County's representative. The County has since declined to pay its share of the Raftelis invoice (and generally declined to provide any financial

[1] Note, the Report was publicly released at a meeting held at Tri-County Technical College on June 15, 2025. County Council attended the presentation and participated in a discussion about the findings of the Report.

Josh Riches *Seat 1 Seneca*
Marty McKee *Seat 4 Seneca*
Scott Parris, PE *Seat 7 Westminster*

Scott Moulder, MPA *Vice Chair, Seat 2 Seneca*
Celia Myers, AICP *Seat 5 Walhalla*
Kevin Bronson, MPA *Chair, Seat 8 Westminster*
Chris Eleazer, MPA *Executive Director*

Scott McLane *Seat 3 Seneca*
Zane Thompson *Walhalla Seat 6*
David Dial *Seat 9 Walhalla/Westminster*

support for the required studies).[2] We understand from recent communications between you and OJRSA's undersigned Executive Director that County Council was not aware of the financial obligation and that Councilman Hart lacked authority to commit the County. These developments are at odds with the collaborative framework the parties have followed and with the commitments espoused by the various reconstitution participants.

The Commission has discussed the practical implications of the County's nonpayment. The Commission prefers continued full participation and a voting role for the County, consistent with the Report and Resolution 2026-04, but we must ensure that voting members are aligned on the funding and execution of essential work products. If the County is unwilling to share in the costs of the studies necessary to advance the reconstitution work, the County's voting seat on the Reconstitution Committee will be eliminated by the Commission and the County will be shifted to an advisory-only role, similar to the current posture of the Town of West Union.

Accordingly, please provide a written response confirming the County's commitment to pay its allocated share of the Raftelis invoice, and future costs of both the Raftelis and First Tryon studies by Friday, September 11, 2026, so that the Commission may consider the County's position at its Monday, September 14, 2026 board meeting. If the County declines to pay its share, the County will be moved to an advisory-only role on the Reconstitution Committee (no voting seat) effective at or after the September 14 meeting. Further, if the County is moved to a non-voting position on the Reconstitution Committee, the Commission will deem such action to constitute the County's election not to be considered for future membership or participation in the reconstituted OJRSA and as the County's acknowledgment that it will not participate in the reconstituted Commission.

We value the County's partnership and invite its continued participation in all aspects of the reconstitution process, including consultant coordination, technical review, and the development of governance documents. The Reconstitution Committee's consultants, coordinated through Ms. Angie Mettlen of Ardurra, remain available to meet with County Council to present the study scopes, cost allocations, and anticipated deliverables, and to answer any questions regarding the proposed reconstitution of OJRSA. As you know, Ms. Mettlen and her team have made multiple attempts to coordinate such a meeting with County Council.

We appreciate your prompt attention to this letter and look forward to your written response by Friday, September 11, 2026.

Sincerely,
OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY

Kevin Bronson,
Chairman

Christopher Eleazer,
Executive Director

C (via email) Mr. Glenn Hart, Oconee County Council
Ms. Bonnie Ammons, South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority
Sen. Thomas C. Alexander
Mr. Lawrence E. Flynn III, Esquire

[2] Note, it is anticipated that the County's share of the studies would be $12,972.

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August 26, 2026

Kevin Bronson, Chairman
Chris Eleazer, Executive Director
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RE: Oconee County Participation in OJRSA Reconstitution; Payment of Study Costs

Dear Chairman Bronson and Mr. Eleazer:

I am writing in response to your August 14, 2026 letter regarding Oconee County's participation in the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority ("OJRSA") reconstitution process and the requested payment of the County's share of the costs associated with the Raftelis and First Tryon studies. Oconee County appreciates the work that OJRSA and the Reconstitution Committee have undertaken and recognizes the importance of evaluating the future structure, governance, assets, financial obligations, and operational considerations associated with OJRSA.
However, I believe it is important to clarify the County's understanding of the matters raised in your letter.

First, the County's participation on the Reconstitution Committee should not be construed as authorization for the County Administrator, or any individual County representative serving on the Committee, to incur an expenditure or otherwise commit County funds without appropriate authorization from Oconee County Council.

As your letter acknowledges, OJRSA understands that Oconee County Council was not aware of the financial obligation associated with the studies at the time the Reconstitution Committee approved the initial Raftelis invoice. The County Administrator nor any individual representative therefore does not have the authority to unilaterally commit County funds to that obligation.

Second, Oconee County Council's adoption of Resolution 2026-04 expressed support for evaluating potential coordination and consolidation opportunities and recognized the need for technical and financial evaluations as part of that process. That resolution should not be interpreted as an independent appropriation or authorization for the County Administrator to obligate County funds for expenditures that were not previously approved through the County's budget or other appropriate County authorization process.

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Accordingly, I am not in a position to provide the requested commitment that Oconee County will pay the approximately $12,972 referenced in your letter. Any commitment of County funds will need to be considered and authorized through the appropriate County process.

That position should not be interpreted as a withdrawal from the reconstitution process. Oconee County remains interested in participating in discussions concerning the future of OJRSA and in evaluating potential governance, operational, financial, and infrastructure arrangements that may benefit the participating communities.

I also believe it would be beneficial for the County Council and OJRSA to have a clear understanding of the scope, cost, authorization, and expected deliverables associated with the studies before the County is asked to commit public funds. Oconee County would welcome the opportunity for the consultants and OJRSA representatives to meet directly with County Council to provide that information and answer questions regarding the work performed, the remaining scope of work, the allocation of costs among participating entities, and the anticipated use of the resulting reports.

With respect to the County's representation on the Reconstitution Committee, Oconee County would prefer that the County's voting status not be altered while these matters are being reviewed by County Council. Removing the County's voting representation before County Council has had an opportunity to consider the financial and substantive issues would, in my view, be premature.

I appreciate OJRSA's continued communication and its stated desire to maintain Oconee County's participation in the reconstitution process. I look forward to working with OJRSA, the Reconstitution Committee, and County Council toward a clear and mutually understood path forward.

Sincerely,

Stewart O. Jones, Administrator
Oconee County, South Carolina

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Oconee County Participation Overview

The following provides a synopsis of Oconee County's participation on the Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee from August 2025 to August 2026. Overall, the record shows Oconee County (County) moving from active early engagement to more sporadic participation by August 2026, despite adoption of a support resolution in March 2026. This memo has been prepared to document County representative attendance and to summarize meeting events and discussion pertinent to County participation as a stakeholder in the reconstitution process.

- **August 14, 2025**
  - Amanda Brock present. Active participant.
  - Confirmed County could meet October resolution schedule and discussed governance, valuation, and implementation questions.
- **September 11, 2025**
  - Amanda Brock present via Teams.
  - Explained County reassessment process, ordinance issues, septic data sources, and reported County questions regarding costs, rates, and future infrastructure.
- **October 9, 2025**
  - Amanda Brock absent.
  - County-related discussion focused on ordinance updates and responses to County questions.
- **November 13, 2025**
  - County seat vacant.
  - Matt Durham and Glenn Hart attended as guests.
  - Durham and Hart received updates and indicated a new representative would be appointed.
- **December 11, 2025**
  - Glenn Hart present.
  - Stated: "I wouldn't be here if Oconee County didn't support the resolution," but noted he could not commit County positions without Council consultation.
- **February 12, 2026**
  - Glenn Hart participated actively.
  - Asked liability questions related to consolidation and committed to bringing the resolution before County Council.
- **March 12, 2026**
  - Glenn Hart attended with Stewart Jones and Matt Durham.
  - County remained engaged, although facilitator one-on-one meetings had still not occurred.
- **April 9, 2026**
  - Glenn Hart present.

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    - Facilitators reported multiple emails and phone calls to Oconee County had gone unanswered for scheduling purposes. County was asked to clarify long-term participation and to schedule a meeting with facilitators.
- **May 14, 2026**
    - Glenn Hart present.
    - Quarterly report documented County adoption of support resolution on March 3, 2026. Facilitators reported they still had not completed their one-on-one meeting with County leadership.
- **August 13, 2026**
    - County representative absent.
    - Raftelis reported no County information had been received. OJRSA reported County rejected its share of study costs and discussed possible removal from future reconstitution ad hoc committee participation

Executive synthesis: The participation record reflects initial County engagement, a temporary vacancy, renewed but qualified participation by Council representation, and then a late-stage breakdown marked by Oconee County's lack of response to facilitator outreach, incomplete data coordination, and rejection of study cost sharing. Other Board members expressed concern and frustration with the County's change in participation, which led to discussion of removing the County from future reconstitution ad hoc committee participation.

More detailed summaries of each meeting, with notes focusing on County participation, can be found on the following pages.

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August 14, 2025

County Representative: Amanda Brock (Oconee County) - Present.

Participation Summary: Amanda Brock actively participated throughout the meeting.

Major Contributions

Support Resolution

- Noted that County Attorney David Root would likely review the proposed resolution.
- Discussed possible revisions and standardization of resolution language.
- Confirmed that the proposed October 13, 2025 deadline was achievable for Oconee County.

Committee Structure

- Questioned whether committee membership reflected recommendations previously made by the Ad Hoc Feasibility Committee.
- Asked whether board representation had changed from the original recommendation.

Timeline

- Expressed concern regarding Oconee County's limited technical valuation information.
- Suggested she may abstain from certain votes because of limited County technical data.

Financial Evaluation

- Stated County Council appreciated the level of activity and discussion surrounding potential changes.
- Anticipated numerous future questions from County Council regarding reconstitution.

Legislative Changes

- Stated Oconee County was generally comfortable with proposed legislative changes and wanted the process to continue.

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September 11, 2025

County Representative: Amanda Brock (Oconee County) - Present via Microsoft Teams.

Participation Summary: Active participant and one of the primary contributors during discussion of County-related issues.

Major Contributions

Property Tax Audits

- Explained County reassessment procedures and annual tax review process.
- Clarified how agricultural property classifications are monitored.

County Ordinances

- Explained County Attorney David Root's concerns regarding removal of historic sewer ordinance language.
- Noted County does not regulate sewer service because OJRSA serves that role.
- Agreed to discuss possible notations with the County Attorney.

Septic System Data

- Provided information regarding Friends of Lake Keowee Society and other organizations tracking septic failures.

Support Resolution

- Reported County questions included:
    - How reconstitution would function.
    - Cost impacts.
    - Future rates.
    - Equity between users.
    - Future infrastructure responsibilities.

"The questions included: how this is going to work, how much it will cost, what the rates will be, will the rates be equitable across the county, will there be zones, how will future infrastructure be considered, and how the cost right now will affect the County."

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October 9, 2025

County Representative: Amanda Brock - Absent.

Participation Summary: No direct participation.

County-Related Discussion

- County ordinance update discussed.
- County questions had been incorporated into the reconstitution Q&A document.

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November 13, 2025

County Representation: County seat vacant.

County Officials Present

- Matt Durham, County Council Chairman.
- Glenn Hart, County Councilman.

Participation Summary: County leadership attended despite vacant committee seat.

Major Contributions

- Durham reported meeting with OJRSA staff and receiving project updates.
- Requested copies of project materials.
- Reported County intended to appoint a new committee representative.

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December 11, 2025

County Representative: Glenn Hart - Present. First meeting as County representative.

Participation Summary: Moderate participation.

Major Contributions

"I wouldn't be here if Oconee County didn't support the resolution."

However, Hart qualified the statement by noting:

"I cannot make any decisions without talking to the other council members first."

Issues Identified

- Resolution still had not been approved by County Council.
- Hart stated he had not yet received the latest version of the resolution.

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February 12, 2026

County Representative: Glenn Hart - Present.

Participation Summary: Active participant.

Major Contributions

Liability Discussion

Asked significant questions regarding:

- Liability transfer.
- Sewer backup claims.
- Potential impacts on taxpayers after consolidation.

Support Resolution

Committee members expressed concern over County inaction on the resolution.

"there is still no written resolution from Oconee County that they want to participate."

Hart stated:

"there is a council meeting Tuesday night, and he will have it discussed during an Executive Session and will bring it back to this committee at its next meeting."

He later reported the resolution had been added to the upcoming County Council agenda.

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March 12, 2026

County Representative: Glenn Hart - Present.

Additional County Officials Present

- Stewart Jones, County Administrator.
- Matt Durham, County Council.

Participation Summary: High level of County participation.

Major Contributions

- Participated in discussions regarding governance options.
- Requested recognition of County attendees.
- Asked questions regarding valuation studies.
- Participated in discussions regarding future structure options.

Notable Issue

Facilitators reported every entity had completed one-on-one meetings except Oconee County.

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April 9, 2026

County Representative: Glenn Hart - Present.

Participation Summary: Moderate participation.

Significant Issue: Facilitators documented difficulty scheduling County meetings.

Facilitator Katherine Amidon has "tried through multiple emails and phone calls to request availability with Oconee County and has not gotten a response."

Angie Mettlen asked: "if Oconee County is going to stay in or not."

Hart suggested facilitators request an Executive Session with County Council but did not directly answer the question.

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May 14, 2026

County Representative: Glenn Hart - Present.

Participation Summary: Limited.

Major Development: Quarterly report documented "Oconee County – March 3, 2026" as the date the County adopted the support resolution.

Continuing Issue

Facilitators reported "still has not yet met with Oconee County." Despite resolution adoption, the one-on-one County meeting remained outstanding.

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August 13, 2026

County Representative: Glenn Hart - Absent.

Participation Summary: No participation.

Significant Issues Raised

Data Requests

Raftelis reported: "they have not received any information from Oconee County at this point and are moving forward with what the info they have."

Cost Sharing

Lawrence Flynn reported "Oconee County has rejected their share of the cost."

OJRSA Board Action

OJRSA board voted to send a letter advising that if the County remained unwilling to participate and fund studies:

- County would lose voting rights on the committee.
- County would be removed from consideration for membership on a reconstituted authority.

Kevin Bronson stated: "Oconee County wanted a seat on the board for a long time, and now that they have the opportunity, they don't want it anymore."

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Oconee County Communication Log

Background

The below log is a brief list of key outreach activities directed at Oconee County for the purpose of engaging staff and elected officials to participate in the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority reconstitution committee. This does not include participation during the Reconstitution Feasibility Study process. Note that this is not a comprehensive log of all outreach from the OJRSA Board and their members but does provide a summary for understanding the commitment of the OJRSA facilitation team and ad hoc committee to reach out to Oconee County to keep them engaged and informed.

When the phrase "Facilitation Team" is used, it is referring to Angie Mettlen, Joel Jones, and Katherine Amidon. When OJRSA is mentioned, communication came from one of the following persons: Amanda Kelley, Lynn Stephens, or Chris Eleazer.

When a response or participation was requested from Oconee County and none was provided that is denoted in red. When a response or participation was received that is denoted in green.

Communication Log

July 11, 2025

OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Amanda Brock and Jennifer Adams. Email includes attached agenda.

A Special Called Commission Meeting with Oconee County Council will be held Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at Tri-County Technical College – Oconee Campus located at 552 Education Way, Westminster, SC 29693 in the Multipurpose Room.

Note: The following Oconee County representatives were present at this meeting:

- Don Mize, Oconee Co. Council Dist. 3
- Glenn Hart, Oconee Co. Council Dist. 5
- John Elliott, Oconee Co. Council Dist. 1
- Tommy James, Oconee Co. Council Dist. 4
- Amanda Brock, Oconee County Administrator
- Jennifer Adams, Oconee Co. Council Clerk

August 7, 2025

OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Amanda Brock and Jennifer Adams

The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, Aug 14, 2025.

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August 8, 2025
Facilitation Team emails Amanda Brock the final report of the Ad Hoc Implementation Committee for review ahead of the first reconstitution meeting to be held August 14, 2025. Also included was a working draft of the draft legislative amendments.

August 13, 2025
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Amanda Brock and Jennifer Adams. Email includes attached agenda.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, Aug 14, 2025.
Note: Amanda Brock was in-person for the Aug 14 meeting

August 15, 2025
OJRSA emails Reconstitution Meeting invite to Amanda Brock through February 2026 for the second Thursday of every month.

August 15, 2025
OJRSA emails Amanda Brock the 20-year project list spreadsheet for OJRSA based on the Oconee County and Western Anderson County Sewer Master Plan report as well as a link to the report to be found here: https://ojrsa.org/sewer-study/

August 21, 2025
Facilitation Team emails Amanda Brock the draft supportive resolutions for supporting the reconstitution process. All other jurisdictions within OJRSA (Seneca, Walhalla, Westminster, and West Union) receive this draft for individual editing and adoption.

August 22, 2025
Kevin Bronson emails Amanda Brock encouraging her to document specific questions from County Council and Oconee County staff that the Reconstitution Committee can address and if possible to provide them ahead of time to the facilitation committee ahead of the September 11 meeting.
No Response from County

September 10, 2025
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Amanda Brock and Jennifer Adams. Email includes attached agenda.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Sep 11, 2025.
Note: Amanda Brock was virtual for the Sep 11 meeting

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September 20, 2025
Facilitation Team emails Amanda Brock reminding her to send specific questions from County Council and Oconee County staff that the Reconstitution Committee can address with a formal Question and Answer document.
Amanda Brock responds on September 23, 2025 with the following: "My council's questions / concerns are of the "how" and "how much" variety. While specific questions may arise at a later date, at this point in time, they are very generalized as to the transition itself and how the costs may impact future budgets."

September 23, 2025
Facilitation Team replies to Amanda Brock asking for clarity about providing more specific questions as her response is broad.

October 3, 2025
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Amanda Brock and Jennifer Adams.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Oct 9, 2025.

October 7, 2025
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Amanda Brock and Jennifer Adams. Email includes attached agenda.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Oct 9, 2025.
Note: Amanda Brock was not present for the Oct 9 meeting

October 16, 2025
Facilitation Team emails Amanda Brock providing access to the Oconee County SharePoint folder requesting review of the gathered County documents for the pending valuation and evaluation effort and requesting additional data be provided should anything else be available for review.
Amanda Brock responded on Oct 16 "thank you"
Note no additional information was provided

October 20, 2025
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Amanda Brock and Jennifer Adams.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Nov 13, 2025.

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November 10, 2025
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Amanda Brock and Jennifer Adams. Email includes attached agenda.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Nov 13, 2025.
Note: Amanda Brock was no longer employed by Oconee County at this time and the seat on the Reconstitution Committee was vacant for the Nov 13 meeting.

November 24, 2025
Facilitation Team emails Glenn Hart welcoming him to the Reconstitution ad hoc Committee providing access to the Oconee County SharePoint folder and forwarding the original email sent to Amanda Brock, former Oconee County administrator, on October 16, 2025 at the onset of the reconstitution ad hoc committee process.
No Response from County

December 5, 2025
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Phil Shirley and Jennifer Adams.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Dec 11, 2025.

December 10, 2025
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Phil Shirley, Jennifer Adams, and Glenn Hart. Email includes attached agenda.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Dec 11, 2025.
Note: Councilman Glenn Hart was in-person for the Dec. 11 meeting.

December 12, 2025
Facilitation Team emails Glenn Hart and Phil Shirley confirming preferred communication list for reconstitution memos to be emailed moving forward.
No Response from County

January 6, 2026
Facilitation Team emails a second time Glenn Hart and Phil Shirley confirming preferred communication list for reconstitution memos to be emailed moving forward.
No Response from County

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January 9, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Glenn Hart and Phil Shirley for a third time confirming preferred communication list for reconstitution memos to be emailed moving forward. All County Council member emails were listed in this email and proposed to be included:

Name: John Elliott
Email: district1@oconeesc.com
Name: Matthew Durham
Email: district2@oconeesc.com
Name: Don Mize
Email: district3@oconeesc.com
Name: Thomas James
Email: district4@oconeesc.com
Name: James Glenn Hart
Email: district5@oconeesc.com

Note: Chris Eleazer responded via email the same day adding Stewart Jones to the email thread as he started his role as Oconee County Administrator on January 5, 2026. The same day the Facilitation Team emails a response welcoming Stewart to his new role and requests any changes to the list, such as including the county clerk.
No Response from County

January 9, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Final Communication Memo #1

January 9, 2026
Facilitation Team emails out full communication list for reconstitution committee review and also Draft Communication Memo #2 for committee review. It was decided at the December meeting that drafts for these memos should be sent to the ad hoc committee for review starting with Memo #2.
No edits provided by the County

January 12, 2026
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address)
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Feb 12, 2026.

January 19, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Final Communication Memo #2

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February 6, 2026
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Stewart Jones, Jennifer Adams, Phil Shirley, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address)
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Feb 12, 2026.

February 10, 2026
OJRSA emails notice of Reconstitution Committee Meeting Agenda to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, Jennifer Adams, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address). Email includes attached agenda.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Feb 12, 2026.
Note: Councilman Glenn Hart was in-person for the Feb. 12 meeting.

February 12, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Stewart Jones and Glenn Hart to set up a meeting as a follow-up action item to the Feb. 12 Reconstitution Committee meeting to meet with each jurisdiction within, and including, Oconee County. The same coordination was requested of Seneca, Westminster, Walhalla, and West Union.
No Response from County

February 12, 2026
OJRSA emails updated Reconstitution Meeting invite to Glenn Hart, Stewart Jones, Jennifer Adamas, and Matthew Durham through December 2026 for the second Thursday of every month.

February 18, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Stewart Jones and Glenn Hart as follow up to the February 12 email.
No Response from County

March 5, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Stewart Jones and Glenn Hart as follow up to the February 12 and February 18 email.
No Response from County

March 6, 2026
Facilitation Team calls Stewart Jones and leaves a message as a follow up to the February 12 and February 18 email.
No Response from County

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March 6, 2026
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, Jennifer Adams, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address)
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2026.

March 11, 2026
OJRSA emails notice of Reconstitution Committee Meeting Agenda to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, Jennifer Adams, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address). Email includes attached agenda.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2026.
Note: Councilman Glenn Hart, Councilman Matthew Durham, and Stewart Jones were in-person for the March 12 meeting.

March 13, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Stewart Jones, Matthew Durham and Glenn Hart as a follow up to the March 12 meeting with the email history from Feb 12, 18 and March 5 requesting the opportunity to meet with the County.
No Response from County

March 19, 2026
Facilitation Team calls Stewart Jones and leaves a message as a follow up to the February 12, February 18, and March 5 email.
No Response from County

April 7, 2026
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, Jennifer Adams, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address)
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2026.

April 7, 2026 second email
OJRSA emails notice of Reconstitution Committee Meeting Agenda to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, Jennifer Adams, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address). Email includes attached agenda.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 9, 2026.
Note: Councilman Glenn Hart was in-person for the April 9 meeting.

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April 9, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Draft Communication Memo #3 for committee review.
No edits provided by the County

April 9, 2026
OJRSA emails notice of committee meetings to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, Jennifer Adams, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address)
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2026.

April 14, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Stewart Jones and Glenn Hart a SharePoint file that contains the data already gathered from the feasibility study and a request for additional items needed from the County for the analysis to be completed by Raftelis and First Tryon. The email specifies that May 8th would be the deadline for these items.
No Response from County

April 16, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Stewart Jones, Matthew Durham and Glenn Hart a request to meet noting that they are the only jurisdiction that has not met with the Reconstitution Committee
Matthew Durham responded on April 30th, offering the May 5th council meeting and specifically to meet in executive session.

NOTE: The Facilitation Team did not agree that the topics to be discussed for this meeting fit into the guidelines set by the state of South Carolina for executive session and that proceeding with that form of meeting was inappropriate, which had already been expressed in the April 16th email.

April 17, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Draft Communication Memo #4 for committee review.
No edits provided by the County

April 17, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Final Communication Memo #3

April 22, 2026
Facilitation Team emails Final Communication Memo #4

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May 8, 2026
OJRSA emails notice of Reconstitution Committee Meeting to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address)
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2026.

May 12, 2026
OJRSA emails notice of Reconstitution Committee Meeting Agenda to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, Jennifer Adams, and Glenn Hart (to his council email address and personal email address). Email includes attached agenda.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, 2026.
Note: Councilman Glenn Hart was in-person for the May 12 meeting.

May 13, 2026
Facilitation Team emails a response to Matthew Durham's April 30 email, including Glenn Hart, Jennifer Adams, Rob Chumley, and Stewart Jones emphasizing the goal to meet with the County outside of executive session.
No Response from County

Note the Reconstitution Committee meetings were cancelled for June and July due to lack of agenda items and to allow Raftelis to work through the Financial Evaluation

June 9, 2026
Facilitation Team responds again via email to Matthew Durham's April 30 email, including Glenn Hart, Jennifer Adams, Rob Chumley, and Stewart Jones, stating willingness to meet in executive session if that is the only option and offers availability for the July 7th council meeting.
No Response from County

July 6, 2026
Facilitation Team responds a third time to Matthew Durham's April 30 email, including Glenn Hart, Jennifer Adams, Rob Chumley, and Stewart Jones, asking for availability since Oconee County has not responded with confirmation for a meeting.
No Response from County

July 8, 2026
OJRSA emails out notice of committee meetings to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, Matthew Durham, Jennifer Adams, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address)
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Aug 13, 2026.

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August 7, 2026
OJRSA sends out notice of committee meetings to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address)
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Aug 13, 2026.
Notes: No representative was present from the County for the Aug. 13 meeting.

August 11, 2026
OJRSA sends out notice of Reconstitution Committee Meeting Agenda to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, Jennifer Adams, Matthew Durham, and Glenn Hart (to his council email address and personal email address). Email includes attached agenda.
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Aug 13, 2026.

September 4, 2026
OJRSA sends out notice of committee meetings to Stewart Jones, Phil Shirley, Matthew Durham, and Glenn Hart (to his council email and personal email address)
The Ad-hoc Reconstitution Committee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, Sep 10, 2026.

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Reconstitution: Prior unanimous support for this – update sewer use agreements, change board membership*

Full Consolidation: All collections systems and treatment under one entity – the reconstituted OJRSA

Partial Consolidation: Some collection systems and treatment under one entity, others contractual wholesale customers

= Contract wholesale customers

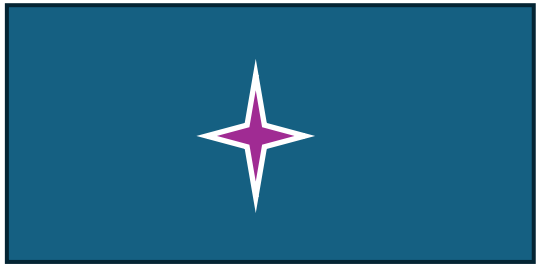
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Note: There are other options that were previously discussed and determined to be





* Board membership changes include more options with the passed legislation

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