



# Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority

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## OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY

### Commission Meeting

May 5, 2025

The Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Commission meeting was held at the Coneross Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Commissioners that were present:

- Seat 8 (Westminster): Kevin Bronson, Board Chair
- Seat 2 (Seneca): Scott Moulder (*Arrived 4:02 p.m.*)
- Seat 3 (Seneca): Scott McLane
- Seat 4 (Seneca At-Large): Marty McKee
- Seat 5 (Walhalla): Celia Myers (*Arrived 4:08 p.m.*)
- Seat 6 (Walhalla): Laramie Hinkle
- Seat 7 (Westminster): Scott Parris
- Seat 9 (Walhalla-Westminster At-Large): David Dial

Commissioners that were not present:

- Seat 1 (Seneca): Bob Faires, III, Board Vice-Chair

OJRSA appointments and staff present were:

- Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer to the Board and Office Manager
- Chris Eleazer, Executive Director

Others present were:

- Larry Brandt, OJRSA Attorney
- Dick Mangrum, WGOG Radio
- Angie Mettlen, WK Dickson/Ardurra
- Josh Riches, City of Seneca Asst. Administrator
- Reagan Osbon, City of Westminster Asst. Administrator
- Robert Royer, AQD
- Kenneth Marshall, AQD

**A) Call to Order** – Mr. Bronson called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**B) Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – By Mr. McKee.

**C) Public Session** – None.

**D) Approval of Minutes:**

- Board of Commissioners Meeting of April 7, 2025

*Mr. Parris made a motion, seconded by Mr. McKee, to approve the April 7, 2025 Board Meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.*

**E) Committee and Other Meeting Reports:**

- Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of March 13, 2025 – Mr. Eleazer presented the report to the Commission. *\*See attached minutes.*

*Mr. Dial made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hinkle, to accept the March 13, 2025 Sewer Feasibility Ad Hoc Committee Meeting minutes as presented (and previously approved by the committee). The motion carried.*

- **Executive Committee Meeting of April 10, 2025** – Mr. Bronson stated the meeting was held in Executive Session with no motion taken afterwards, and there will be another Executive Session later in today's board meeting to follow up on this. *\*See attached minutes.*

*Mr. Bronson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moulder, to approve the April 10, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.*

- **Operations & Planning Meeting of April 16, 2025** – *This meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda items.*

- **Finance & Administration Meeting of April 22, 2025** – In Ms. Myers' absence, Mr. Moulder presented the report to the Commission. *\*See attached minutes*

*Mr. Moulder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parris, to approve the April 22, 2025 Finance & Administration Meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.*

**F) Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Exhibit A)** – Ms. Stephens began by stating that a corrected report for the month ending March 31, 2025 was included in the packets *(made a part of these minutes)*. The correction was due to a couple CDs (which were purchased in March but did not "settle" <date when money is deducted from bank account> until April) accidentally being accounted for in both the cash and the investments. She explained that the highlighted yellow spots on this corrected report reflect the corrected numbers.

Ms. Stephens presented the current Secretary/Treasurer's Report (month ending April 30, 2025) to the board *(made a part of these minutes)*.

*Mr. Dial made a motion, seconded by Ms. Myers, to approve the Secretary/Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion carried.*

**G) Presentation and Discussion Items:**

- **Consider Impact Fees and User Rates for Fiscal Year 2026 (Exhibit B)** – As reported earlier by Mr. Moulder during the F&A minutes, Mr. Eleazer stated a handout of potential user and impact fees was handed out to the Facilities & Administration Committee in their April meeting and discussed. The Committee seemed to lean towards a volumetric-only user fee with a 5% increase but requested the handout be revised to show only up to a 10% increase with an added 7.5% middle-ground option between the two. Mr. Eleazer stated this corrected/amended handout is in the packets today *(made a part of these minutes)* to review.

In addition, Mr. Eleazer stated that the committee had discussed bringing the impact fees to the same level as SC Department of Environmental Services (SCDES): 300 gallons per day (GPD) for a residence. The Director said he met with Mr. Parris last week and went over the table and applied the current \$15.25 rate to that 300 GPD. Several different scenarios were also looked at, and they appeared to come close to what the OJRSA currently calculates by using a water meter calculation method for determining impact fees.

In being consistent across the board with some using the current method and others using this new method, Mr. Eleazer stated he has no objections with changing to the new model (Exhibit B pages 3 and 4). The Director added that page 2 shows the options for implementation of the new rate of \$25.73 per gallon (as recommended by the consultant) in a phased-in approach from one to five (1-5) years.

Mr. Eleazer stated that this is not to vote upon today, but rather he is looking for guidance for budget preparation. The rates will be included in the Schedule of Fees that will be considered for adoption at the June board meeting.

Mr. Bronson asked if the same methodology will be for commercial and industrial. Mr. Eleazer replied that the industrial process wastewater is already being paid at \$15.25 per gallon. It is based on actual use and not the water meter size. The sanitary portion of an industry will be based on an employee count at nineteen (19) gallons per employee per day, and if there are showers and/or a

kitchen, these are additional gallons per day. Mr. Eleazer said things can stay the way they are with that now and added that if it is changed for one, he is good with changing it for all.

Mr. Eleazer added that he has already been working on the Fiscal Year 2026 budget, and he currently applied a 5% increase in his prep based on how the F&A Committee was leaning. He asked the board for any guidance. Mr. Moulder said he was happy with the 5% volumetric only increase. He added that the board can see how it plays out next year, but if the OJRSA falls short on funds for operations and capital needs, Mr. Eleazer can let the board know.

Mr. Bronson asked what the difference in the projected revenue for 5% and 7.5% were. Mr. Moulder replied that the table on the handout shows approximately \$120,000.

Ms. Myers said she likes the 5% increase. Mr. Hinkle said he prefers stepping into the increase as the customers have had other increases, and the OJRSA can see where it is in a year. Mr. Parris, Mr. McKee, and Mr. McLane agreed; Mr. Dial said he was good with what the cities decided. Mr. Bronson recommended Mr. Eleazer continue with his budget preparation based on the 5%.

#### **H) Action Items - None.**

#### **I) Executive Director's Discussion and Compliance Matters – Mr. Eleazer reported on the following:**

- 1. Environmental and Regulatory Compliance Matters** – The OJRSA has received a copy of the draft NPDES permit for the next five (5) years. Personnel are about halfway done reviewing it. So far there is one (1) item regarding aluminum that there are questions on. Data from headworks samples are being pulled to follow up with SCDES with where they are heading on this (are they going to impose a limit or some kind of sampling on it – and why this is a concern). The OJRSA cannot remove metals from the wastewater (which is why there is a pretreatment program), so anything in the permit relating to metals will roll back to the industries. The consultant who has been helping with the permit application process will also assist in this formal response to SCDES. This is still in the review phase of the process and has not gone to public notice.
- 2. FY 2026 Budget and Schedule of Fees** – Mr. Eleazer thanked the board for their guidance on the rates and said that will help him tremendously. He added that he is little behind in sending out a draft budget to the board to review but plans to get a draft out by the end of the week. The F&A Committee will consider it at their May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Schedule of Fees will be a part of this as well.
- 3. Miscellaneous (If Any):**
  - **Public Projects on the Member Cities' Systems with Line Extensions** – Mr. Eleazer reported he was reviewing the public projects that the OJRSA is currently involved with in various stages. He said he was surprised to find out there were thirty-three (33) projects. He added that (9) are currently in the construction phase; (5) have approved plans and OJRSA is awaiting construction to begin; (1) is an industrial upgrade; (2) have approved plans and awaiting the permit; (2) awaiting revisions; and (7) design was done and approved, but the project went dormant.
  - **Feasibility Implementation Committee Update** – Mr. Eleazer said he asked Ms. Mettlen to come to the meeting today to update the board on the progress of the committee. Ms. Mettlen said the Ad Hoc Committee has been doing good work. They are on schedule to discuss the official recommendation at their meeting this coming Thursday and finalize the pieces of it. She said they will draft a formal recommendation for approval at their June meeting. When this is done, they are willing to do a presentation to the board and Oconee County.

Mr. Bronson suggested giving the presentation at a joint meeting with Oconee County Council and asked Mr. Eleazer to contact Ms. Amanda Brock to find a suitable date. Mr. Moulder said he would like to see the recommendation before presenting it to Oconee County, and Mr. Dial agreed. Mr. Bronson asked if the Ad Hoc Committee could give the board a preview; Ms. Mettlen replied yes.

Ms. Mettlen finished by saying that she appreciates all the work the committee has done with this. Mr. Bronson suggested recognizing everyone on the committee in a future meeting and asked Mr. Eleazer to prepare something for this purpose.

J) Commissioners' Discussion – None.

K) Executive Session (**NOTE: Board May Act on Matters Discussed in Executive Session Upon Returning to Open Session.**)

- Discussion of Personnel Matter – Review of the Executive Director's Performance. *[Executive Session Permissible Under SC Law 30-4-70(a)(1), Which States: Discussion of Employment, Appointment, Compensation, Promotion, Demotion, Discipline, or Release of an Employee, a Student, or a Person Regulated by a Public Body or the Appointment of a Person to a Public Body; However, If an Adversary Hearing Involving the Employee or Client is Held, the Employee or Client Has the Right to Demand That the Hearing Be Conducted Publicly. Nothing Contained In This Item Shall Prevent the Public Body, In Its Discretion, from Deleting the Names of the Other Employees or Clients Whose Records Are Submitted for Use at the Hearing.]*

*At 4:37 p.m., Mr. Moulder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dial, to enter an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter (review of Executive Director's performance). The motion carried.*


*At 4:51 p.m., Ms. Myers made a motion, seconded by Mr. McLane, to return to Regular Session. The motion carried.*

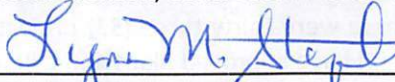
*No action was taken.*


L) Upcoming Meetings:

1. Ad Hoc Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee – Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
2. Operations & Planning Committee – Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.
3. Finance & Administration Committee – Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
4. Board of Commissioners – Monday, June 2, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

M) Adjourn – Mr. Bronson adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Approved By:   
Kevin Bronson, OJRSA Commission Chair

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

Approved By:   
Christopher R. Eleazer, OJRSA Executive Director

Notification of the meeting was distributed on April 11, 2025 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, SC DHEC, [www.ojrsa.org](http://www.ojrsa.org), and posted at the OJRSA Administration Building.

**\*ATTACHMENTS STARTING NEXT PAGE**





**Board of Commissioners Meeting**  
OJRSA Operations & Administration Building  
Lamar Bailes Board Room  
May 5, 2025 at 4:00 PM

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](http://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](mailto: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, Board Chair
- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Commissioner Bob Faires
- C. Public Session** – Receive comments relating to topics that may or may not be on this agenda. Session is limited to a maximum of 30 minutes with no more than 5 minutes per speaker.
- D. Approval of Minutes**
  - Board of Commissioners Meeting of April 7, 2025
- E. Committee and Other Meeting Reports**
  - Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee Meeting of March 13, 2025 – Chris Eleazer, Director and Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer *Minutes for the April 10, 2025 to be approved at the May 8, 2025 ad hoc committee meeting and accepted by the Board of Commissioners on June 2, 2025*
  - Executive Committee Meeting of April 10, 2025 – Kevin Bronson, Committee Chair
  - Operations & Planning Committee Meeting of April 16, 2025 *Canceled due to lack of agenda item*
  - Finance & Administration Committee Meeting of April 22, 2025 – Celia Myers, Committee Chair
- F. Secretary/Treasurer's Report** (Exhibit A) – Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer
- G. Presentation and Discussion Items** [May include vote and/or action on matters brought up for discussion]
  - Consider impact fees and user rates for Fiscal Year 2026 (Exhibit B) – Chris Eleazer, Director
- H. Action Items**
  - None
- I. Executive Director's Discussion and Compliance Matters** – Chris Eleazer, Director
  1. Environmental and regulatory compliance matters
  2. FY 2026 Budget and Schedule of Fees
  3. Miscellaneous (if any)
- J. Commissioners' Discussion** – Led by Kevin Bronson, Board 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.
- K. Executive Session** *NOTE: Board may act on matters discussed in executive session upon returning to open session*
  - Discussion of personnel matter – Review of the Executive Director's performance. [Executive Session permissible under SC Law 30-4-70(a)(1), which states: Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body; however, if an adversary hearing involving the employee or client is held, the employee or client has the right to demand that the hearing be conducted publicly. Nothing contained in this item shall prevent the public body, in its discretion, from deleting the names of the other employees or clients whose records are submitted for use at the hearing.]
- L. Upcoming Meetings** *All meetings to be held in the OJRSA Lamar Bailes Board Room unless noted otherwise.*
  - Ad Hoc Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee – May 8, 2025 at 9:00 AM
  - Operations & Planning Committee – May 21, 2025 at 8:30 AM
  - Finance & Administration Committee – May 27, 2025 at 9:00 AM
  - Board of Commissioners – June 2, 2025 at 4:00 PM
- M. Adjourn**



## Secretary/Treasurer's Report for Board of Commissioners

Prepared for the May 5, 2025 OJRSA Board of Commissioners Meeting

Cash and investment information stated herein come from bank and other financial records as of: April 30, 2025

### UNRESTRICTED FUNDS CASH AND INVESTMENTS SUMMARY

Account/Fund Name	Cash (\$)	Investments (\$)	Total (\$)
Wholesale Operations & Maintenance (O&M)	435,263	2,940,000	3,375,263
Retail Operations & Maintenance (RO&M)	3,355,740	245,000	3,600,740
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>3,791,003</b>	<b>3,185,000</b>	<b>6,976,003</b>

### RESTRICTED FUNDS CASH AND INVESTMENTS SUMMARY

Account/Fund Name	Cash (\$)	Investments (\$)	Total (\$)
Projects and Contingency (PCF)	685,568	0	685,568
Wholesale Impact Fund (WIF)	543,193	5,082,000	5,625,193
Retail Impact Fund (RIF)	3,400	0	3,400
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>1,232,161</b>	<b>5,082,000</b>	<b>6,314,161</b>

### Combined Total for All Funds

Cash **5,023,164**

Investments **8,267,000**

Combined **13,290,164**

#### Account Notes:

### DAYS CASH ON HAND

Financial & Accounting Policy Section 2.10(H) states the minimum balances established for OJRSA Wholesale O&M and Retail O&M funds are 120 Days Operating Cash on Hand.

$$\text{Formula for Cash on Hand} = \frac{\text{Cash} + \text{Cash Equivalents}}{(\text{Annual Operating Expense} - \text{Depreciation}) \div 365 \text{ Days}}$$

	Cash on Hand (Days)	Annual Operating Expense minus Depreciation (\$)	Budget Amended During Fiscal Year?
O&M Fund	<b>185.1</b>	6,657,488	X NO YES
RO&M Fund	<b>98.2</b>	13,390,177	X NO YES

### INDEPENDENT RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS

All transactions for all funds have been satisfactorily reconciled by an independent accounting firm for the month of March 2025 (mark with an "X" on appropriate line): X YES NO See attached document(s) from accountant.

#### Reconciliation Notes:

Waiting on letter from accountant (Susan Stamey).

See next page for more information

## INVESTMENTS UPDATE

Maturing Investment	%age Rate	Fund Code	Maturity Date	Amount (\$)	To Be Reinvested?	
Merrick Bank	5.4	WIF	5/6/2025	245,000.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
					YES	NO
					YES	NO
					YES	NO
					YES	NO
					YES	NO
					YES	NO
					YES	NO
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					YES	NO

### Investment Notes:

No more maturities until July.

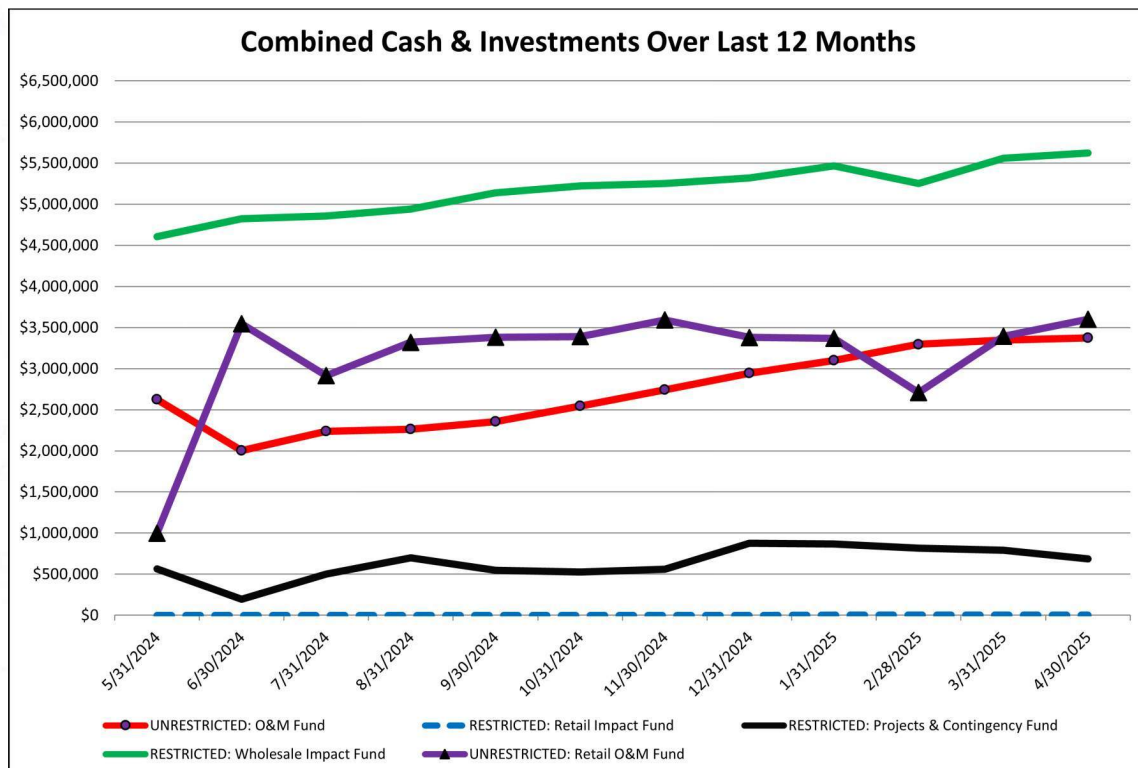
*See additional sheets for investment information and trends*

By my signature, to the best of my knowledge, I certify this report is accurate.



**Lynn Stephens**

OJRSA Secretary/Treasurer







# **CORRECTED - Secretary/Treasurer's Report for Board of Commissioners - CORRECTED**

Prepared for the April 7, 2025 OJRSA Board of Commissioners Meeting

Cash and investment information stated herein come from bank and other financial records as of: March 31, 2025

## **UNRESTRICTED FUNDS CASH AND INVESTMENTS SUMMARY**

Account/Fund Name	Cash (\$)	Investments (\$)	Total (\$)
Wholesale Operations & Maintenance (O&M)	654,636	2,695,000	3,349,636
Retail Operations & Maintenance (RO&M)	3,150,537	245,000	3,395,537
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>3,805,173</b>	<b>2,940,000</b>	<b>6,745,173</b>

## **RESTRICTED FUNDS CASH AND INVESTMENTS SUMMARY**

Account/Fund Name	Cash (\$)	Investments (\$)	Total (\$)
Projects and Contingency (PCF)	790,744	0	790,744
Wholesale Impact Fund (WIF)	722,417	4,837,000	5,559,417
Retail Impact Fund (RIF)	3,400	0	3,400
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>1,516,561</b>	<b>4,837,000</b>	<b>6,353,561</b>

### **Combined Total for All Funds**

Cash **5,321,734**

Investments **7,777,000**

Combined **13,098,734**

### **Account Notes:**

Corrected Secretary/Treasurer Report. Accidentally added in CD investments that were purchased in March but had a settle date (money deducted from account) in April. These investments were already included in the "cash" for that account for the month.

## **DAYS CASH ON HAND**

Financial & Accounting Policy Section 2.10(H) states the minimum balances established for OJRSA Wholesale O&M and Retail O&M funds are 120 Days Operating Cash on Hand.

$$\text{Formula for Cash on Hand} = \frac{\text{Cash} + \text{Cash Equivalents}}{(\text{Annual Operating Expense} - \text{Depreciation}) \div 365 \text{ Days}}$$

	Cash on Hand (Days)	Annual Operating Expense minus Depreciation (\$)	Budget Amended During Fiscal Year?
O&M Fund	183.6	6,657,488	X NO YES
RO&M Fund	92.6	13,390,177	X NO YES

## **INDEPENDENT RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS**

All transactions for all funds have been satisfactorily reconciled by an independent accounting firm for the month of February 2025 (mark with an "X" on appropriate line): X YES NO See attached document(s) from accountant.

### **Reconciliation Notes:**

Awaiting reconciliation letter from Susan Stamey.

*See next page for more information*



**INVESTMENTS UPDATE**

Maturing Investment	%age Rate	Fund Code	Maturity Date	Amount (\$)	To Be Reinvested?	
California Bank	5.3	WIF	4/3/2025	245,000.00	X YES	NO
Beal Bank	5.05	WIF	4/16/2025	245,000.00	X YES	NO
Heritage Bank	5.05	WIF	4/17/2025	245,000.00	X YES	NO
Flagstar Bank	5.5	WIF	4/30/2025	245,000.00	X YES	NO
Merrick Bank	5.4	WIF	5/6/2025	245,000.00	X YES	NO
					YES	NO
					YES	NO
					YES	NO
					YES	NO
					YES	NO
					YES	NO
					YES	NO
					YES	NO

**Investment Notes:**

*See additional sheets for investment information and trends*

By my signature, to the best of my knowledge, I certify this report is accurate.



**Lynn Stephens**

OJRSA Secretary/Treasurer

## Fee Considerations for Fiscal Year 2026

### User Fees

The tables below use the average number of customers and flow billed per month from March 2024 through February 2025. Data:  
 Residential Customers – 8,027 // Residential Volume – 31,030,274 gallons // Nonresidential Customers – 1,527 // Nonresidential Volume 30,190,749 gallons.

#### **PREFERRED BY F&A COMMITTEE**

##### **Increase to Volumetric Fees Only**

Fee Item	<b>CURRENT</b>	1%	5%	7.5%	10%
Residential Base (/month)	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Residential Vol (/1,000 gal)	\$5.39	\$5.44	\$5.66	<u>\$5.79</u>	\$5.93
Nonres Base (/month)	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Nonres Vol (/1,000 gal)	\$7.37	\$7.44	\$7.74	<u>\$7.92</u>	\$8.11
<b>APPROX ANNUAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$5,894,044</b>	<b>\$5,940,635</b>	<b>\$6,126,996</b>	<b>\$6,243,472</b>	<b>\$6,359,947</b>
Revenue Above Current	0	\$46,590	\$232,952	\$349,427	\$465,903
<b>Residential 5,000 gal/month</b>	<b>\$36.95</b>	<b>\$37.22</b>	<b>\$38.30</b>	<b>\$38.97</b>	<b>\$39.65</b>
Difference From Current	\$0	\$0.27	\$1.35	\$2.02	\$2.70

##### **Increase to Base Fees Only**

Fee Item	<b>CURRENT</b>	1%	5%	7.5%	10%
Residential Base (/month)	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>\$10.10</u>	<u>\$10.50</u>	<u>\$10.75</u>	<u>\$11.00</u>
Residential Vol (/1,000 gal)	\$5.39	\$5.39	\$5.39	\$5.39	\$5.39
Nonres Base (/month)	<u>\$15.00</u>	<u>\$15.15</u>	<u>\$15.75</u>	<u>\$16.13</u>	<u>\$16.50</u>
Nonres Vol (/1,000 gal)	\$7.37	\$7.37	\$7.37	\$7.37	\$7.37
<b>APPROX ANNUAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$5,894,044</b>	<b>\$5,906,394</b>	<b>\$5,955,795</b>	<b>\$5,986,670</b>	<b>\$6,017,546</b>
Revenue Above Current	0	\$12,350	\$61,751	\$92,626	\$123,501
<b>Residential 5,000 gal/month</b>	<b>\$36.95</b>	<b>\$37.05</b>	<b>\$37.45</b>	<b>\$37.70</b>	<b>\$37.95</b>
Difference From Current	\$0	\$0.10	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.00

##### **Increase to Base and Volumetric Fees**

Fee Item	<b>CURRENT</b>	1%	5%	7.5%	10%
Residential Base (/month)	<u>\$10.00</u>	<u>\$10.10</u>	<u>\$10.50</u>	<u>\$10.75</u>	<u>\$11.00</u>
Residential Vol (/1,000 gal)	<u>\$5.39</u>	\$5.44	<u>\$5.66</u>	<u>\$5.79</u>	<u>\$5.93</u>
Nonres Base (/month)	<u>\$15.00</u>	<u>\$15.15</u>	<u>\$15.75</u>	<u>\$16.13</u>	<u>\$16.50</u>
Nonres Vol (/1,000 gal)	<u>\$7.37</u>	\$7.44	<u>\$7.74</u>	<u>\$7.92</u>	<u>\$8.11</u>
<b>APPROX ANNUAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$5,894,044</b>	<b>\$5,952,985</b>	<b>\$6,188,746</b>	<b>\$6,336,098</b>	<b>\$6,483,449</b>
Revenue Above Current	0	\$58,940	\$294,702	\$442,053	\$589,404
<b>Residential 5,000 gal/month</b>	<b>\$36.95</b>	<b>\$37.32</b>	<b>\$38.80</b>	<b>\$39.72</b>	<b>\$40.65</b>
Difference From Current	\$0	\$0.37	\$1.85	\$2.77	\$3.70

**IMPACT FEES ON FOLLOWING PAGE**

## Fee Considerations for Fiscal Year 2026

### Impact Fees

#### **PREFERRED BY F&A COMMITTEE**

#### **Using SCDES Regulation 61-67 Appendix A Unit Contributory Loadings to All Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities**

	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>Implementation Period (Years)</b>				
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>FY 2026 Per Gallon Amount if Evenly Phased Over Implementation Period (no inflation over period(s))</b>	<b>\$7.625<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$25.73</b>	<b>\$16.68</b>	<b>\$13.66</b>	<b>\$12.15</b>	<b>\$11.25</b>
<i>Difference From Current Rate of \$7.625/gallon</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$18.11</i>	<i>\$9.05</i>	<i>\$6.04</i>	<i>\$4.53</i>	<i>\$3.62</i>
<b>Cost for One Single-Family Home Using SCDES R.61-67 App. A 1 ERU = 300 gpd</b>	<b>\$2,300</b>	<b>\$7,720</b>	<b>\$5,005</b>	<b>\$4,100</b>	<b>\$3,645</b>	<b>\$3,375</b>
<i>Difference From Current Total Fee</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$5,420</i>	<i>\$2,705</i>	<i>\$1,800</i>	<i>\$1,345</i>	<i>\$1,075</i>

<b>Impact Fee During Fiscal Year w/ Phasing (/gallon)</b>					
<b>Phase In Period</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>	<b>FY 2030</b>
<b>5 Years</b>	\$11.25	\$14.87	\$18.49	\$22.11	\$25.73
<b>4 Years</b>	\$12.15	\$16.68	\$21.20	\$25.73	
<b>3 Years</b>	\$13.66	\$19.70	\$25.73		
<b>2 Years</b>	\$16.68	\$25.73			
<b>1 Year</b>	\$25.73				

#### **Using Water Meter Size**

	<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>Implementation Period (Years)</b>				
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>FY 2026 Per Gallon Amount if Evenly Phased Over Implementation Period (no inflation over period(s))</b>	<b>\$15.25</b>	<b>\$25.73</b>	<b>\$20.49</b>	<b>\$18.74</b>	<b>\$17.87</b>	<b>\$17.35</b>
<i>Difference From Current Rate of \$15.25/gallon</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$10.48</i>	<i>\$5.24</i>	<i>\$3.49</i>	<i>\$2.62</i>	<i>\$2.10</i>
<b>Cost for One Single-Family Home Per Current OJRSA Schedule of Fees (1) 3/4" meter = 150 gpd</b>	<b>\$2,300</b>	<b>\$3,860</b>	<b>\$3,075</b>	<b>\$2,810</b>	<b>\$2,680</b>	<b>\$2,600</b>
<i>Difference From Current Total Fee</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$1,560</i>	<i>\$775</i>	<i>\$510</i>	<i>\$380</i>	<i>\$300</i>

<b>Impact Fee During Fiscal Year w/ Phasing (/gallon)</b>					
<b>Phase In Period</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>	<b>FY 2030</b>
<b>5 Years</b>	\$17.35	\$19.44	\$21.54	\$23.63	\$25.73
<b>4 Years</b>	\$17.87	\$20.49	\$23.11	\$25.73	
<b>3 Years</b>	\$18.74	\$22.24	\$25.73		
<b>2 Years</b>	\$20.49	\$25.73			
<b>1 Year</b>	\$25.73				

#### **IMPACT FEES CALCULATION SHEET ON FOLLOWING PAGES**

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted. Current impact fee is based on \$15.25 per gallon for 150 gallons per day per residence in accordance with OJRSA Schedule of Fees but SC Regulation 61-67 Appendix A Unit Contributory Loadings to All Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facilities uses 300 gallons per day per residence. [150 gpd / 300 gpd = 0.5; \$15.25 per gallon x 0.5 = \$7.625 per gallon]



## Facility Name

Project Address: **Street Address, City, SC ZIP** Parcel ID Number: **TMS Number**

Property Owner: **Name** Mailing Address: **Street Address, City, State ZIP** Phone: **Number**

Developer/General Contractor/Engineer: **Name** Mailing Address: **Street Address, City, State ZIP** Phone: **Number** Email: **Address**  
Plans Received (Original Set): **Date**

Type of Establishment Per SCDES Regulation 61-67 Appendix A		Hydraulic Loading (GPD)	Number of Units	Total GPD
<b>A</b>	<b>Airport:</b>			
	Per Employee	8		0
	Per Passenger	4		0
<b>B</b>	<b>Apartments, Condominiums, Patio Homes:</b>			
	Four-to-Six (4-to-6) Bedroom (Per Unit) (Per Gina Abbott with DHEC, these are also 300 GPD)	300		0
	Three (3) Bedrooms (Per Unit)	300		0
	Two (2) Bedrooms (Per Unit)	225		0
	One (1) Bedroom (Per Unit)	150		0
<b>C</b>	<b>Assembly Halls: (Per Seat)</b>	4		0
<b>D</b>	<b>Barber Shop:</b>			
	Per Employee	8		0
	Per Chair	75		0
<b>E</b>	<b>Bars, Taverns:</b>			
	Per Employee	8		0
	Per Seat, Excluding Restaurant	30		0
<b>F</b>	<b>Beauty Shop: (to include pet grooming)</b>			
	Per Employee	8		0
	Per Chair	94		0
<b>G</b>	<b>Boarding House, Dormitory: (per resident)</b>	38		0
<b>H</b>	<b>Bowling Alley:</b>			
	Per Employee	8		0
	Per Lane, No Restaurant, Bar, or Lounge	94		0
<b>I</b>	<b>Camps:</b>			
	Resort, Luxury (Per Person)	75		0
	Summer (Per Person)	38		0
	Day, with Central Bathhouse (Per Person)	26		0
	Travel Trailer (Per Site)	131		0
<b>J</b>	<b>Car Wash: (Per Car Washed)</b>	56		0
<b>K</b>	<b>Churches:</b>			
	Per Seat	2		0
	Fellowship Hall with Commercial Kitchen (Per Seat, per OJRSA Policy established August 21, 2000)	5		0
<b>L</b>	<b>Clinics, Doctor's Office:</b>			
	Per Employee	11		0
	Per Patient	4		0
<b>M</b>	<b>Country Club, Fitness Center, Spa: (Per Member)</b>	38		0
<b>N</b>	<b>Dentist Office:</b>			
	Per Employee	11		0
	Per Chair	6		0
	Per Suction Unit; Standard Unit	278		0
	Per Suction Unit; Recycling Unit	71		0
	Per Suction Unit; Air Generated Unit	0		0
<b>O</b>	<b>Factories, Industries:</b>			
	Per Employee	19		0
	Per Employee, with Showers	26		0
	Per Employee, with Kitchen	30		0
	Per Employee, with Showers and Kitchen	34		0
<b>P</b>	<b>Fairgrounds: (Average Attendance, Per Person)</b>	4		0
<b>Q</b>	<b>Grocery Stores: (Per square foot of floor space, unknown occupant. OJRSA Board adopted using the former standard of 200 GPD per 1,000 sqft of floor space on October 5, 2015.)</b>	0.20		0

<b>R</b>	<b>Hospitals:</b>			
	Per Resident Staff	75		0
	Per Bed	150		0
<b>S</b>	<b>Hotels: (Per Bedroom, No Restaurant)</b>	75		0
<b>T</b>	<b>Institutions: (Per Resident)</b>	75		0
<b>U</b>	<b>Laundries: (Self Service, Per Machine)</b>	300		0
<b>V</b>	<b>Marinas: (Per Slip)</b>	23		0
<b>W</b>	<b>Mobile Homes: (Per Unit)</b>	225		0
<b>X</b>	<b>Motels: (Per Unit, No Restaurant)</b>	75		0
<b>Y</b>	<b>Nursing Homes:</b>			
	Per Bed	75		0
	Per Bed, with Laundry	113		0
<b>Z</b>	<b>Offices, Small Stores, Administration Buildings, General: (Per square foot of floor space, unknown occupant. OJRSA Board adopted using the former standard of 200 GPD per 1,000 sqft of floor space on October 5, 2015.)</b>	0.20		0
<b>AA</b>	<b>Picnic Parks: (Average Attendance, Per Person)</b>	8		0
<b>BB</b>	<b>Prison/Jail</b>			
	Per Employee	11		0
	Per Inmate	94		0
<b>CC</b>	<b>Residences: (Per House, Unit)</b>	300		0
<b>DD</b>	<b>Rest Areas, Welcome Centers:</b>			
	Per Person	4		0
	Per Person, with Showers	8		0
<b>EE</b>	<b>Rest Homes</b>			
	Per Bed	75		0
	Per Bed, with Laundry	113		0
<b>FF</b>	<b>Restaurants/Coffee Shops/Cafes/Bakeries/Event Venues (with food service):</b>			
	Not Twenty-Four (24) Hours (Per Seat)	30		0
	Twenty-Four (24) Hour Restaurant (Per Seat)	53		0
	Drive-In (Per Car Served)	30		0
	Vending Machine, Walk-up Deli (Per Person)	30		0
<b>GG</b>	<b>Schools, Day Care:</b>			
	Per Person	9		0
	Per Person, with Cafeteria	11		0
	Per Person, with Cafeteria, Gym, and Showers	15		0
<b>HH</b>	<b>Service Stations:</b>			
	Per Employee	8		0
	Per Car Served	8		0
	Car Wash (Per Car Washed)	56		0
<b>II</b>	<b>Shopping Centers, Large Department Stores, Malls: (Per square foot of floor space, unknown occupant. OJRSA Board adopted using the former standard of 200 GPD per 1,000 sqft of floor space on October 5, 2015.)</b>	0.20		0
<b>JJ</b>	<b>Stadiums, Coliseums: (Per Seat, No Restaurant)</b>	4		0
<b>KK</b>	<b>Swimming Pools: (Per Person, with Sewer Facilities and Showers)</b>	8		0
<b>LL</b>	<b>Theaters: Indoor (Per Seat), Drive-In (Per Stall)</b>	4		0
<b>N/A</b>	<b>Industrial Process Wastewater</b>			0
<b>N/A</b>	<b>Special Requested Discharge</b>			0
<b>N/A</b>	<b>EQUIVALENCY CREDIT (For buildings not registered with OJRSA in Permitted Flow or Equivalency databases due to structure existing prior to Impact Fee Ordinance of 1990 or paid a fee for a prior business)</b>			
<b>Total Gallons Per Day (GPD)</b>				0
<b>Total Equivalent Residential Units (1 ERU=300 GPD) NOTE: PROJECTS THAT CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN 50,000 GPD MUST BE APPROVED BY SCDES</b>				0.00

Impact Fee Per Gallon **\$15.25**

Print Name

Signature

TOTAL IMPACT FEE DUE **\$0.00**



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### OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY Ad-Hoc Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee March 13, 2025

The Ad-Hoc Feasibility Implementation Committee meeting was held at the Coneross Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Commissioners/Committee Members that were present:

- Joel Jones (ReWa) – Committee Chair
- Amanda Brock (Oconee County)
- Chris Eleazer (Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority)
- Scott McLane (City of Seneca)
- Celia Myers (City of Walhalla)
- Scott Parris (City of Westminster)
- Sue Schneider (Citizen - formerly worked for Spartanburg Water) – *via webcam*
- Scott Willett (Anderson Regional Joint Water System)

Committee Members that were not present:

- Rivers Stilwell (Attorney, Maynard Nexsen)
- Chip Bentley, ACOG

OJRSA appointments and staff present were:

- Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer to the Board and Office Manager
- Allison McCullough, Regulatory Services Coordinator

Others present were:

- Lawrence Flynn (Pope Flynn - OJRSA Attorney) – *via webcam*
- Kevin Bronson, City of Westminster Administrator (also serves as OJRSA Board Chairman)
- Angie Mettlen (Vice President, WK Dickson)
- Katherine Amidon (Environmental Planner, Bolton & Menk)
- Tony Adams, Oconee Co. Citizen

**A. Call to Order** – Mr. Jones called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. He stated that he is going to ask the committee to consider amending the agenda after the public comments, as the approval of last month's minutes was left off the agenda in error.

**B. Public Comment** – Mr. Bronson thanked everyone for what they are doing on the committee, and then he apologized to the committee for having received a memorandum last month from Mr. Michael Traynham (and given to them by Mr. Chris Eleazer) that was full of what he felt were misstatements, conjecture, and inflammatory statements. Mr. Bronson said the board was asked at this month's meeting to release it to the public, and the board chose not to.

Mr. Bronson said some of the items in this memo were "flat out wrong." The document did not have specific names or places mentioned which condemned everyone on the board as if they were guilty of that act. The memo also states that the Cities did not take some of the things that the OJRSA requires to do seriously, and on behalf of the City of Westminster, the city took it very seriously and



has done its best to provide all the information that was requested and on time in the manner it was requested. Mr. Bronson said he will be working with Mr. Traynham and Mr. Eleazer to ensure the document is corrected and then given back to this committee. Mr. Bronson stated that he wanted this committee to know his opinion on the memo and that he feels the board chose not to release the memo to the public for the same reasons.

Ms. Schneider asked Mr. Bronson if he wanted this memo to be recalled from the committee. Mr. Bronson replied that the accusations are out there, and he prefers to have the Member Cities and people called out by name in a revised version of the memo. Mr. Jones stated he read the memo, and it did not sway his vote in any way, so this didn't matter to him either way; however, it is a board-level decision on what to do with it.

**C. Approval of Ad Hoc Committee Minutes** – As discussed at the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Jones asked the committee to amend this agenda for minutes approval for last month's meeting on February 13, 2025.

***Ms. Brock made a motion, seconded by Mr. Willett, to amend the agenda to approve last month's Ad Hoc Feasibility Implementation Committee Meeting minutes. The motion carried.***

- **February 13, 2025** – Mr. Willett asked Mr. Adams if his public comments were accurate in the minutes; Mr. Adams was good with them.

***Mr. Willett made a motion, seconded by Ms. Myers, to approve the February 13, 2025 Ad Hoc Feasibility Implementation Committee Meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.***

#### **D. Presentation and Discussion Items**

**1. Update on SC RIA Timeline and Process Schedule** – Mr. Jones asked Ms. Mettlen to update the committee on the timeline and schedule. Ms. Mettlen said she spoke with Ms. Bonnie Ammons of the Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) several times since last month's meeting. Ms. Ammons is amenable and is fine if a couple more months are needed to get to the end of the Ad Hoc Committee. Ms. Ammons said her approval is not needed for a time extension, because the timeline came out of the study and is not mandated by the RIA.

Ms. Mettlen added that the reason for the tight timeline was to keep things from dragging on and to keep making progress on a path forward. Ms. Mettlen suggested getting some of the items, that could cause a stumbling block later, flushed out early in the process.

Mr. Jones said he would like to leave today with the understanding that the next step is for this committee to draft a recommendation, but first there must be consensus within the group to move it forward.

**2. Review Summary of Reconstitution Memo and Discuss Next Steps** – Mr. Eleazer stated that the OJRSA board released Attorney Lawrence Flynn's memo, *included as Exhibit A*, to the public in their March board meeting. Mr. Jones feels the different portions of this memo need to be discussed and stated that the last item was to consider consolidation. Mr. Jones stated that he feels that the top priority is how the organization will be set up.

Ms. Mettlen said that Mr. Chip Bentley apologized for not being here today, as he got sick while attending a conference. Mr. Bentley told her and Mr. Jones that there was a discussion about the reconstitution of the board and the number of people on the board, and it seemed to be okay with everyone. It also sounded like everyone agreed that a consolidation of the collection systems would be on the table.

Ms. Mettlen said there was also some discussion with Ms. Myers and the Walhalla City Council about some questions about the valuation of the system. This will need to be worked out.

As long as the committee follows Mr. Flynn's path forward (what is detailed in his memo), things that need to be worked on and discussed first can be called out. If there are things needing to be done that require money, Ms. Ammons is open to discussions about funding them as long as progress is continuing to be made.

Mr. Jones said he feels that consolidation must be done for the success of this organization. He asked for a discussion to be opened up to see if the committee has a consensus on this.

Mr. McLane stated that the City of Seneca is willing to consider consolidation but there would have to be meetings set up to have questions answered. Mr. Jones asked what the reasons would be that they would not want to consolidate. Mr. McLane said he couldn't answer that; meetings need to be set up with Mr. Scott Moulder (City Administrator) and Mr. Bob Faires (Utilities Director) to further discuss this and the costs associated with it. Ms. Mettlen said that there are several models (such as a franchise agreement) that can be looked at.

Mr. Willett said he has no stake in a wastewater system (his experience has been with a drinking water utility only), and from the outside looking in, he does not know how you can run a wastewater treatment facility without having control over the collection system, so he feels it is essential to consolidate. Mr. Willett added that how that consolidation takes place is a different question. Mr. Willett says he answers to a board but he serves 200,000 people, and he tries to convince the 14-member board to do the right thing for those 200,000 people. He said he is asking this committee and the city councils to focus on the needs of the citizens of Oconee County.

Ms. Myers said the City of Walhalla is not opposed to consolidation, but the sewer system is considered an asset which is part of a bond. Unless there is going to be a \$20,000,000 buyout to pay the bond, there must be some legal work to disassociate that from the bond before the city can hand over control. The city is already talking to legal representatives on how that could look, but it would be up to the bond investors.

Mr. Willett asked Mr. Flynn if this would be a refinance or is there a way to assume responsibility for the outstanding bonds. Mr. Flynn started by saying he does not represent any of the Member Cities as their bond counsel, and he recommended each city speak to their bond counsels about the process. He stated that Westminster and Seneca have a combined water/sewer/electric system, and Walhalla has a combined water/sewer system. Generally, most of the master bond resolutions pledge the revenues on a combined basis for those combined systems. The revenue of each component of the combined system is pledged exclusively as the security for those bonds that are then issued, meaning that the bond holders stand shoulder to shoulder.

From review of the cities' financial audits, each municipality has debt, but it is unknown how the improvements were originally funded. Generally, the way public utilities work is that the water and electric systems largely subsidize the sewer system. Rate consultants say to make sure that each component of the combined system operates on a stand-alone basis, and then the sewer system is being subsidized by another component of the system. Even though it's permitted by state law and generally appreciated by the rating agencies and the bond holders, they need to get an even footing through rate adjustments or expense reductions.

The typical language in the master bond resolutions is in order to stealth portions of the system (assets in the ground, service area, etc.) or an entire component (water, sewer, or electric system proper) of the system, there is a procedure built out that would dictate the terms by which you could decouple that component of the system from the pledged assets and can, in some circumstances, be done without redeeming all the debt. Typically, you can make a finding that the reduction or removal of the assets from the system does not affect the interest of the bond holders. It's easier done on the sewer system since it is being subsidized by another component, but it does take a detailed dive by a third-party consultant (like Willdan, Raftelis, or some other feasibility or

rate consultant) to make a financial justification for each of the municipalities to decouple the system without hurting the bond holders.

Mr. Flynn added that if consolidation is part of the discussion, identifying the amount of debt and where the value is, and whether OJRSA acquires the systems and redeems or pays off certain portions of the debt as compensation, this is going to be a high-level math problem needing a third-party consultant to figure out how that debt gets paid.

Ms. Schneider said in her experience running a sewer utility is hard. Compliance is hard, the cost to expand systems is more expensive, and making customers happy is hard. She said she hopes Oconee County considers consolidation of collection lines into preferably one (1) system that can assume or pay off debt, take on assets, make sure the lines are maintained, and deal with customer and regulatory issues. Consolidation just makes more sense for long-term success than multiple systems. Mr. Jones said there is no value to sewer except the ability to provide service.

Mr. Parris stated the City of Westminster is open and willing to go down the road to consolidation and has been looking at this for quite some time.

Mr. Flynn added there is a recent example of a broad-scale consolidation in Greenville County, which is Metropolitan Sewer. There were engaged professionals (including Willdan) who did a deep dive analysis to identify how to resolve the debt math problems. Ms. Mettlen said the OJRSA is working with the Member Cities on the Capital Improvement (CIP) and Corrective Action Plans for rehab, but there should be some additional information coming forward. This is for compliance issues, but it could help inform for some of this discussion as well.

Mr. Willett said he hopes people realize that all pipe isn't the same foot by foot. The condition of the pipe matters. The information from the CIP would be critical in determining the true value.

Mr. Eleazer said Mr. Dyke Spencer was involved in the development of the 20-year Master Plan and spoke about Beaufort/Jasper going through consolidation, and they feared the loss of using sewer for annexation purposes. Mr. Eleazer thinks there is a method for that to stay in place. Mr. Flynn replied that is correct and suggested Ms. Schneider, who has some experience with that, speak a little about it.

Ms. Schneider stated that when doing a consolidation or annexation, depending on the relationship between the parties, you want both parties to win. That is a successful thing. Often with small communities, there is concern about how much they are spending (some going into debt), loss of potential revenue, and/or determining their future (decisions about annexation and how they wanted to grow). Each community has its own identity and ideas. A contract can be designed to address these issues.

Ms. Schneider added there are franchise models to review. You can address how you do annexation and inputs with communities. You can also address the county. There is a way to address everyone.

Mr. Jones said it sounds like the entire community would support consolidation as a recommendation from this group.

Mr. Jones said he was going to go through Mr. Flynn's memo now, and the first item is the governance structure and including Oconee County as a member. Mr. Jones asked if anyone was opposed to having the County as a member. No one objected.

Mr. Jones said the best thing this committee can do is to set up a board that will serve the rate payers, not necessarily the communities, the county, nor the municipalities. He said he thinks this provides a greater level of service when the allegiance is to the rate payers; however, the committee may be under some legal restraints to appoint members beyond what is laid out here. He said the goal should be to have a board that is as unified and serving the people at the end of the pipes. Ms. Brock added "and who are going to be at the end." Mr. Jones agreed.



Mr. Jones said the structure was laid out with five (5) members, including one (1) from Oconee County. He asked if there were any comments on this. Ms. Schneider said she wants Oconee County engaged in some way; and if consolidating for the good of the rate payer, you want the three-to-five (3-5) members being from that district of the rate payers and not necessarily representative of the Member Cities if they divested of their assets and debt. You can create a sewer district based on who has sewer. Who do you think would be represented? The cities, but you're calling it out as a whole.

Mr. Willett asked if the assets are ceded or if the liabilities are assumed to reside with the consolidation (whatever form that may be), what would be the rationale for providing weighted voting as the memo states? Several members said there shouldn't be. Mr. Willett continued by saying if the OJRSA owns the debt, each member of the board would be equal, because they won't have any greater stake than the other folks.

Mr. Jones asked Mr. Flynn what would representation look like in a consolidated authority. Mr. Flynn said when this memo was drafted, it was before the discussion about consolidation of the collection systems. If consolidation is recommended, this will change several of the items in the memo, and the OJRSA would operate more in the construct of the traditional special purpose district (SPD) like Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer where there is a collection network and treatment assets, so you control everything for the entire system and not the constituent membership. The weighted voting would happen if you don't take over the collection system (and continue to have independently owned satellite sewer systems).

Ms. Schneider hopes for the consolidation for Oconee County and that the board looks at the big picture of addressing public health, regulatory issues, and what is the future of Oconee County.

Mr. Jones said it looks like consolidation is the first priority, and the second priority should be the representation of this consolidated utility. He added that he didn't think the discussion should get into an appointed versus elected members yet until the recommended governance structure is determined. Everyone agreed.

Mr. Jones asked if there were any comments about the operating agreement. Ms. Schneider asked if there would be an operating agreement. Mr. Flynn replied that is a requirement of the statute to have an operating agreement or governance agreement that lays out the procedures for adopting bylaws and implementing powers, so that would be the vehicle by which restricting who the members can appoint as members.

Mr. Willett asked if that would also cover how the municipalities want to handle growth. Mr. Flynn replied that would be a separate agreement between the Cities and OJRSA, and you may want to have something that is subject to change as there is turnover on the councils. You don't want to bind the future councils to a memorialized governance. Mr. Willett said the operating agreement has a minimum term of forty (40) years, and he likes that Anderson Regional's operating agreement is evergreen (meaning it automatically renews). As long as Anderson Regional is issuing debt and performing the service it was constructed for, everyone is in.

Ms. Mettlen asked if Mr. Flynn could revise the memo to line out the steps of what would be needed if this committee is going to recommend consolidation moving forward, as a lot of what is in there would be non-issues at that point. This would further clarify what needs to be addressed to avoid future roadblocks. Mr. Flynn replied that he has some of this in electronic form, and it won't be hard to change the terms; it's just a matter of prioritizing the items to be addressed and restructuring according to the Ad Hoc committee's recommendations.

Mr. Jones said the committee doesn't need to spend much more time on this memo at this point and asked if there were any other comments or questions.

Ms. Brock said her only concern is the words “shall be” in regard to members of the board not being an officer or employee of an appointing member. Oconee County would be limited for representation.

Ms. Myers said the City of Walhalla has some concerns with not having someone with knowledge of wastewater or financials be their representation. Other committees (such as construction board of appeals, planning commission, architectural review) have requirements that members have some sort of knowledge.

Mr. Jones said he was going to push back on that a little. The board does not need to know how to operate wastewater utilities; that is for staff to do. The board is meant to set policy. He said he understands Walhalla’s view, but if this is consolidated for the community, you need a board to operate that way.

Ms. Brock replied that the Cities have funding decisions that would be required. Mr. Jones replied that the utility would fund the decisions. Mr. Willett said the role of the board is to ask good questions and make sure staff is being held accountable.

Ms. Brock said part of the purpose of coming here is for Oconee County to have representation, and Oconee County Council is pushing the County as an entity and not as its citizens. Mr. Jones said he hears that and will see how Mr. Flynn lays that out, but in his opinion, that does not provide the best long-term value for a wastewater utility.

Ms. Schneider acknowledged that Oconee County has an enormous role in this process, but she added that all the entities and Oconee County have councils that do not have a minimum requirement to be a councilmember except age. If you have a board that’s goal is to move the sewer district, it’s not the board doing it. Boards that you see throughout various states just oversee: They make sure audits are done and that the bigger picture is done.

Ms. Schneider added that the county has a huge role as it approves certain types of annexation. Ms. Brock said the county doesn’t have to approve annexations. Ms. Schneider said you may not have to, but the County can choose to. If the sewer district wanted to annex an area that was not contiguous, the County could require its approval. Ms. Brock said that is why she feels the County Council would find it important for the board member to be an inside person at county government. If there are economic development pushes in one direction or another, the County Council is not going to want to pick a person to provide that possibly confidential information to. Ms. Schneider replied that she didn’t think it was going to get to a consolidated board then if an entity must be identified like that. Ms. Brock said she didn’t know if it was a must, but she wasn’t sure about the “shall not.”

Ms. Schneider asked if the path was to have an elected board from within the area. Mr. Flynn replied that they cannot currently be elected according to the proposed legislation. They can only be appointed by members who are constituent members of the body. There is no authorization for a separate election unless we amend or add that the authorization to the statutory act. Ms. Schneider asked for the county and cities not to look at the OJRSA as a separate entity, but rather as a partner in economic development. Having an entity on the board negates the advantage of moving the sewer district as a whole.

Mr. Flynn said in his experience there has been a strong board overreach in many of the places he’s counseled, but most boards do not end up with people who have specific knowledge. If you are concerned with having someone who is in tune with the business community, you appoint the president of the Chamber of Commerce, and he does your bidding accordingly, but you remove the immediate problem of having someone who “wears two (2) hats” (an individual who represents two (2) separate entities simultaneously) and doesn’t know which hat to wear when setting policy.

Ms. Myers suggested the “shall not” be taken out of the text and let the councils decide on their own and then advocate for why you don’t want an employee to be on the board. Mr. Flynn replied this creates a “tragedy of the commons” where why would one (1) city appoint someone truly independent when another city (or the county) appoints someone who is only acting on their municipality’s behalf. Each municipality will subsequently go back to their own corners and appoint people that are acting in the best interest of their municipality (similar to how it is now).

Ms. Mettlen said the OJRSA is still operating under the Joint Agency Act; however, there are some amendments going on there; however, that is still in effect regardless of whether there is a consolidation of collection systems or not. Mr. Flynn said that is correct. Ms. Mettlen told Ms. Myers that the cities are still member entities.

Mr. Eleazer asked how the other utilities represented on this committee address economic development. Ms. Schneider said Spartanburg County liked economic development, because it gave them new customers. It’s all about “housetops” when it comes to revenue (like what Mr. Jones mentioned in an earlier meeting). It’s important and provides jobs, but it does not exist without sewer. Spartanburg County would provide information to Spartanburg Water such as location of the facility and how much water they would use per day. Once it was determined that the plant had the capacity and ability to treat the waste, Spartanburg County would make the deal. If it’s not currently in the sewer district, you work with the county to get it annexed. Mr. Jones said it’s similar for Greenville County; however, the county will secure funding, but ReWa will participate in it and may contribute to it.

Mr. Jones is looking for the committee to come up with a recommendation. It is not for the committee to determine what people are going to do with it. It seems like people are divided on this today. Ms. Brock said she could take the comments today back to her council. Mr. Jones said the committee needs a workable solution, but it may not be ideal for everybody.

- 3. Update on Potential Legislative Amendment to the South Carolina Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act** – Mr. Jones said the legislation was touched on a little already but asked Mr. Eleazer if he had anything to add. Mr. Eleazer replied that Mr. Bronson (OJRSA Board Chairman) and he met with Senator Alexander last Friday afternoon and presented him with the proposed changes to the legislation. It was a good meeting and well received. Senator Alexander may be reaching out to the Member Cities to discuss it and see what their thoughts are. There may be more information to share at next month’s meeting.

Mr. Jones asked if the committee should consider an alternative to the election process. Mr. Flynn said it could be added, but it would require further edits to the legislation. Mr. Jones said he is concerned that as the system grows, is the member appointee from their district, their customer, or are they people within the service area – and how is it determined? Mr. Parris replied the memo says “customer,” and then asked is it a customer of the member or a customer of the whole system? Mr. Willett said if the Joint Water System Act is not modified, it would have to be a customer of the entity doing the appointment.

Mr. Jones said if the board consolidates, members are no longer customers of the municipalities, but rather the new entity. He asked if there is another alternative process that needs to be considered, because this committee doesn’t want to create a new entity that members cannot be appointed to.

Mr. Eleazer asked if it was in the current statute, or the proposed statute, that it must be a customer. Mr. Flynn replied that it was in the language regarding the fifth member that is appointed by the legislative delegation, and in his prior memo, it reads that the person needs to be an “elector” to be qualified to serve. However, there is nothing in there about who the members are and nothing that requires them to be a sewer customer. Mr. Jones said an “elector” would imply someone who

lives within the voting district. He added that the entities are serving outside the voting district and therefore would have a growing population of people who wouldn't have representation. He said he doesn't think the committee is going to get to this today, but it needs to be given serious thought.

Mr. Willett suggested gerrymandering the districts where the municipalities are at the center, so that people can be added and pulled according to electoral requirements rather than dividing the county where one city can get to appoint more due to population. Ms. Brock replied that Oconee County just redistricted, and it could be done by council district.

Ms. Schneider asked if it was consolidated into one entity where you could see all the assets, can this entity raise funds through an ad valorem tax like an SPD can do? Mr. Flynn said the joint agencies under the statute are expressly prohibited from levying taxes, so it will not be a taxing entity like the original SPDs. Mr. Flynn cautioned that if this committee tried to attempt to add taxing authority to the joint agency act, it probably would kill any amendments this committee is contemplating. Ms. Schneider said the success for anything long term is how you are going to pay for anything, and that should be considered in a reconstitution. Once you take on all the assets and all the problems and want to build a capital plan outward, that will continue to be a challenge. Ms. Schneider apologized to the committee saying she had to leave the meeting now due to other scheduling conflicts.

*Ms. Schneider left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.*

Mr. Jones asked Mr. Flynn to try to revise this memo for a consolidated entity and the representation on it. Mr. Flynn asked if the committee wants to layer in elected authorization into the proposed legislative amendments as well and throw that in as an additional route for governance.

Mr. Willett asked what Mr. Flynn's opinion is on the level of effort to do that. Mr. Flynn said the drafting side is not difficult; Mr. Willett said he meant getting it approved. Mr. Flynn said it was not discussed with Senator Alexander, and he said if you go to an elected board, you are wholly removing any appointment authority from those members who have now given over their collection system and would have zero say in the member that would otherwise be serving for that area. It's probably a question more for the board. Anything that is added that would make flexibility to a statute is a net positive, but whether the membership would be happy with that remains to be seen.

Mr. Jones asked everyone on the committee to put some thought into this and determine what is your preferred method and what is best served by that today and in the future.

- 4. Rate and Cost of Service Study** – The Director reported that Mr. Daryll Parker of Willdan Financial made a presentation to the board last Thursday night. The focus on what he presented had to do with the existing structure. Currently it requires all three (3) Member City councils to approve the OJRSA to borrow funds, which has been tried a couple times in the past without success. Mr. Parker showed what the rates need to be to raise the revenues to bite off the largest chunk (if not all) of the projects on the spreadsheet. Mr. Parker's focus was on the next ten (10) years, and what he came up with was a 74% rate increase in back-to-back years to fund pay-as-you-go for O&M and capital expenses. Mr. Eleazer added that was not the way to go. Mr. Jones asked if that was just for the OJRSA's system and not the Member Cities; Mr. Eleazer replied that was correct.

Ms. Mettlen said it has been tried, but there was never unanimous approval for the OJRSA to take on debt, so Willdan had to assume something and created a model for pay-as-you-go. The model can have other data put into it.

Mr. Willett asked if some of the municipalities' debt is not to do with the collection system. He wanted to know what percentage was for wastewater improvements. Mr. Flynn replied that the debt for wastewater is relatively minute. Walhalla's current debt is only for the water system (Ms. Myers said it was for the new water plant). Seneca obtained financing in 2007 for sewer through



the water pollution fund at the SRF, and the rest is for the water system. Westminster has no sewer debt at all. Mr. Willett said you can run a sewer system with revenue bonds. Ms. Mettlen said the major hurdle is that the OJRSA cannot finance without unanimous approval.

Mr. Flynn said there needs to be a definitive position, or a two-part term sheet, where the collection system acquisition becomes the pivot point on which direction this takes. Consolidation makes this a completely different organization rather than the status quo of being a wastewater treatment operator. He said he needs direction on whether the acquisition is the test case here or should the analysis be segregated for a consolidated approach and a status quo approach. Mr. Jones said that everyone agreed that consolidation is a priority, if not a key, to success. Even if there is not a consolidation, there needs to be an independent treatment agency with regulatory oversight. Ms. Brock replied this committee needs to explore alternatives, because if consolidation is the only thing put in the basket, and the entities responsible for funding it aren't capable of funding it, there needs to be a Plan B. Mr. Jones replied that no one is capable of funding it now. Ms. Brock said there should be an alternative in case the plan on the table isn't feasible financially. Mr. Willett said that financially it's not a question of if but a question of when. Ms. Brock said maybe she worded that wrong and she meant steps. Mr. Willett agreed with this and what you have to do is what you have to do.

Mr. Willett said that running a wastewater system has regulatory responsibilities and, in his opinion, if you run the plant, you've got to run the collection system. Ultimately the costs don't change, it's just a question of who is paying the costs. In his opinion, the Joint Water System Act was meant to be a financing authority. The utility takes the debt so the members don't. You will never be paid off.

- 5. Update of Discussion with Partner Communities About Conveyance of Systems to New Joint Authority** – Ms. Mettlen said Mr. Flynn has one alternative laid out: Reconstitution under the current Joint Water System Authorities Act with the status quo that everybody operates their own collection systems and this being a trunk sewer and treatment entity. Option 2 is consolidating all the sewer systems under one (1) agency and reconstitute under the Joint Water System Authorities Act. The pivot point is the consolidation.

Mr. Jones asked what the committee should do in preparation for the next meeting. Ms. Mettlen replied is to decide if more is to be added to potentially change the act itself or to leave it as is. Mr. Willett agreed and added if he were a member right now, he thinks some effort needs to be made on how assets will be valued. Each entity should be made whole and equal to the other members.

Ms. Mettlen said she doesn't think everyone fully understands what a franchise agreement looks like, what it can do, and how it's beneficial. She thinks there needs some context around the different options regarding valuation and asset versus a franchise agreement. Ms. Brock said she is not familiar with that at all and asked if Mr. Flynn could have this prepared by the next meeting. Mr. Willett said the biggest difference is if someone is due \$10 million to be made whole, does OJRSA borrow the \$10 million and pay it, or do they enter an agreement to repay that debt over 20 years. Who is doing the funding? Do you go to a financial institution or do you let the entity pay them back.

Mr. Flynn added that the sale of sewer systems can be done by ordinance and not referendum. There are a couple ways to do this: 1) A snapshot can be taken on the book value of the system on paper or 2) They can hire a third-party consultant to do a system appraisal. The valuation can be subjective, but the greater good here is that the systems need to be operated on a consolidated basis to best serve Oconee County and receive sewer service in the highest quality at the best value and cost. Some entities have decided to turn their systems over for one (1) dollar and were granted a franchise fee back against the system to recover some portion of the value over time. Some

entities who have a lot of customers requested the value to be based on the cash flow of the system. The memo will identify the valuation (or the appraisal piece) of those systems on the acquisition as being a prerequisite that needs to happen before any consolidation efforts can occur, because that will be a fundamental question if that pivot is practical.

6. **Public Comments Following Discussion Items** – Mr. Adams stated this was a good discussion. He said it looks like we must pay for our sins of the past and thanked the committee for their help with it. Ms. Mettlen said this is not a unique problem to just Oconee County.
7. **Consider Agenda Items for Next Meeting** – Mr. Jones said that the role of the committee is to come up with a recommendation; not for figuring out the details. He would like to wrap up this committee's work in the next couple of meetings. It was decided, and all members agreed, that a recommendation will be drafted at the next meeting with a logical list of the next steps. If the board wants to create another small committee to work out the details, that is fine, but this committee's job will be done.

Ms. Mettlen asked if Mr. Flynn should massage the act or leave it alone. Mr. Jones never fully understood what the limitations are. If the appointees must be elected, and the system grows much faster than the municipalities provide services outside their areas, how do those people get represented over time. Mr. Flynn replied that they would be represented by the county representative and potentially the gubernatorial appointment. Do we need to do anything to allow that representation? Mr. Willett said nothing must be done now, because the current proposal has the three (3) municipalities and the County having representatives and the legislative delegation appoints a fifth member. The proposal gives the ability to elect the members using the County Council voting districts.

Mr. Willett added that this committee's goal was to listen to what was out here, and based on the committee's combined experience, make a reasonable recommendation for the desired outcomes. This was not to negotiate among the members and determine what is possible. We're close to the recommendation, but the system cannot run long-term without consolidation.

Mr. Eleazer asked if the recommendation is going to have parallel paths where if the entity consolidates, there is recommendation for how that goes forward and another if consolidation is not implemented. Mr. Jones said he struggled with this, but he feels that this committee is to make their preferred recommendation. If the board decides to do something different, then they can look at the alternatives. Ms. Mettlen said that alternative is already out there. Mr. Willett said this committee needs to identify what the preferred alternative is and recommend it. There are other alternatives out there, but this committee is recommending one of them – the preferred one.

Mr. Eleazer said his concern is if the consolidation does not happen, the underlying problems that the OJRSA faces currently will continue. What is the recommendation to address those? Mr. Willett says it's okay to list a non-preferred alternative; Ms. Mettlen said that is already laid out. Mr. Jones said the presentation of the recommendation should be formulated in such a way that the committee believes success is solely dependent upon this recommendation and why.

Mr. Eleazer asked Mr. Flynn what he feels about going back to Senator Alexander with another recommended change. Mr. Flynn said he couldn't speak to the Senator's mindset on it, but he believes he would understand that the OJRSA is taking directions from the Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Willett added that the Senator would understand pivoting.

8. **Confirm Date for Next Meeting, which is Scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.** – The meeting date and time were noted.

Mr. Jones asked what resources will be available to the Ad Hoc committee to articulate the recommendation. Ms. Mettlen said, with Mr. Flynn's help, she can draft something for the

committee. Maybe the committee can focus on making a skeleton of the recommendation at the next meeting.

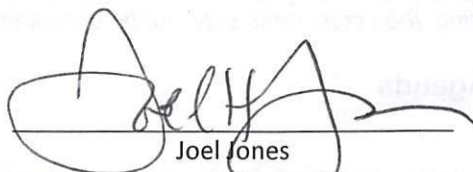
Mr. Flynn asked if he needed to wait to work on his revised term sheet. Mr. Jones and Ms. Mettlen said no. Mr. Flynn asked if some language should be drafted around the election statute. Mr. Jones said yes.

**E. Upcoming Meetings**

1. **Operations & Planning Committee** – Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 8:15 a.m. *Special meeting date.*
2. **Finance & Administration Committee** – Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
3. **Board of Commissioners** – Monday, April 7, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
4. **Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee** – Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

**F. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

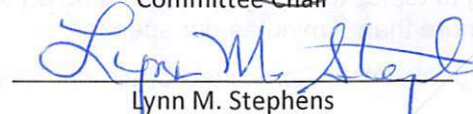
Approved By:

  
Joel Jones  
Committee Chair

Date Approved:

4/10/25

Approved By:

  
Lynn M. Stephens  
OJRSA Secretary/Treasurer

Notification of the meeting was distributed on February 7, 2025 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, SC DHEC, [www.ojrsa.org](http://www.ojrsa.org), and posted at the OJRSA Administration Building.



## **Ad Hoc Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee**

OJRSA Operations & Administration Building

Lamar Bailes Board Room

March 13, 2025 at 9:00 AM

*This advisory committee was established by the OJRSA Board of Commissioners at its November 4, 2024 meeting to consider recommendations and report to the OJRSA Board and Oconee County as identified in the [Regional Feasibility Planning Study](#) as adopted by the OJRSA on September 9, 2024. The committee can neither create policy nor make decisions on behalf of the OJRSA or other wastewater service providers within the area. See the study at [www.ojrsa.org/info](http://www.ojrsa.org/info) for more information.*

*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](http://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](mailto: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** – Joel Jones, Committee Chair
- B. Public Comment** – Receive comments relating to topics that may or may not be on this agenda. Session is limited to a maximum of 30 minutes with no more than 5 minutes per speaker.
- C. Presentation and Discussion Items** – Led by Joel Jones, Committee Chair, unless otherwise noted [*May include vote and/or action on matters discussed*]
  - 1. Update on SC RIA timeline and process schedule
  - 2. Review summary of reconstitution memo and discuss next steps (Exhibit A)
  - 3. Update on potential legislative amendment to the South Carolina Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act – Chris Eleazer, OJRSA
  - 4. Rate and cost of service study – Chris Eleazer, OJRSA
  - 5. Update of discussion with partner communities about conveyance of systems to new joint authority – Chip Bentley, ACOG
  - 6. Public comments following discussion items
  - 7. Consider agenda items for next meeting
  - 8. Confirm date for next meeting, which is scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
- D. Upcoming Meetings** *All meetings to be held in the Lamar Bailes Board Room unless noted otherwise.*
  - 1. Operations & Planning Committee – March 25, 2025 at 8:15 AM
  - 2. Finance & Administration Committee – March 25, 2025 at 9:00 AM
  - 3. Board of Commissioners – April 7, 2025 at 4:00 PM
  - 4. Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee – April 10, 2025 at 9:00 AM
- E. Adjourn**







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MEMORANDUM

To: Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority, South Carolina

From: Pope Flynn, LLC

Re: Summary of Reconstitution, including Acquisition of Sewer Collection Infrastructure

Date: February 25, 2025

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Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority, South Carolina (the “**Authority**” or “**Joint Authority**”) is a body politic and corporate, and a joint authority sewer system organized under Title 6, Chapter 25 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the “**Joint Authority Act**”). The Authority was created in 2007 under the provisions of the Joint Authority Act by its three member-municipalities (collectively, the “**Members**”)<sup>1</sup>: the City of Seneca, South Carolina (“**Seneca**”), the City of Walhalla, South Carolina (“**Walhalla**”), and the City of Westminster, South Carolina (“**Westminster**”).

Based on funding from the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority, the Joint Authority engaged a team comprised of W.K. Dickson & Co., Inc., Willdan Financial Services, and Bolton & Menk, Inc. to prepare a regional feasibility planning study, which was formally adopted by the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Commission, as the governing body of the Authority, on September 9, 2024 (the “**Study**”). The purpose of the Study was to determine long-term sewer service options within Oconee County, South Carolina (the “**County**”). Contemporaneously with the Study, the Joint Authority also undertook its “Oconee County and Western Anderson County Sewer Master Plan” (the “**Master Plan**”). Major infrastructure recommendations in the Master Plan include: developing plans to expand the Coneross Creek Wastewater Reclamation Facility (the “**Coneross WRF**”); updating the regulatory checkbook to gain permitted capacity at Coneross WRF; reducing pump station infrastructure and wastewater travel time; and working with Members to improve collection infrastructure.

Based on the terms of the Study and the Master Plan, Pope Flynn, LLC, prepared a memorandum dated November 26, 2024 to describe options for the reorganization of the Joint Authority. The material determination of such memo was that the Joint Authority be reconstituted with a complete revision of its governance documents. Additionally, and subsequent to the release

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<sup>1</sup> For purposes of the reconstituted Joint Authority, such term would also include the County (as defined herein) once or if it is added as a Member.

of the memo, the ad hoc committee studying the Joint Authority recommended that the sewer collection systems owned and maintained by Seneca, Walhalla, Westminster, and any other contributing public satellite sewer system be conveyed to the Authority such that all sewer treatment and collection services in the County would be performed exclusively by the Joint Authority. This memorandum attempts to outline (at a high level) the steps for reconstitution of the Joint System, and conveyance of the Members' collection systems to the Joint Authority.

**1. Governance Structure**

- The Authority shall be reconstituted to include the County as a Member.
- The governing body of the Authority shall be a five-member commission (the "New Commission"), with representatives as follows:
  - One representative from the County;
  - One representative from Seneca;
  - One representative from Walhalla;
  - One representative from Westminster; and
  - One additional member, with the method of appointment to be determined.
- Draft legislation has been proposed to amend the Joint Authority Act to permit the fifth member to be appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the legislative delegation from Oconee County.

**2. Operating Agreement**

- A new operating agreement shall be executed with a minimum term of 40 years.
- The agreement shall define governance, financial obligations, operational responsibilities, and dispute resolution mechanisms.
- Operating agreement shall require the board member to be a customer, and shall include a restriction that no representative of a Member serving on the New Commission may be an officer or employee of the appointing member. Further, no ex officio appointments shall be permitted.

**3. Voting Mechanism**

- General matters shall be determined by per capita voting.
- Debt-related matters shall be subject to weighted voting based on an agreed-upon formula.

**4. Expansion & Debt Parameters**

- A framework shall be established for funding system growth, including capital improvements and infrastructure expansions.
- Preapproval mechanisms shall be established for financing certain projects.
- Member approval requirements shall be clearly defined for all other debt issuances.

**5. Addition of New Members**

- The Authority shall establish clear parameters and a defined mechanism for admitting new members.

**6. Rate Structure**

- An equitable rate structure shall be developed, ensuring fairness across all Members and customers.

## 7. **Regulatory**

- Joint Authority to develop stringent sanitary sewer permit requirements that clearly define system requirements for all Members (and any other dischargers).
- Authority to conduct regular inspections of sewer collection network (based on Department of Environmental Services standards) and establish clear rules and enforcement requirements.

## 8. **Acquisition of Municipal Collection Systems**

- Reconstitution shall provide that the Authority shall have the power to provide retail sewer services within its service area.
- The Authority shall acquire the respective sewer collection systems currently owned and operated by Seneca, Walhalla, Westminster and any other contributing public satellite sewer system.
  - Phased implementation may be considered if immediate acquisition is not practicable.
- Conveyance of systems to be conducted by ordinance of each respective Member. No referendum is required as a result of the Supreme Court's determination in *Sojourner v. St. George*, 383 S.C. 679 S.E.2d 182 (2009).
- Review of outstanding utility debt obligations of each Member is required, and consideration must be made as to limitations for sale of system components secured by revenues of sewer systems, respectively:
  - Walhalla (combined water and sewer)<sup>2</sup>
    - \$17,945,000 principal amount still outstanding on originally issued \$20,620,000 Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2018.
    - Various capital leases secured by utility system assets.
  - Seneca (combined water, sewer and electric)<sup>3</sup>
    - \$890,000 principal amount still outstanding on originally issued \$8,350,000 Combined Utility System Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2012.
    - \$460,015 principal amount still outstanding on originally issued \$3,762,930 Combined Utility System Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2020.
    - \$537,729 principal amount still outstanding on originally issued \$1,993,633 Combined Utility System Revenue Bond, Series 2007 (South Carolina Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund).
    - \$6,943,035 principal amount still outstanding on originally issued \$11,528,750 Combined Utility System Revenue Bond, Series 2014 (South Carolina Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund).
    - \$4,791,937 principal amount still outstanding on originally issued \$6,031,455 Combined Utility System Revenue Bond, Series 2007 (South Carolina Drinking Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund).
    - Potential capital leases secured by combined utility system assets.

<sup>2</sup> Source: 2023 Audited Financial Statements

<sup>3</sup> Source: 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report



- Westminster (combined water, sewer and electric)<sup>4</sup>
  - \$8,260,000 principal amount still outstanding on originally issued \$8,260,000 Combined Utility System Revenue Bond Anticipation Note, Series 2023<sup>5</sup>.
  - Originally issued \$369,947 Combined Utility System Revenue Bond, Series 2022 (ConserFund Loan).
  - Various capital leases secured by combined utility system assets.
- The terms and conditions of acquisition, including valuation, financial considerations, and transfer processes shall be reviewed and considered.

**Next Steps:**

- Finalization of governance details and appointment process for the fifth New Commission member.
- Make arrangements to file proposed amendments to the Joint Authority Act.
- Confirm approval/consent of Members for conveyance of sewer collection system.
- Development of financial models and legal framework for asset transfers and debt structuring.
- Create timeline for implementation of reconstitution.

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<sup>4</sup> Source: 2024 Audited Financial Statements

<sup>5</sup> To be taken out by long-term financing with United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development.



## OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY

### Special Called Executive Committee

April 10, 2025

The Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Special Called Executive Committee meeting was held at the Coneross Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Commissioners that were present:

- Seat 8 (Westminster): Kevin Bronson, serving as Committee Chairman
- Seat 1 (Seneca): Bob Faires, III
- Seat 5 (Walhalla): Celia Myers

Commissioners that were not present:

- None. All were in attendance.

OJRSA appointments and staff present were:

- Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer to the Board and Office Manager
- Chris Eleazer, Executive Director.

Others present were:

- Larry Brandt, OJRSA Attorney

**A) Call to Order:** Mr. Bronson called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m.

**B) Executive Session** *NOTE: Committee May Act on Matters Discussed in Executive Session Upon Returning to Open Session.* - Review of the Executive Director's Performance. [Executive Session Permissible Under SC Law 30-4-70(a)(1), Which States: Discussion of Employment, Appointment, Compensation, Promotion, Demotion, Discipline, or Release of an Employee, a Student, or a Person Regulated by a Public Body or the Appointment of a Person to a Public Body; However, If an Adversary Hearing Involving the Employee or Client is Held, the Employee or Client Has the Right to Demand That the Hearing Be Conducted Publicly. Nothing Contained In This Item Shall Prevent the Public Body, In Its Discretion, from Deleting the Names of the Other Employees or Clients Whose Records Are Submitted for Use at the Hearing.]

*At 11:18 a.m., Mr. Faires made a motion, seconded by Ms. Myers, to Enter Executive Session to review the Executive Director's performance. The motion carried.*

*At 1:39 p.m., Ms. Myers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Faires, to return to Regular Session. The motion carried.*

No action was taken.

**C) Upcoming Meetings:**

- **Operations & Planning Committee** – Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.
- **Finance & Administration Committee** – Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
- **Board of Commissioners** – Monday, May 5, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
- **Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee** – Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

**D) Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

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**Executive Committee Meeting**  
OJRSA Operations & Administration Building  
Lamar Bailes Board Room  
April 10, 2025 at 11:15 AM

**CALLED MEETING**

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**Agenda**

- A. **Call to Order** – Kevin Bronson, Committee Chair
- B. **Executive Session** *NOTE: Committee may act on matters discussed in executive session upon returning to open session*
  - Review of the Executive Director's performance - *[Executive Session permissible under SC Law 30-4-70(a)(1), which states: Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body; however, if an adversary hearing involving the employee or client is held, the employee or client has the right to demand that the hearing be conducted publicly. Nothing contained in this item shall prevent the public body, in its discretion, from deleting the names of the other employees or clients whose records are submitted for use at the hearing.]*
- C. **Upcoming Meetings** *All meetings to be held in the OJRSA Lamar Bailes Board Room unless noted otherwise.*
  - Operations & Planning Committee – April 16, 2025 at 8:30 AM
  - Finance & Administration Committee – April 22, 2025 at 9:00 AM
  - Board of Commissioners – May 5, 2025 at 4:00 PM
  - Ad Hoc Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee – May 8, 2025 at 9:00 AM
- D. **Adjourn**







## OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY

### Finance & Administration Committee

April 22, 2025

The Finance & Administration Committee meeting was held at the Coneross Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Commissioners that were present:

- Seat 5 (Walhalla): Celia Myers, Chair
- Seat 2 (Seneca): Scott Moulder
- Seat 7 (Westminster): Scott Parris

Commissioners that were not present:

- Seat 4 (Seneca At-Large): Marty McKee

OJRSA appointments and staff present were:

- Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer to the Board and Office Manager
- Chris Eleazer, Executive Director

Others present were:

- None

**A) Call to Order** - Ms. Myers called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**B) Public Session** – None.

### C) Presentation and Discussion Items:

- 1. Update on Current Projects (Exhibit A)** – Mr. Eleazer stated he moved the completed projects to the end of the list as per Mr. Moulder's request at the last committee meeting. He said he may hide them for the next report.
- 2. Consider Options for Increasing Impact Fees, including a Phased Approach, as Discussed At April 7, 2025 Board Meeting** – Mr. Eleazer distributed a handout (*made a part of these minutes*) which shows a phased-in implementation for increasing impact fees in yearly steps up to a five (5)-year period.

Ms. Myers asked how many impact fees are paid in a year; Mr. Eleazer replied he did not know off the top of his head but could get that information. Ms. Myers asked what the projected revenue was; Mr. Eleazer said he did not have that information either. He added that in past years revenue came in higher than projected, but he projected \$1,000,000 this fiscal year, and at ten (10) months into the fiscal year, the OJRSA has only collected half of that.

Mr. Moulder asked what the anticipated capacity upgrade expenses will be over the next three (3) years. Mr. Eleazer replied there are several pump stations that will need to be replaced in the coming years, with two of three of them being large/regional stations. Each of these stations would be around \$4,000,000 to 5,000,000 in cost (replacing each station like-for-like is \$3,000,000-\$3,500,000 and another \$1,000,000-\$1,500,000 for upsizing for growth). Mr. Moulder asked what the reasonable timeframe is for upgrading all those stations. Mr. Eleazer said the general O&M money will pay for the bulk of the replacement on those projects, so assuming everything remains

cash only, the OJRSA will have to save up the money for it. At the current rate, one (1) pump station could probably be done every two (2) years.

Mr. Moulder asked about the plant. Mr. Eleazer said the first phase of that expansion project is anticipated to begin (design and permitting work) in four-to-five (4-5) years. That project would qualify entirely for the use of impact fees. Ms. Myers said, based on the Ad Hoc Committee, this shouldn't be an issue.

Mr. Parris asked if Mr. Eleazer still wanted to stick with the current 150 gallons per day (GPD) for residential instead of 300 gallons per day (GPD) that SCDES uses. Mr. Eleazer said yes, because it is easier to calculate that way; if it was switched, the result is still driven to be the same once the OJRSA gets to the 100% mark. Mr. Parris said he finds it odd that the users are not being charged for what SCDES charges, and he said he feels it should reflect what SCDES charges. Mr. Moulder agreed.

Mr. Parris said he knows the OJRSA is short-staffed, but it is part of doing business for the governing utilities to provide their data and calculations that the OJRSA can review and verify that it is correct. He added that he feels it would be better served in the long run to have that reflect the capacity that is allocated from the plant and so that both sides balance. There is going to be an upgrade in the future, and it's not going to be cheap, and it looks like the OJRSA is giving away 150 gallons for free. Mr. Parris added that although Mr. Eleazer said this would not be accurate flow but SCDES does not see it that way.

Mr. Eleazer said he understands Mr. Parris' stance, but the reason for doing it the current way is for ease of workload. Mr. Parris said the OJRSA should lean on the developers to provide the data and calculations. Mr. Moulder asked if the OJRSA is charging by meter size, does it matter what the allocation is? Mr. Eleazer replied it does for a permitted project. If there is current infrastructure, it doesn't go to SCDES; it only goes to SCDES for a line extension or a permitted industrial user, or a user that is over 50,000 GPD.

Mr. Eleazer said, between now and budget approval, he will put together a spreadsheet where a developer would have to fill it in, sign it/certify it, and provide it to the OJRSA.

Mr. Eleazer asked if the OJRSA moves to 300 GPD, what numbers per gallon will build to that 300 GPD? He added there will be a tremendous difference even if the OJRSA uses the current \$15.25 per gallon and asked what that number will be working toward. Ms. Myers said last month the committee said keep the number the same and just increase the capacity. Mr. Moulder said he understands that it will be difficult to apply equally across the board; if it was purely residential, it would be easier. He said it would be easier to put the burden on the developer to calculate. Mr. Moulder said it doesn't make sense to charge a certain capacity when SCDES is going to use a greater amount.

Mr. Parris said, as the OJRSA gets closer to the 80% number (presumably the amount of the treatment plant's rated capacity, at which time it will be necessary to consider expanding the facility), if a big user comes in that is sending a lot of flow, and they are above what the average flow for that meter size, it may encourage them to be more efficient and give the OJRSA a little more time before having to make these big investments for plant upgrades. Mr. Eleazer said domestic flow is based on the meter size; industrial process flow is charged at \$15.25 per gallon for the amount they are permitted for with the OJRSA and is not based on the meter size. Mr. Parris said that would make it easier, as the OJRSA would know what the process flow is; the domestic flow would be provided by the designer.

Mr. Eleazer said the commercial users are the most difficult of them all. He explained how SCDES bases flow on the number of customers for a shopping center; however, years ago, OJRSA didn't have that information and charged impact fees based on the square footage of the building instead, which was actually a policy adopted by the board. He said if the rates change, the OJRSA would have to continue this process in the future for grocery stores and retail stores.

The Director added when the property changes use (such as going from retail to a dental office to a restaurant), according to SCDES these are three (3) separate entities, and fees would have to be assessed all three (3) times. Then he asked if the restaurant went back to retail, would the building owner get a refund? Mr. Parris said they shouldn't.

Mr. Moulder said the OJRSA is approximately four (4) years away from significant expenses with the plant, so he is thinking the three (3)-year phase in approach is the best.

Mr. Eleazer said  $\$15.25 \times 300 \text{ GPD} = \$4,500$ , and he does not have a phase-in for that on his handout, because it was based on the current method of using the water meter size to determine the impact fee. Ms. Myers suggested Mr. Eleazer update his handout that uses the 300 GPD and the same percentage as year three (3) on his handout to see what it looks like. Mr. Eleazer asked if there would be a separate rate to fill in for the industrial users if it is kept at \$15.25 or a lesser amount?

The committee members agreed to raise the residential flow to 300 GPD but leave industrial at 150 GPD. Mr. Eleazer replied that it would only be for process water, as the others would be calculated differently according to SCDES flow guidelines.

Mr. Eleazer asked Mr. Parris if he could create a spreadsheet using the SCDES flow and send it to him to review and make comments or suggestions; Mr. Parris was fine with that.

- 3. Consider Rates for Fiscal Year 2028** – On the back side of the handout were options for user rate increases at six (6) different increments to get the OJRSA to the full rate needing to be charged as reported by Darryl Parker of Willdan Financial back in March. It also includes a breakdown of a base fee only increase, a volumetric only increase, and an increase to both. He asked the committee what they would support as to an increase in fees that can be incorporated into the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

Mr. Moulder suggested keeping the base where it is and only doing a volumetric only increase and for no more than 5%. Mr. Parris said he was willing to go up to 10%, because it wouldn't be much more at an additional \$2.70 per residential 5,000 gallons per month.

Ms. Myers asked if there needed to be a motion to bring something before the board for approval. Mr. Eleazer replied no; he just needs some general guidance to factor into the budget. Mr. Moulder restated he would go to 5%. Mr. Parris asked how close would the 5% get the OJRSA in three (3) years toward the big projects. Mr. Eleazer replied not far, as there is a lot of small stuff that is built into the O&M budget as well.

Mr. Eleazer said the current OJRSA base and volumetric rates were based on the equivalent of what was being collected in the pro rata share at that time of the change in rate structure. Mr. Moulder replied that the OJRSA rates may not have changed, but Seneca's customers have paid significantly more (\$1.9 million to over \$3 million in five (5) years), and he is not putting any more on them.

Ms. Myers summarized that Mr. Eleazer will redo the spreadsheet with the following information:

- The impact fee would be for the three (3)-year implementation period with the residential and process water raised to the 300 GPD flow as charged by SCDES.
- The user fees would be an increase to volumetric only with the 5% and 10% options. Ms. Myers suggested Mr. Eleazer possibly make an option for 7% but added she is leaning towards the 5% herself, as she feels there are going to be increases in other ways that will impact Walhalla's customers.

**D) Committee Action Items:**

- **Review March and Year-to-Date Financial Reports (Exhibit B)** – Mr. Eleazer stated these were emailed out by Ms. Stephens on April 15, 2025.

***Mr. Moulder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parris, to approve the March 2025 Financial Reports. The motion carried.***



**E) Action Items to Recommend to the Board for Consideration:**

- **Consider Posting Draft Editions of the Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes on the OJRSA Website Before Approval by the OJRSA Board** – The Director said this is a suggestion that OJRSA board member, Mr. David Dial, requested, as it has been taking a couple of months to post the minutes on the OJRSA website. He asked for consideration that the draft committee meeting minutes be made public. Ms. Myers asked if this is before the board approves them but after the Ad Hoc Committee approves them, or even before the Ad Hoc Committee approves them. Mr. Eleazer replied prior to the Ad Hoc Committee's approval. All committee members agreed that the minutes should be approved by the Ad Hoc Committee at a minimum before making them public. Ms. Myers added that the Ad Hoc Committee may want to make changes to the minutes (as they have done in the past) and need to be able to do so before the public sees them.

Mr. Eleazer asked if the board will need to vote on this. Mr. Moulder replied that the Ad Hoc Committee could approve that and suggested Mr. Eleazer have them approve making the minutes public prior to the board approval. The committee members all agreed on this.

**F) Executive Director's Discussion and Compliance Matters:**

- **Miscellaneous (If Any):**

NPDES Permit – The OJRSA finally received the draft copy of the permit late last week and is in the process of reviewing it.

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget – The draft budget will be provided to all the commissioners prior to the May board meeting. No vote on the budget will be taking place at the May meeting – just general discussion including giving those board members not on the F&A Committee to make comments and suggestions. The budget will be voted on at the June meeting.

Hazard Mitigation Grant – The three (3) City Administrators were provided with a draft letter today (Mr. Bronson's letter was provided to Mr. Parris to give to him) asking for a letter of support for a grant application that the OJRSA will apply to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for in order to raise manholes within the flood plain that cause the OJRSA to shut down the plant when those manholes flood.

Corrective Action Plan – OJRSA Regulatory Services Coordinator, Ms. Allison McCullough, returned to work today after some time away and will be resuming her review and providing feedback on the submittals she received in the past couple months.

Biannual Corrective Action Plan Report – This report is due to Ms. McCullough by April 30, 2025, and she provided a standard form to use.

Handout Update – Mr. Eleazer stated he will update his handout table and remove the 15% and over options but will add a 7.5% option.

July Board Meeting – The Director stated he is trying to avoid having a July 2025 board meeting, as he and his wife will be celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and they would like to do something.

**G) Committee Members' Discussion – None.**

**H) Upcoming Meetings:**

1. **Board of Commissioners** – Monday, May 5, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
2. **Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee** – Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
3. **Operations & Planning Committee** – Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.
4. **Finance & Administration Committee** – Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

**I) Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

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## Finance & Administration Committee Meeting

OJRSA Operations & Administration Building

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### Agenda

- A. Call to Order** – Celia Myers, Committee Chair
- B. Public Session** – Receive comments relating to topics on this agenda. Session is limited to a maximum of 30 minutes with no more than 5 minutes per speaker.
- C. Presentation and Discussion Items** *[May include vote and/or action on matters brought up for discussion]*
  - 1. Update on current projects (Exhibit A) – Chris Eleazer, Director
  - 2. Consider options for increasing impact fees, including a phased approach, as discussed at April 7, 2025 board meeting – Chris Eleazer, Director
  - 3. Consider rates for Fiscal Year 2026 – Chris Eleazer, Director
- D. Committee Action Items**
  - Review March and Year-to-Date Financial Reports (Exhibit B) – Chris Eleazer, Director and Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer and Office Manager
- E. Action Items to Recommend to the Board for Consideration**
  - Consider posting draft editions of the Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee meeting minutes on the OJRSA website before approval by the OJRSA board – Chris Eleazer, Director
- F. Executive Director's Discussion and Compliance Matters** – Chris Eleazer, Director
  - Miscellaneous *(if any)*
- G. Committee Members' Discussion** – Led by Celia Myers, 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.
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Row #	FY 2025 O&M Project <i>(Project # (if applicable); PM)</i> <u><b>CANNOT CARRY OVER TO NEXT FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT BUDGET APPROVAL</b></u>	Approx % Complete	Anticipated Completion	PO/Contract Amount (\$)	O&M PROJECT MILESTONES					Budget Remaining (\$)	GL Code <i>(XXXXX = get from Office Mgr)</i>
					Bids/RFQ/etc. Issue/Advertised	Req/Contract Signed	Started Work	Completed	Obligated/ Spent (\$)		
1	Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Biannual Compliance Report <i>(CE)</i>	0%	5/9/2025	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11/8/2024	0	0	N/A
2	GIS Update and Upgrade <i>(CE)</i>	100%	11/10/2024	32,000	N/A	7/30/2024	8/1/2024	12/18/2024	38,641	(6,641)	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430
3	For Feasibilty Study: Establish Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee <i>(CE)</i>	100%	11/13/2024	0	N/A	N/A	9/9/2024	11/4/2024	0	0	N/A
4	For Feasibilty Study: Legal counsel prepare new governance and consolidation evaluations <i>(CE)</i>	100%	12/6/2024	0	N/A	N/A	9/10/2024	11/26/2024	0	0	Admin Services 501-02420
5	For Feasibilty Study: Financial/Rate Cost of Service Study <i>(CE)</i>	100%	3/10/2025	29,800	N/A	N/A	10/21/2024	3/6/2025	25,330	4,470	Admin Services 501-02420
6	For Feasibilty Study: Ad Hoc Committee to Report to Board and County its Recommendations <i>(CE)</i>	0%	5/13/2025	0	N/A	N/A			0	0	N/A
7	ISS PS Generator Installation <i>(JG)</i>	0%	3/31/2025	TBD	On Hold	On Hold	On Hold	On Hold	0	0	Conv Sys R&M: PS 601-05090
8	Coneross Creek PS Pump Control Upgrade <i>(JG)</i>	0%	4/30/2025	47,353	N/A Prof Services	3/6/2025			47,353	0	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05030
9	Martin Creek PS Pump Restraint System <i>(JG)</i>	100%	3/31/2025	35,000	In-kind replacement	2/9/2024	7/30/2024	7/30/2024	32,017	2,983	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05100
10	Martin Creek Storage Aerator Motor Replacement <i>(JG)</i>	0%	4/25/2025	12,422 also need crane	N/A OEM Equip/Svc				0	0	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05100
11	Pelham Creek PS Manual Transfer Switch Installation <i>(JG)</i>	100%	4/30/2025	24,134	9/11/2024	11/6/2024	3/25/2025	3/26/2025	24,134	0	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05120
12	<del>Perkins Creek PS Wet Well Cleanout <i>(KL, MD)</i></del>	<del>0%</del>	<del>12/15/2024</del>	<del>N/A</del>	<del>N/A</del>	<del>N/A</del>	<del>N/A</del>	<del>N/A</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>Con Sys R&amp;M: PS 601-05130</del>
13	Richland Flow Meter Station Electrical Rewiring <i>(JG)</i>	0%	4/30/2025	13,000	9/4/2024	11/13/2024			0	13,000	Con Sys R&M: FMS 601-04030
14	Paint Flow Meter Stations <i>(JG)</i>	100%	5/30/2025	3,800	2/17/2025	4/16/2025	4/14/2025	4/15/2025	0	3,800	Con Sys Bldgs & Grnds 601-02550
15	Martin Creek PS/FM H2S Control <u>ENGINEERING AND PERMITTING</u> <i>(KL)</i>	0%	FY 2026	For FY 2026	For FY 2026	For FY 2026	For FY 2026	For FY 2026	0	0	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05100
16	Southern Oconee Sewer PS/FM H2S Control <u>STUDY</u> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	100%	1/31/2025	22,500	N/A	10/31/2024	11/4/2024	4/2/2025	22,500	0	Retail O&M: Prof Svcs 1301-02430
17	Martin Creek PS Basin and Southern Westminster Trunk Sewer CCTV/Clean <i>(KL, CE)</i>	100%	12/20/2024	264,202	6/6/2024	8/6/2024	8/6/2024	9/19/2024	237,926	26,276	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430
18	Seneca Creek FM Replacement Constr Administration/Inspect <i>(#2023-05; CE, KL)</i>	33%	TBD	140,000	N/A	4/29/2024	2/3/2025		4,000	136,000	O&M CIP: Con Sys 1401-06071
19	WRF Replace Disinfection System Lightning Mixer <i>(JM)</i>	100%	5/30/2025	49,381	12/4/2024	12/4/2024	2/27/2025	2/27/2025	49,381	0	WRF R&M 701-03000
20	WRF Util Water Pump (1 unit only)/Valve, Flow Eq Flow Control, RAS/WAS Pump/Mag Meter/Valve Install <i>(JM)</i>	5%	5/30/2025	362,100	RFB #2025-05 11/1/2024	1/8/2025	1/8/2025		0	362,100	WRF R&M 701-03000
21	WRF Waterproofing Admin Building Roof/Walls and Chloring Building Roof <i>(KL)</i>	75%	6/1/2025	125,145	RFB #2025-07 11/18/2024	1/9/2025	3/5/2025		47,793	77,353	Admin Contingency 501-02440

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22	WRF Paving Around Biosolids Storage Pad and Solids Processing Building (KL)	0%	5/30/2025	31,500	12/6/2024				0	31,500	WRF Bldgs & Grnds 701-02550
23	WRF Tank & Wet Well Clanouts (Primary Splitter Box and Digester #1) (JM)	100%	2/28/2025	45,680	RFB #2025-04 10/24/2024	12/16/2024	2/17/2025	3/8/2025	45,680	0	WRF R&M 701-03000
24	WRF Replace/Paint Walkway Handrails (continued from FY 2024) (JM)	100%	11/30/2024	N/A	N/A	N/A	As time allows	As time allows	N/A	N/A	WRF R&M 701-03000
25	WRF Digesters/Solids Handling Tanks Grinder Rebuild (JG)	100%	10/31/2024	17,000	8/26/2024	8/26/2024	9/30/2024	10/4/2024	16,999	1	WRF R&M 701-03000
26	WRF Biological Reactor Basin Oxic Zone Gearbox Replacement (JM)	100%	5/30/2025	46,848	12/4/2024	12/4/2024	1/6/2025	1/28/2025	46,848	0	WRF R&M 701-03000
27	EMERGENCY Hurricane Helene Debris Removal (KL, MM)	100%	2/28/2025	262,500	Emergnecy Procurement	1/13/2025	1/13/2025	1/24/2025	54,350	208,150	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430
28	EMERGENCY Hurricane Helene Debris & FEMA Management (KL, MM)	75%	6/30/2025	99,000	Emer 10/18/2024 RFP 12/30/2024	Emer 10/18/2024 RFP 1/23/2025	Emer 10/18/2024 RFP 1/23/2025		0	99,000	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430
29	Operating Agreement (Draft) for Oconee County/OJRSA I-85 Sewer O&M (CE)	0%	5/31/2025	TBD	N/A	N/A	2/3/2025		0	0	
30	Evaluation of CCTV/Smoketesting of Line Segments from MH29 to WRF (KL)	0%	TBD	TBD					0	0	
31									0	0	
TOTAL AWARDED				1,650,942	TOTAL FUNDS OBLIGATED/ACTUAL TO DATE:				692,950	957,992	TOTAL AWARDED BUDGET REMAINING

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1	<b>Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Biannual Compliance Report (CE)</b>	OJRSA Chris Eleazer	<b>DUE TO SCDES EVERY SIX MONTHS.</b> Reports submitted: 11/14/2021, 5/9/2022, 11/10/2022, 5/9/2023, 11/9/2023, 5/10/2024, 11/8/2024. <b>Next report due 5/10/2025.</b>
2	<b>GIS Update and Upgrade (CE)</b>	Weston & Sampson Danny Gant	Project to begin updating OJRSA, Satellite Sewer System, and other User assets and information for asset management and compliance purposes. 9/18: Met with D Gant to review easement progress. 11/22: Progress meeting with D Gant. 2/17: Training today.
3	<b>For Feasibilty Study: Establish Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee (CE)</b>	OJRSA Chris Eleazer	10/7: Discussed at board meeting. Will consider committee at next meeting. 11/4: List approved by Board. <b>COMPLETE. Update sent to Bonnie Ammons and Sophia Mazza with RIA on 11/13.</b> First meeting to be held 12/2.
4	<b>For Feasibilty Study: Legal counsel prepare new governance and consolidation evaluations (CE)</b>	OJRSA Chris Eleazer	11/26: Received from Pope Flynn. <b>COMPLETE. Shared memo with ad hoc committee at 12/2 meeting. Update sent to Bonnie Ammons and Sophia Mazza with RIA on 12/9.</b>
5	<b>For Feasibilty Study: Financial/Rate Cost of Service Study (CE)</b>	Willdan Daryll Parker	1/24/2025: To be presented to board on 3/6. 3/6: Presented to board. <b>COMPLETE. Update sent to Bonnie Ammons and Sophia Mazza with RIA on 3/11. Will also update ad hoc committee at 3/13 meeting.</b>
6	<b>For Feasibilty Study: Ad Hoc Committee to Report to Board and County its Recommendations (CE)</b>	Ad Hoc Comm Comm Chair	
7	<b>ISS PS Generator Installation (JG)</b>	OJRSA OJRSA Maint	12/2: We're considering making it a portable generator. KL to speak with A Maddox to find out how to make this happen. 3/18/2025: No longer planning on making it portable and will now put it at ISS PS. 4/1: On hold with Justin Gillespie's departure.
8	<b>Coneross Creek PS Pump Control Upgrade (JG)</b>	Border States Stuart Reynolds	9/17: Expect quote later today. 10/8: Border States came out to look at site. 11/5: Still waiting for update. 12/11: Waiting on revised quote. 2/4/2025: Waiting on new Maint Super to start. 3/18: Waiting on Border States to do site visit before set-up.
9	<b>Martin Creek PS Pump Restraint System (JG)</b>	TBD	Ordered during FY 2024 but did not receive until FY 2025. 7/15/2024: Ordered as in-kind unit with new pump head assembly. 7/30: <b>COMPLETE</b>
10	<b>Martin Creek Storage Aerator Motor Replacement (JG)</b>	OJRSA OJRSA Maint	12/11: Ordered. Expected to arrive in January. \$11,243 for motor, need to rent crane. 1/7/2025: Motor to be delivered tomorrow. Likely need to contract out install. 2/4: Delivery will now be April. Total cost \$12,422. 4/1: Still waiting on delivery.
11	<b>Pelham Creek PS Manual Transfer Switch Installation (JG)</b>	Mason Electric TBD	11/4. Approved low bid for equipment and installation. 12/11: Ordered. We purchased ATS for WW Williams (5,664). Mason will do install (\$18,470). 2/4/2025: KL will call to make sure they have us on schedule. 2/17: Scheduled 3/25. 4/1: <b>COMPLETE.</b>
12	<del><b>Perkins Creek PS Wet Well Cleanout (KL, MD)</b></del>	<del>TBD</del>	<del>8/6: Will need to bid. Will do with splitter box and digeter #1. 9/3: KL nearly complete with RFB. 9/17: After further evaluation, do not need to perform and money will be better spent on Coneross PS. <b>REMOVED.</b></del>
13	<b>Richland Flow Meter Station Electrical Rewiring (JG)</b>	Davis Power TBD	2/4/2025: KL will call to make sure they have us on schedule. 2/17: Scheduled 3/31. 4/1: Waiting on power panel, think it will be done end of April.
14	<b>Paint Flow Meter Stations (JG)</b>	Chavez Painting	9/3: Waiting on quotes. 9/17: Need 2 more quotes. 11/5: Still waiting on quotes. 12/11: Met with painters for stations. 2/5/2025: Received low bid. Will schedule soon. 2/17: Received quotes. Will award - \$3,800. 3/18: Scheduled 4/18. 4/15: <b>COMPLETE.</b>
15	<b>Martin Creek PS/FM H2S Control <u>ENGINEERING AND PERMITTING</u> (KL)</b>	Garver Will Nading	9/3: KL to reach out to Garver for next steps. 9/17: Need to determine permanent fix to this and where it goes in overall OJRSA priority list. 10/10: Spoke with W Nading and he is putting together scope. 11/4: OJRSA will need to publicly solicit work (est. \$140,000)
16	<b>Southern Oconee Sewer PS/FM H2S Control <u>STUDY</u> (CE, KL)</b>	Garver Will Nading	<b>Project #2025-06</b> 3/3: Sent message asking for update. 3/18: Haven't received update, called Nading and scheduled visit for next week. 3/27: Met with Nading, he will finalize report very soon. 4/2: <b>COMPLETE.</b> 4/9: Sent to A Brock.
17	<b>Martin Creek PS Basin and Southern Westminster Trunk Sewer CCTV/Clean (KL, CE)</b>	Secure Sewer & Svc Michael Bevelle	10/1: All contracted work is complete. OJRSA staff have to finish inspecting manholes and smoketest. 12/5: Finished additional work. 1/17: Smoke testing complete by OJRSA. <b>COMPLETE.</b>
18	<b>Seneca Creek FM Replacement Constr Administration/Inspect (#2023-05; CE, KL)</b>	GMC Daniel Mosher	<b>Reimbursible by Fountain Residential Properties LLC per agreement.</b> 1/17/2025: Preconstruction meeting scheduled for 1/29. 2/3: Contractor began mobilization. 3/25: Railroad bore to occur in next 2-4 weeks.
19	<b>WRF Replace Disinfection System Lightning Mixer (JM)</b>	OJRSA OJRSA Maint	10/14: Receive updated quote but it did not include upper bearing cost. 12/11: Ordered and expect to receive in February. \$44,432. Still need motor, which is easy to get. 2/4: Delivery date at end of February. 2/27: <b>COMPLETE.</b>
20	<b>WRF Util Water Pump (1 unit only)/Valve, Flow Eq Flow Control, RAS/WAS Pump/Mag Meter/Valve Install (JM)</b>	Cove Utility Jeff Caffrey	1/8/2025: Board approved earlier in week, executed agreement. 1/10: Longer lead items have been ordered by Cove. 2/17: Cove verified items at site. Everything has now been ordered. 3/18: Waiting on equipment to arrive. 4/1: KL reviewing submittals.
21	<b>WRF Waterproofing Admin Building Roof/Walls and Chloring Building Roof (KL)</b>	CE Bourne Kenneth Fennell	<b>To be funded with O&amp;M Contingency \$110,145 plus owner contingency of NTE\$15,000.</b> 2/13: Pre-con meeting held. Items are now on order. 3/5: Started work on chlorine building. Once finished, will work on admin bldg. 3/10: Began work on admin bldg.

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22	WRF Paving Around Biosolids Storage Pad and Solids Processing Building (KL)	TMS Asphalt TBD	9/17: May need this money for dewatering project concrete. 10/14: KL cannot get anyone to return calls or come see site. Will need to begin again. 12/11: Have 3 quotes, will award soon. 2/4/2025: Have awarded. 2/17: Work to be done in March or April.
23	WRF Tank & Wet Well Clanouts (Primary Splitter Box and Digester #1) (JM)	Greenstone Const TBD	2/17/2025: Started work on Digester 1. 3/8: <b>COMPLETE</b> . 3/25: Processed Change Order #1 for additional \$5,000 for additional work to complete task. Still came in below budgeted amount.
24	WRF Replace/Paint Walkway Handrails (continued from FY 2024) (JM)	TBD	8/6: Purchased more paint. 10/14: Front end of plant complete. Now painting some items on back end of plant.
25	WRF Digesters/Solids Handling Tanks Grinder Rebuild (JG)	TBD	8/6: Getting updated quotes. 9/3: Has been ordered. 9/17: Rebuild kit arrived last week. 10/4: <b>COMPLETE</b> .
26	WRF Biological Reactor Basin Oxic Zone Gearbox Replacement (JM)	OJRSA OJRSA Maint	9/17: Need updated quote for this and WRF Disinfection System Lightning Mixer. 10/14: KL to review. 12/11: Ordered. \$42,187. Still need motor, which is easy to get. 1/28/2025: <b>COMPLETE</b> .
27	<b>EMERGENCY</b> Hurricane Helene Debris Removal (KL, MM)	Strick's Forestry Donald Strickland	<b>Contract not to exceed \$262,500.</b> Grinding/removing debris from OJRSA easements. 1/24/2025: <b>COMPLETE</b> .
28	<b>EMERGENCY</b> Hurricane Helene Debris & FEMA Management (KL, MM)	ICF Incorporated Larry Hughes	Have multi-term contract with ICF Incorporated LLC (1/23/2025 through 1/23/2028 with possibility for extension Contract NTE \$99K/FY. 2/12/2025: Cat A debris removal documentation presented to FEMA. 3/18: FEMA did site visit. 4/1: Met with FEMA, SCEMD for update.
29	Operating Agreement (Draft) for Oconee County/OJRSA I-85 Sewer O&M (CE)	Bryan Kelley & Michael Traynham	
30	Evaluation of CCTV/Smoketesting of Line Segments from MH29 to WRF (KL)	TBD	
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								Bids/RFQ/etc. Issue/Advertised	PO/Contract Signed	Started Work	Completed	Obligated/ Spent Curr + Prev Years (\$)			
A	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2022 <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> (CE, KL)	2024-02	100%	4/30/2024	351,291	0	351,291	7/28/2023	10/17/2023	12/4/2023	7/15/2024	316,577	34,714	PROJ & CONT 1501-09008	Tugaloo Pipeline Ed Hare
B	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 <u>ENGINEERING</u> <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> (CE, KL)	2024-08	75%	9/29/2025	398,000	0	398,000	N/A	9/15/2023	10/3/2023		204,585	193,415	PROJ & CONT 1501-09009	WK Dickson Priya Verravalli
C	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <b>SCIIP GRANT</b> (CE, KL)		5%	9/29/2025	0	4,076,461	4,076,461	8/14/2024	11/20/2024	1/27/2025		35,325	4,041,136	PROJ & CONT 1501-09009	Frank Brinkley Bio-Nomic Services
D	Dewatering Equipment Replacement <u>ENGINEERING</u> <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> (KL)	2024-06	75%	PHASE II 6/30/2026	440,300	0	440,300	9/15/2023	12/19/2023	1/11/2024		283,100	157,200	PROJ & CONT 1501-09011	KCI Technologies Tom Vollmar
E	Dewatering Equipment Replacement <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <b>SCIIP GRANT</b> (KL)		5%	PHASE II 6/30/2026	0	4,201,858	30,000	3/22/2024	7/30/2024	7/26/2024		0	30,000	PROJ & CONT 1501-09011	Harper GC Justin Jones
F	Exit 4/Oconee Manufacturing Park ("Sewer South Phase III") PS/Sewer <u>ENGINEERING</u> (CE)	TBD	99%	11/1/2024	0	0	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ	Sometime in 2022		0	0	TBD	Thomas & Hutton Lee Brackett
G	Flat Rock PS Replacement <u>ENGINEERING/CONST SVCS</u> <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> (CE)	2022-03	100%	10/23/2024	177,800	0	177,800	2/14/2022	7/5/2055	7/1/2022	10/10/2024	151,548	26,252	PROJ & CONT 1501-09005	KCI Technologies Tom Vollmar
H	Flat Rock PS Replacement <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <b>SCIIP GRANT</b> (CE)	2024-03	100%	9/30/2024	0	1,321,656	1,321,656	6/7/2023	8/29/2023	3/25/2024	8/27/2024	1,321,656	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-09005	Cove Utilities Jeff Caffery
I	Oconee County & Western Andeson County Sewer Master Plan (CE)	2022-01	100%	6/3/2024	217,800	100,000	317,800	N/A	8/9/2023	9/12/2023	7/1/2024	317,476	324	PROJ & CONT 1501-09007	Weston & Sampson Kip Gearhart
J	Regional Sewer Feasibility Study <b>RIA GRANT</b> (CE)	2024-01	100%	11/29/2024	0	100,000	100,000	5/26/2023	10/10/2023	11/8/2023	9/9/2024	100,000	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-09010	WK Dickson Angie Mettlen
K	I-85 Corridor Phase II <u>ENG/INSPECT SVCS</u> <b>COUNTY FUNDED</b> (CE)	2019-XX	99%	10/31/2024	0	480,850	480,850	Inherited from Oconee Co	5/4/2023	5/4/2023		394,126	86,724	SSF: CIP 1401-06050	Davis & Floyd John Reynolds
L	I-85 Corridor Phase II <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <b>EDA/RIA/COUNTY FUNDED</b> (CE)	2023-06	100%	10/31/2024	0	12,311,447	11,687,329	9/27/2022	3/23/2023	6/1/2023	2/4/2025	11,687,329	(0)	SSF: CIP 1401-06050	Kevin Moorhead Moorhead Construct
M	Martin Creek PS Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review (KL, CE)	2025-03	90%	3/31/2025	96,000	0	96,000	Consent Order Prof Svcs	9/30/2024			24,488	71,512	PROJ & CONT 1501-09012	Priya Verravalli WK Dickson
N	Southern Westminster Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review (KL, CE)	2025-03	90%	3/31/2025	76,000	0	76,000	Consent Order Prof Svcs	9/30/2024			23,790	52,210	PROJ & CONT 1501-09012	Priya Verravalli WK Dickson
O	Martin Crk PS Basin Flow Study and Compare to Perkins Crk PS Basin to Quantify I/I (CE)	2025-03	10%	3/31/2025	45,000	0	45,000	Consent Order Prof Svcs	9/30/2024			9,815	35,185	PROJ & CONT 1501-09013	Priya Verravalli WK Dickson
P	Speeds Creek PS Force Main Replacement <u>ENGINEERING</u> (CE, KL)	TBD	0%	TBD								0	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-TBD	TBD
Q	Speeds Creek PS Force Main Replacement <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> (CE, KL)		0%	TBD									0	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-TBD
R	I-85 Corridor Phase II Streambank Stabilization & Welcome Center Waterline (CE)	2019-XX	0%	TBD	0	78,650	78,650	Contract Amend #3	2/20/2025			0	78,650	SSF: CIP 1401-06050	Davis & Floyd John Reynolds
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					1,802,191	22,670,922	19,677,137	TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS OBLIGATED/ACTUAL TO DATE:				14,869,815	4,807,321	TOTAL AWARDED BUDGET REMAINING	

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A	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2022 <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	Carryover from FY 2023 <i>OJRSA CONG: \$40,000</i> . 5/20: <b>COMPLETE</b> . Used \$6,785.98 of budgeted/approved Owner Contingency for additional concrete work on final repair.
B	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 <u>ENGINEERING</u> <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	<b>PO/Contract Amount includes \$700,000 owner contingency</b> 1/21/2025: Bio-Nomic was scheduled to start this week but delayed one week due to incoming winter weather. 1/27: Began CCTV work. 3/5: Pre-CCTV work is complete and in process of review. 3/11: Engineer says project is behind schedule. 3/18: \$0 change order processed to allow for schedule modification 4/7: Pay App #1 processed.
C	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <b>SCIIP GRANT</b> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	
D	Dewatering Equipment Replacement <u>ENGINEERING</u> <b>SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(KL)</i>	1/6/2025: Received 90% plans, Jackson Electric visited site to assess. 1/22: Received SCDES construction permit application payment request of \$550. 2/4: Board approved contracts. Signed, submitted stormwater permit application. 3/10: Received feedback from SCRIA on contract. KCI will need to oversee a few items and respond. 3/28: Received final contract as approved by RIA for signature. Barbian asked Harper to sign then forward for OJRSA signature.
E	Dewatering Equipment Replacement <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <b>SCIIP GRANT</b> <i>(KL)</i>	
F	Exit 4/Oconee Manufacturing Park ("Sewer South Phase III") PS/Sewer <u>ENGINEERING</u> <i>(CE)</i>	2/19: G Hart mentioned that he found that A Brock had submitted it and they haven't heard anything from SCDES yet. 3/18: Issued revised Conditional Acceptance letter to A Brock for her to send to T&H if she agreed with conditions.
G	Flat Rock PS Replacement <u>ENGINEERING/CONST</u> <b>SVCS SCIIP MATCH</b> <i>(CE)</i>	9/3: Rain over weekend caused washing. Contractor to better stabilize area. 9/17: Cove/KCI have identified some solutions for stabilization. 9/18: Received SCDES Permit to Operate. Need record drawings, electronic files, site stabilization completion, etc. 10/10: Received final engineering invoice.
H	Flat Rock PS Replacement <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <b>SCIIP GRANT</b> <i>(CE)</i>	10/14: Received GIS information. <b>COMPLETE. Retained approx. \$26,252 for PM and inspection funds not used, making OJRSA funding amount \$151,548.</b>
I	Oconee County & Western Andeson County Sewer Master Plan <i>(CE)</i>	To continue under #2022-01 (Fair Play and Townville Area Sewer Basin Plan). 6/26: Provided W&S comments on draft. Have received 1/2 of "grant" for study. 7/1: Presentated to Board and report finalized and put on website. 8/5: Board adopted. <b>COMPLETE</b> .
J	Regional Sewer Feasibility Study <b>RIA GRANT</b> <i>(CE)</i>	8/5: Presented to Board as draft. Needs to be finalized. Will be considered 9/9. 9/9: Board approved. Next phase is implementation. This will be tracked in FY2025 O&M Projects. <b>COMPLETE</b> . 10/31: Received RIA Grant Close Out Letter.
K	I-85 Corridor Phase II <u>ENG/INSPECT SVCS</u> <b>COUNTY FUNDED</b> <i>(CE)</i>	2/5: Still need GIS from D&F. 2/5: Received message from A Brock saying county approved Amendment #3 contract for streambank stabilization and water line. She will sign. Amount-\$78,650. 2/6: Received update letter from Justin Brooks w/ Moorhead. 2/26: Received SCRIA Final Closeout letter.
L	I-85 Corridor Phase II <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <b>EDA/RIA/COUNTY FUNDED</b> <i>(CE)</i>	3/5: Signed , submitted Stormwater Notice of Termination 3/24: Signed/sent EDA Federal Financial Report to ACOG. SCDES NPDES Permit Notice of Termination docs sent to Columbia.
M	Martin Creek PS Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review <i>(KL, CE)</i>	1/2/2025: KL to see if it is complete or if they still need smoke test info. Need to now look at flow study analysis. 1/9: Received prelim report from WKD. Will review and provide comments. 1/27: Provided comments to Priya.
N	Southern Westminster Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review <i>(KL, CE)</i>	1/2/2025: Engineer now has all CCTV data. They still need smoke testing. 1/27: Provided smoke test data to engineer. 3/11: Prefinal report expected for comments by end of week. 3/18: Received draft report for review. 3/27: CE provided feedback to WKD.
O	Martin Crk PS Basin Flow Study and Compare to Perkins Crk PS Basin to Quantify I/I <i>(CE)</i>	12/12: Rainfall event on 12/10 considered first qualifying event. WKD continuing to monitor flow meters. 12/27: Second qualifying rain event. 2/12/2025: This is possibly the 3rd qualifying event. WKD is assessing data.
P	Speeds Creek PS Force Main Replacement <u>ENGINEERING</u> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	<b>CONSENT ORDER ITEM</b> 7/15/2024: As identified in the 20 Year Master Plan, this force main should be replaced with similar sized pipe. 2/3/2025: Mentioned during board meeting that we had another break on line and it was mentioned that OJRSA will have to begin design during next fiscal year. B Faires asked to have this added as an agenda item for O&P Comm meeting.
Q	Speeds Creek PS Force Main Replacement <u>CONSTRUCTION</u> <i>(CE, KL)</i>	
R	I-85 Corridor Phase II Streambank Stabilization & Welcome Center Waterline <i>(CE)</i>	2/10/2025: Received signed agreement from A Brock, CE executed agreement and sent to D&F. 2/10: Roger Sears responded to R Love's email saying water line will need to be handled through encroachment process.
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## 00401 REVENUE

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Accounts	Budget Appropriation	Supplemental Appropriation	Adjusted Budget	Current Pd Revenue	Curr Pct	Year To Date Revenue	YTD Pct	Budget Balance
010 OJRSA FUND								
004 REVENUE								
00401 REVENUE								
01770 CONNECTION FEES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$3,552.20	0	(\$3,552.20)
01790 UNRESTRICTED INTEREST	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$7,165.65	29	\$106,441.10	426	(\$81,441.10)
01820 GRANTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$1,305,492.29	0	(\$1,305,492.29)
01830 HAULED WASTE SVCS	\$213,308.00	\$0.00	\$213,308.00	\$17,875.00	8	\$157,237.30	74	\$56,070.70
01840 OTHER REVENUE	\$158,622.00	\$0.00	\$158,622.00	\$937.50	1	\$16,798.60	11	\$141,823.40
01880 CAPACITY FEES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	(\$3,400.00)	0	\$3,400.00
01910 USER FEES	\$5,717,028.00	\$0.00	\$5,717,028.00	\$510,482.48	9	\$4,581,447.30	80	\$1,135,580.70
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$6,113,958.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$6,113,958.00</b>	<b>\$536,460.63</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>\$6,167,568.79</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>(\$53,610.79)</b>
00801 PRETREATMENT								
01850 INDUSTRIES	\$174,852.00	\$0.00	\$174,852.00	\$4,282.87	2	\$134,777.93	77	\$40,074.07
<b>Total Pretreatment</b>	<b>\$174,852.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$174,852.00</b>	<b>\$4,282.87</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$134,777.93</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>\$40,074.07</b>
01001 RETAIL IMPACT FEE FUND								
01880 CAPACITY FEES	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0	\$3,400.00	68	\$1,600.00
<b>Total Retail Impact Fee Fund</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$3,400.00</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>\$1,600.00</b>
01101 WHOLESALE IMPACT FEE FUND								
01780 RESTRICTED INTEREST	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$17,521.51	18	\$177,856.36	178	(\$77,856.36)
01880 CAPACITY FEES	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$10,200.00	1	\$465,200.00	47	\$534,800.00
01930 UNUSED CAPACITY FEES	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	\$275.18	0	\$93,615.17	62	\$56,384.83
<b>Total Wholesale Impact Fee Fund</b>	<b>\$1,250,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,250,000.00</b>	<b>\$27,996.69</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$736,671.53</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>\$513,328.47</b>
01201 CONTRACT OPERATIONS								
01900 INTERGOV. REIMBURSEMENT	\$44,072.00	\$0.00	\$44,072.00	\$0.00	0	\$37,837.15	86	\$6,234.85
<b>Total Contract Operations</b>	<b>\$44,072.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$44,072.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$37,837.15</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>\$6,234.85</b>
01301 RETAIL SERVICES								
01780 RESTRICTED INTEREST	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$11,915.05	0	(\$11,915.05)
01821 GRANTS - SEWER SOUTH	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$2,411,022.50	0	(\$2,411,022.50)
01880 CAPACITY FEES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
01900 INTERGOV. REIMBURSEMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$689,091.17	0	\$779,001.99	0	(\$779,001.99)
<b>Total Retail Services</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$689,091.17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$3,201,939.54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(\$3,201,939.54)</b>
<b>Total REVENUE</b>	<b>\$7,587,882.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$7,587,882.00</b>	<b>\$1,257,831.36</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$10,282,194.94</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>(\$2,694,312.94)</b>
<b>Total OJRSA FUND</b>	<b>\$7,587,882.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$7,587,882.00</b>	<b>\$1,257,831.36</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$10,282,194.94</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>(\$2,694,312.94)</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$7,587,882.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$7,587,882.00</b>	<b>\$1,257,831.36</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$10,282,194.94</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>(\$2,694,312.94)</b>

## 010 OJRSA FUND

## 005 EXPENSES

## 00501 ADMINISTRATION

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010 OJRSA FUND									
005 EXPENSES									
00501 ADMINISTRATION									
01140 100% DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	\$1,222,487.00	\$0.00	\$101,873.92	8	\$916,865.28	75	\$0.00	\$305,621.72	25
01300 PAYROLL: SALARIES	\$1,154,105.00	\$0.00	\$80,841.25	7	\$844,787.46	73	\$0.00	\$309,317.54	27
01310 OVERTIME	\$41,194.00	\$0.00	\$1,557.35	4	\$26,291.71	64	\$0.00	\$14,902.29	36
01350 PAYROLL: FICA/MEDICARE WH	\$97,367.00	\$0.00	\$6,655.90	7	\$69,455.71	71	\$0.00	\$27,911.29	29
01380 PAYROLL: RETIREMENT	\$221,848.00	\$0.00	\$14,890.56	7	\$159,119.64	72	\$0.00	\$62,728.36	28
02200 COMMISSIONER EXPENSES	\$13,680.00	\$0.00	\$480.00	4	\$8,400.00	61	\$0.00	\$5,280.00	39
02220 GROUP INSURANCE	\$215,280.00	\$0.00	\$346.58	0	\$158,779.96	74	\$0.00	\$56,500.04	26
02240 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	\$20,791.00	\$0.00	\$4,575.00	22	\$15,497.00	75	\$0.00	\$5,294.00	25
02250 INSURANCE-PROPERTY/GENERAL	\$81,363.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$81,521.73	100	\$0.00	(\$158.73)	0
02260 EMPLOYEE WELLNESS	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$6,489.15	250	\$0.00	(\$3,889.15)	(150)
02270 UNIFORMS	\$31,475.00	\$0.00	\$1,324.92	4	\$14,712.33	47	\$0.00	\$16,762.67	53
02280 TRAVEL & POV MILEAGE	\$8,650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$210.00	2	\$0.00	\$8,440.00	98
02290 AGENCY MEMBERSHIPS	\$11,715.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$3,850.00	33	\$0.00	\$7,865.00	67
02300 LICENSES/CERTIFS/MEMBERSHIPS	\$4,563.00	\$0.00	\$116.00	3	\$2,259.00	50	\$1,550.00	\$754.00	17
02310 SEMINARS/WKSHOPS & TRAINING	\$42,020.00	\$0.00	\$2,202.94	5	\$16,734.04	40	\$0.00	\$25,285.96	60
02320 EVENTS & MEETING EXPENSES	\$4,300.00	\$0.00	\$143.57	3	\$3,050.90	71	\$0.00	\$1,249.10	29
02340 PUBLIC RELATIONS & ADVERTISING	\$16,250.00	\$0.00	\$1,928.00	12	\$8,367.42	51	\$0.00	\$7,882.58	49
02360 MAILING/SHIPPING	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$9.68	1	\$347.60	46	\$0.00	\$402.40	54
02370 SAFETY EQUIPMENT	\$33,050.00	\$0.00	\$12,318.25	37	\$41,331.29	125	\$0.00	(\$8,281.29)	(25)
02380 OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$79,822.00	\$0.00	\$7,352.37	9	\$33,994.34	43	\$0.00	\$45,827.66	57
02410 TECHNOLOGY: PHONES/INTERNET/TV	\$14,436.00	\$0.00	\$721.13	5	\$11,265.60	78	\$0.00	\$3,170.40	22
02420 ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	\$237,823.00	\$0.00	\$36,865.32	16	\$271,272.56	114	\$0.00	(\$33,449.56)	(14)
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
02440 O&M CONTINGENCY	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$45,117.50	30	\$49,971.26	33	(\$412.50)	\$100,441.24	67
02520 FUEL: VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	\$37,250.00	\$0.00	\$2,293.81	6	\$20,382.71	55	\$0.00	\$16,867.29	45
02530 R&M: VEHICLES/TRAILERS/EQUIP	\$38,500.00	\$0.00	\$825.80	2	\$40,397.82	105	\$40.25	(\$1,938.07)	(5)
02560 FEES & PENALTIES	\$4,487.00	\$0.00	\$118.41	3	\$3,869.23	86	\$0.00	\$617.77	14
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$3,785,806.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$322,558.26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>\$2,809,223.74</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>\$1,177.75</b>	<b>\$975,404.51</b>	<b>26</b>
00601 CONVEYANCE SYSTEM									
02400 SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$726.16	5	\$11,924.78	79	\$445.24	\$2,629.98	18
02401 MAINTENANCE TOOLS & SUPPLIES	\$13,000.00	\$0.00	\$568.40	4	\$9,865.25	76	\$59.47	\$3,075.28	24
02411 TECHNOLOGY: SCADA	\$22,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$15,269.20	69	\$0.00	\$6,830.80	31
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$476,110.00	\$0.00	\$4,900.00	1	\$370,052.69	78	\$0.00	\$106,057.31	22
02450 CHEMICALS: SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE	\$35,834.00	\$0.00	\$1,715.08	5	\$18,441.88	51	\$0.00	\$17,392.12	49
02455 CHEMICALS: HERBICIDE/PESTICIDE	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$360.29	24	\$0.00	\$1,139.71	76
02490 ELECTRICITY	\$266,700.00	\$0.00	\$25,804.25	10	\$188,859.85	71	\$0.00	\$77,840.15	29
02500 WATER	\$8,950.00	\$0.00	\$1,054.83	12	\$8,703.59	97	\$0.00	\$246.41	3
02521 FUEL: GENERATORS	\$6,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$5,843.20	86	\$0.00	\$956.80	14
02540 EQUIPMENT RENTALS	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,143.90	10	\$3,858.63	32	\$0.00	\$8,141.37	68
02550 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$1,292.94	24	\$0.00	\$4,207.06	76



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**00601 CONVEYANCE SYSTEM**

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02590 ROLLING STOCK & EQUIPMENT	\$275,080.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$272,529.86	99	\$0.00	\$2,550.14	1
04000 FLOW MONITOR STAS	\$16,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$16,500.00	100
04010 FLOW MONITOR STAS: COL'S FORK	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$13.03	0	\$0.00	(\$13.03)	0
05000 PUMP STATIONS	\$228,450.00	\$0.00	\$29.36	0	\$11,697.03	5	\$694.30	\$216,058.67	95
05010 PUMP STATIONS: CANE PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$2,273.71	0	\$0.00	(\$2,273.71)	0
05020 PUMP STATIONS: CHOESTOE A PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$10,465.84	0	\$0.00	(\$10,465.84)	0
05030 PUMP STATIONS: CONEROSS PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$52.96	0	\$0.00	(\$52.96)	0
05040 PUMP STATIONS: CRYOVAC PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$223.59	0	\$0.00	(\$223.59)	0
05050 PUMP STATIONS: DAVIS CRK 1 PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,417.84	0	\$2,919.81	0	\$0.00	(\$2,919.81)	0
05060 PUMP STATIONS: DAVIS CRK 2 PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,490.45	0	\$30,281.44	0	\$0.00	(\$30,281.44)	0
05080 PUMP STATIONS: HALFWAY BR PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$51.24	0	\$0.00	(\$51.24)	0
05090 PUMP STATIONS: ISS PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$20.17	0	\$0.00	(\$20.17)	0
05100 PUMP STATIONS: MARTIN CREEK PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$35,833.61	0	\$0.00	(\$35,833.61)	0
05110 PUMP STATIONS: MILLBROOK PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$339.17	0	\$0.00	(\$339.17)	0
05120 PUMP STATIONS: PELHAM CREEK PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$1,115.05	0	\$120.21	(\$1,235.26)	0
05130 PUMP STATIONS: PERKINS PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,508.44	0	\$36,410.27	0	\$0.00	(\$36,410.27)	0
05140 PUMP STATIONS: SENECA PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,002.01	0	\$4,606.63	0	\$0.00	(\$4,606.63)	0
05160 PUMP STATIONS: WEXFORD PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$5,701.93	0	\$0.00	(\$5,701.93)	0
05210 DUCK POND ROAD PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$1,770.66	0	\$0.00	(\$1,770.66)	0
05230 GRAVITY SEWER & FORCE MAINS	\$130,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,965.80	2	\$86,506.76	67	\$14,126.55	\$29,366.69	23
<b>Total Conveyance System</b>	<b>\$1,513,524.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$63,326.52</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$1,137,285.06</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>\$15,445.77</b>	<b>\$360,793.17</b>	<b>24</b>
00701 WRF OPERATIONS									
02400 SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$10.55	0	\$4,837.33	40	\$46.48	\$7,116.19	59
02411 TECHNOLOGY: SCADA	\$12,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$2,666.80	21	\$0.00	\$9,833.20	79
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$18,102.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$35,932.66	199	\$1,125.00	(\$18,955.66)	(105)
02451 CHEMICALS: CHLORINE	\$60,242.00	\$0.00	\$9,916.41	16	\$49,576.75	82	\$0.00	\$10,665.25	18
02452 CHEMICALS: POLYMER	\$66,450.00	\$0.00	\$3,795.00	6	\$38,251.43	58	\$0.00	\$28,198.57	42
02454 CHEMICALS: SODIUM BISULFITE	\$21,474.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$18,676.38	87	\$0.00	\$2,797.62	13
02457 CHEMICALS: OTHER	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,874.41	65	\$5,254.53	88	\$0.00	\$745.47	12
02470 GARBAGE	\$2,067.00	\$0.00	\$27.75	1	\$249.75	12	\$0.00	\$1,817.25	88
02480 NATURAL GAS	\$1,855.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$1,081.21	58	\$0.00	\$773.79	42
02490 ELECTRICITY	\$336,000.00	\$0.00	\$28,564.97	9	\$237,136.93	71	\$0.00	\$98,863.07	29
02500 WATER	\$3,710.00	\$0.00	\$1,487.82	40	\$13,866.44	374	\$0.00	(\$10,156.44)	(274)
02510 SLUDGE DISPOSAL	\$319,289.00	\$0.00	\$22,950.00	7	\$98,490.35	31	\$0.00	\$220,798.65	69
02521 FUEL: GENERATORS	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	100
02540 EQUIPMENT RENTALS	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$1,071.38	21	\$0.00	\$3,928.62	79
02550 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$83,400.00	\$0.00	\$4,907.65	6	\$15,288.58	18	\$0.00	\$68,111.42	82
03000 WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY	\$619,450.00	\$0.00	\$55,482.06	9	\$130,448.92	21	\$45,883.42	\$443,117.66	72
<b>Total Wrf Operations</b>	<b>\$1,571,539.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$131,016.62</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$652,829.44</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>\$47,054.90</b>	<b>\$871,654.66</b>	<b>55</b>
00801 PRETREATMENT									
01300 PAYROLL: SALARIES	\$77,472.00	\$0.00	\$6,115.38	8	\$60,366.09	78	\$0.00	\$17,105.91	22
01380 PAYROLL: RETIREMENT	\$14,379.00	\$0.00	\$1,135.02	8	\$11,107.26	77	\$0.00	\$3,271.74	23

**010 OJRSA FUND**  
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**00801 PRETREATMENT**

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02220 GROUP INSURANCE	\$7,522.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$5,139.08	68	\$0.00	\$2,382.92	32
02300 LICENSES/CERTIFS/MEMBERSHIPS	\$425.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$425.00	100
02310 SEMINARS/WKSHOPS & TRAINING	\$2,975.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$649.00	22	\$0.00	\$2,326.00	78
02380 OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$3,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$4,045.27	109	\$0.00	(\$345.27)	(9)
02410 TECHNOLOGY: PHONES/INTERNET/TV	\$748.00	\$0.00	\$53.59	7	\$535.45	72	\$0.00	\$212.55	28
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$38,489.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	1	\$14,633.72	38	\$0.00	\$23,855.28	62
<b>Total Pretreatment</b>	<b>\$145,710.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$7,803.99</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$96,475.87</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$49,234.13</b>	<b>34</b>
00901 LABORATORY									
02400 SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$2,787.11	46	\$0.00	\$3,212.89	54
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$73,377.00	\$0.00	\$5,950.15	8	\$26,343.93	36	\$0.00	\$47,033.07	64
02456 CHEMICALS: LABORATORY	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,155.49	43	\$3,946.51	79	\$0.00	\$1,053.49	21
<b>Total Laboratory</b>	<b>\$84,377.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$8,105.64</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$33,077.55</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$51,299.45</b>	<b>61</b>
01201 CONTRACT OPERATIONS									
02411 TECHNOLOGY: SCADA	\$625.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$707.40	113	\$0.00	(\$82.40)	(13)
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$20,610.00	\$0.00	\$1,720.00	8	\$12,142.50	59	\$150.00	\$8,317.50	40
02500 WATER	\$1,365.00	\$0.00	\$38.05	3	\$422.11	31	\$0.00	\$942.89	69
02521 FUEL: GENERATORS	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$500.00	100
02550 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$500.00	100
05170 PUMP STATIONS: GCCP-PS	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	\$599.06	6	\$2,074.81	20	\$400.62	\$8,024.57	76
<b>Total Contract Operations</b>	<b>\$34,100.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,357.11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$15,346.82</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>\$550.62</b>	<b>\$18,202.56</b>	<b>53</b>
01301 RETAIL SERVICES									
02400 SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$500.00	100
02411 TECHNOLOGY: SCADA	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$1,150.80	92	\$1,150.80	92	\$0.00	\$99.20	8
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$7,406.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$5,145.00	69	\$0.00	\$2,261.00	31
02490 ELECTRICITY	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$807.24	38	\$6,893.68	328	\$0.00	(\$4,793.68)	(228)
02500 WATER	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$1,050.00	100
05180 PUMP STATIONS: WELCOME CTR	\$725.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$725.00	100
05190 PUMP STATIONS: BROOMWAY LN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$860.66	0	\$0.00	(\$860.66)	0
<b>Total Retail Services</b>	<b>\$13,031.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,958.04</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>\$14,050.14</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$1,019.14)</b>	<b>(8)</b>
01401 CAPITAL PROJECTS									
06050 SEWER SOUTH PHASE II	\$3,700,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,080.00	0	\$2,396,327.62	65	\$0.00	\$1,303,672.38	35
06060 CONVEYANCE SYSTEM	\$140,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$140,000.00	100
06071 SENECA PS & FM UPGRADE/SPEEDS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	0	\$4,000.00	0	\$0.00	(\$4,000.00)	0
<b>Total Capital Projects</b>	<b>\$3,840,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$6,080.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$2,400,327.62</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,439,672.38</b>	<b>37</b>
01501 CONTINGENCY FUND									
09005 FLAT ROCK PS UPGRADE	\$485,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$596,905.76	123	\$0.00	(\$111,905.76)	(23)
09007 CENTRAL OCONEE SWR MASTER PLAI	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$6,580.00	26	\$0.00	\$18,420.00	74
09009 COLLECTION SYSTEM REHAB	\$5,187,357.00	\$0.00	\$10,503.00	0	\$103,127.88	2	\$0.00	\$5,084,229.12	98
09010 REG SEWER FEASIBILITY STUDY	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$26,542.50	133	\$0.00	(\$6,542.50)	(33)
09011 DEWATERING EQUIP REPLACEMENT	\$3,440,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$133,649.00	4	\$0.00	\$3,306,351.00	96
09012 MARTIN CRK & WESTMINSTER CCTV	\$210,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,948.75	4	\$48,277.80	23	\$0.00	\$161,722.20	77

## 010 OJRSA FUND

## 005 EXPENSES

## 01501 CONTINGENCY FUND

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09013 MARTIN/PERKINS CRK FLOW STUDY	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,721.40	45	\$9,815.00	65	\$0.00	\$5,185.00	35
Total Contingency Fund	\$9,382,357.00	\$0.00	\$25,173.15	0	\$924,897.94	10	\$0.00	\$8,457,459.06	90
Total EXPENSES	\$20,370,444.00	\$0.00	\$568,379.33	3	\$8,083,514.18	40	\$64,229.04	\$12,222,700.78	60
Total OJRSA FUND	\$20,370,444.00	\$0.00	\$568,379.33	3	\$8,083,514.18	40	\$64,229.04	\$12,222,700.78	60
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$20,370,444.00	\$0.00	\$568,379.33	3	\$8,083,514.18	40	\$64,229.04	\$12,222,700.78	60

## User Fees

The tables below use the average number of customers and flow billed per month from March 2024 through February 2025. Data: Residential Customers – 8,027 // Residential Volume – 31,030,274 gallons // Nonresidential Customers – 1,527 // Nonresidential Volume 30,190,749 gallons.

### Increase to **Base Fees Only**

<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>Fee Item</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>25%</b>
\$10.00	Residential Base (/month)	\$10.10	\$10.50	\$11.00	\$11.50	\$12.00	\$12.50
\$5.39	Residential Volume (/1,000 gallons)	\$5.39	\$5.39	\$5.39	\$5.39	\$5.39	\$5.39
\$15.00	Nonresidential Base (/month)	\$15.15	\$15.75	\$16.50	\$17.25	\$18.00	\$18.75
\$7.37	Nonresidential Volume (/1,000 gallons)	\$7.37	\$7.37	\$7.37	\$7.37	\$7.37	\$7.37
<b>\$5,894,000</b>	<b>APPROXIMATE ANNUAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$5,906,000</b>	<b>\$5,955,000</b>	<b>\$6,017,000</b>	<b>\$6,078,000</b>	<b>\$6,140,000</b>	<b>\$6,202,000</b>
N/A	Additional Revenue Above Current	\$12,000	\$61,000	\$123,000	\$184,000	\$246,000	\$308,000
\$36.95	Residential Monthly for 5,000 Gallons	\$37.05	\$37.45	\$37.95	\$38.45	\$38.95	\$39.45
\$0	Difference From Current Rate	\$0.10	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$2.00	\$2.50

### Increase to **Volumetric Fees Only**

<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>Fee Item</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>25%</b>
\$10.00	Residential Base (/month)	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
\$5.39	Residential Volume (/1,000 gallons)	\$5.44	\$5.66	\$5.93	\$6.20	\$6.47	\$6.74
\$15.00	Nonresidential Base (/month)	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
\$7.37	Nonresidential Volume (/1,000 gallons)	\$7.44	\$7.74	\$8.11	\$8.48	\$8.84	\$9.21
<b>\$5,894,000</b>	<b>APPROXIMATE ANNUAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$5,940,000</b>	<b>\$6,127,000</b>	<b>\$6,360,000</b>	<b>\$6,593,000</b>	<b>\$6,825,000</b>	<b>\$7,057,000</b>
N/A	Additional Revenue Above Current	\$46,000	\$233,000	\$466,000	\$699,000	\$931,000	\$1,163,000
\$36.95	Residential Monthly for 5,000 Gallons	\$37.22	\$38.30	\$39.65	\$40.99	\$42.34	\$43.69
\$0	Difference From Current Rate	\$0.00	\$0.27	\$1.35	\$2.70	\$4.04	\$5.39

### Increase to **Base and Volumetric Fees**

<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>Fee Item</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>25%</b>
\$10.00	Residential Base (/month)	\$10.10	\$10.50	\$11.00	\$11.50	\$12.00	\$12.50
\$5.39	Residential Volume (/1,000 gallons)	\$5.44	\$5.66	\$5.93	\$6.20	\$6.47	\$6.74
\$15.00	Nonresidential Base (/month)	\$15.15	\$15.75	\$16.50	\$17.25	\$18.00	\$18.75
\$7.37	Nonresidential Volume (/1,000 gallons)	\$7.44	\$7.74	\$8.11	\$8.48	\$8.84	\$9.21
<b>\$5,894,000</b>	<b>APPROXIMATE ANNUAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$5,952,000</b>	<b>\$6,188,000</b>	<b>\$6,483,000</b>	<b>\$6,777,000</b>	<b>\$7,072,000</b>	<b>\$7,367,000</b>
N/A	Additional Revenue Above Current	\$58,000	\$294,000	\$589,000	\$883,000	\$1,178,000	\$1,473,000
\$36.95	Residential Monthly for 5,000 Gallons	\$37.32	\$38.80	\$40.65	\$42.49	\$44.34	\$46.19
\$0	Difference From Current Rate	\$0.00	\$0.37	\$1.85	\$3.70	\$5.54	\$7.39

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## Fee Considerations for Fiscal Year 2026

### Impact Fees

CURRENT		Implementation Period (Years)				
		1	2	3	4	5
<b>\$15.25</b>	FY 2026 Amount if Evenly Phased Over Implementation Period (no inflation over period(s))	\$25.73	\$20.49	\$18.74	\$17.87	\$17.35
<b>N/A</b>	Difference From Current Rate of \$15.25/gallon	\$10.48	\$5.24	\$3.49	\$2.62	\$2.10
<b>\$2,300</b>	Cost for One Single-Family Home (or equivalent per current OJRSA Schedule of Fees))	\$3,860	\$3,075	\$2,815	\$2,685	\$2,605
<b>\$0</b>	Difference From Current Total Fee	\$1,560	\$775	\$515	\$385	\$305

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