



Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority

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OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY

Commission Meeting

October 6, 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 1 (Seneca): Josh Riches
- Seat 2 (Seneca): Scott Moulder
- Seat 3 (Seneca): Scott McLane
- Seat 4 (Seneca At-Large): Marty McKee
- Seat 5 (Walhalla): Celia Myers (*arrived at 4:06pm*)
- Seat 6 (Walhalla): Zane Thompson
- Seat 7 (Westminster): Scott Parris
- Seat 9 (Walhalla-Westminster At-Large): David Dial

Commissioners that were not present:

- None. All Commissioners 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:

- Kenneth Marshall, AQD
- Norm Cannada, The Journal

A) Call to Order – Mr. Bronson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

B) Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – By Mr. Moulder.

C) Public Session – None.

Mr. Bronson took a moment to state that this was Mr. Cannada's last attendance at an OJRSA meeting due to his upcoming retirement. He expressed appreciation to Mr. Cannada for his service to the community through the years.

D) Approval of Minutes:

- **Board of Commissioners Meeting of September 8, 2025**
Mr. Dial made a motion, seconded by Mr. McKee, to approve the September 8, 2025 Board Meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

E) Committee and Other Meeting Reports:

- **Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee Meeting of August 14, 2025** – Mr. Bronson presented the report to the Commission. **See attached minutes. Acceptance of the September 11, 2025 Meeting to be Considered at the November 3, 2025 Board Meeting.*
Mr. Bronson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dial, to accept the August 14, 2025 Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee Meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.
- **Operations & Planning Meeting of September 23, 2025** – Mr. Moulder presented the report to the Commission. **See attached minutes.*

Mr. Moulder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dial, to approve the September 23, 2025 Operations & Planning Meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

- **Finance & Administration Meeting of September 23, 2025** – Ms. Myers presented the report to the Commission. **See attached minutes*

Ms. Myers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Riches, to approve the September 23, 2025 Finance & Administration Meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

F) Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Exhibit A) – Ms. Stephens presented the Secretary/Treasurer's Report to the board. Ms. Stephens explained how while Mr. Jason White of Payne, White, & Schmutz, was going through the financial records for the audit, he discovered two (2) discrepancies with the accounting on the Sewer South Project. The first was a \$46,336 grant deposit from the Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) that was accidentally deposited twice. Ms. Stephens said this was her error due to many projects receiving RIA grant funds, the email confirmations do not specify which project, and she received conflicting information. The second was a \$245,000 CD that matured after June 30, 2025 when the accounting project was cut off.

Ms. Stephens stated that the funds in question were transferred to their appropriate bank accounts and that Oconee County will be receiving another refund check from the OJRSA in the amount of \$198,664.00 (the amount of the CD maturity less the duplicate deposit they were paid for). Ms. Stephens added that OJRSA's accountant, Ms. Susan Stamey, has been asked to update the report that was previously prepared for this project.

Mr. Eleazer added that all the RIA grant funds are deposited into a single bank account, no matter what project they are for, and it has been somewhat complicated for Ms. Stephens to know what projects the reimbursement funds are for.

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

G) Presentation and Discussion Items – None.

H) Action Items:

- 1. Authorize Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute Contract with KCI Technologies for Computerized Maintenance Management System (OJRSA Project #2026-01)** – Mr. Eleazer reported that the OJRSA received eight (8) respondents, and OJRSA personnel narrowed them down to three (3). Two (2) of these three (3) were different providers with the same software system. The OJRSA received demonstrations of those three (3). OJRSA personnel picked KCI Technologies, as they provided the best presentation and have a representative who previously worked for Greenville Water who understands the OJRSA's needs.

Mr. Dial added that with what was presented in committee, it sounded like KCI is committed to assisting the OJRSA as best they can with putting assets in.

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

- 2. Approve FY2026 Supplemental Budget #1 (Exhibit B)** – The Director stated that this went through the F&A Committee to recommend it for approval to the board.

This supplemental budget includes the \$1.78 million that was refunded to Oconee County for their "front end" payment to the OJRSA for the Sewer South Project before the grant funds came in to reimburse for the expenditures. Ms. Susan Stamey, OJRSA accountant, verified the financial records, and Oconee County has already been issued the refund check.

The supplemental budget also includes \$159,000 for Ardurra to assist with identifying additional conveyance system upgrade projects to use the extra \$750,000 in SCIP funds on.

Ms. Myers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parris, to approve the FY2026 Supplemental Budget #1 as presented. The motion carried.

- 3. Execute Amendment to Ardurra Contract for Services for Additional SCIIP-Funded Collection System Rehabilitation as Part of OJRSA Project #2024-08 (Exhibit C)** – The Director said this is for an amendment to the contract to pay \$159,000 to Ardurra for assisting with the conveyance system projects using the extra \$750,000 SCIIP funds.

Mr. Dial pointed out the OJRSA's name on the contract being wrong and asked why. Mr. Eleazer replied that this name was one of the original choices of the name for the organization.

Mr. Moulder made a motion, seconded by Mr. McKee, to approve the amendment to the Ardurra contract for services for additional SCIIP-funded collection system rehab. The motion carried.

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

1. Environmental and Regulatory Compliance Matters:

Spill – The contractor working on the conveyance system upgrades had a sewer spill on September 29, 2025. This was the second spill they had: The first was due to a coupling coming off the bypass pump; this one was due to a bypass pump failure. An estimated 2,000 gallons were spilled, and it reached a waterway. SC Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) was notified. Sampling was performed, and the results were lower than is normally seen following spills. The ambient level quickly returned.

NPDES Permit – The OJRSA received its NPDES permit from SCDES, and it will become effective on November 1, 2025. There are a couple of new reporting requirements regarding aluminum and mercury monitoring. This is due to the influent at the top of the plant and the sampling that was required for the permit application.

The SCDES wants the OJRSA to address this through the pretreatment program or the industrial user permits. They also want the OJRSA to develop and submit an aluminum and mercury assessment plan to work with the industries.

In addition:

- OJRSA was performing effluent toxicity testing on a quarterly basis and can now do it annually.
- As soon as the OJRSA receives the peracetic acid (PAA) Permit to Operate, the PAA can be put in use. The OJRSA will have to perform quarterly Corbicula (freshwater clams) testing for two (2) years after the PAA is online.

- 2. Cancellation of General Water Reclamation Facility Installation Projects Bid (OJRSA Project #2026-02)** – The OJRSA had this project in the budget to replace valves and pumps in the plant to get it back to the 7.8 million gallons per day capacity level; however, Clarifier #3 recently lost its upper and lower drive which means there is no room for error. OJRSA personnel stated that they are not comfortable with waiting to fix the clarifier and decided to cancel this project and divert the funds to the clarifier repair (which was planned for next fiscal year anyway).

Project #2026-02 will be moved to next fiscal year; however, there may be some funds left over after the clarifier work that can be applied to start this project.

Mr. Moulder asked where in the process the bid was. Mr. Eleazer stated it was advertised, but the OJRSA had not received any bids. He also stated that everyone was notified of the cancellation.

Mr. Dial asked if the clarifier issue was electrical or mechanical. Mr. Eleazer replied he was not sure but would find out.

3. Miscellaneous (If Any):

Records Retention Issue – It was recently discovered that an item in the South Carolina Records Retention Policy is incorrect. The policy requires the OJRSA to retain medical records for three (3) years after an employee's termination; however, OSHA requires the OJRSA to retain them for thirty (30) years after termination. Mr. Eleazer stated that the policy will need to be updated with the SC Department of Archives and History as well as approved by the board.

Norm Cannada Retirement – Mr. Eleazer congratulated Mr. Cannada on his upcoming retirement and thanked him for a job well done. He wished Mr. Cannada well and gave him a card.

J) Commissioners' Discussion – None.

K) **Adjourn** – Mr. Bronson adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

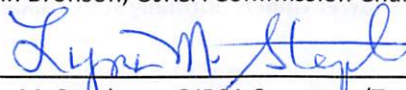
1. **Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee** - Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Operations & Planning Committee** – Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.
3. **Finance & Administration Committee** – Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
4. **Board of Commissioners** – Monday, November 3, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

Approved By:



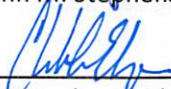
Kevin Bronson, OJRSA Commission Chair

Approved By:



Lynn M. Stephens, OJRSA Secretary/Treasurer

Approved By:



Christopher R. Eleazer, OJRSA Executive Director

Notification of the meeting was distributed on September 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, and posted at the OJRSA Administration Building.

***ATTACHMENTS STARTING NEXT PAGE**



Board of Commissioners Meeting
OJRSA Operations & Administration Building
Lamar Bailes Board Room
October 6, 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 (if there is a technical issue preventing the livestreaming of the meeting, then a recording will be published on the channel as soon as possible). For those not able to attend in person, then the OJRSA Board or Committee Chair will accept public comments by mail (623 Return Church Rd, Seneca, SC 29678) or at info@ojrsa.org. Comments must comply with the public session instructions as stated on the meeting agenda and will be received up until one hour prior to the scheduled meeting. If there is not a public session scheduled for a meeting, then comments shall not be accepted.

Agenda

- A. Call to Order** – Kevin Bronson, Board Chair
- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Commissioner Scott Moulder
- 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 September 8, 2025
- E. Committee and Other Meeting Reports**
 - Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee Meeting of August 14, 2025 – Kevin Bronson, Committee Chair *Acceptance of the September 11, 2025 meeting to be considered at the November 3, 2025 board meeting*
 - Operations & Planning Committee Meeting of September 23, 2025 – Scott Moulder, Committee Chair
 - Finance & Administration Committee Meeting of September 23, 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]*
 - None
- H. Action Items**
 - 1. Authorize Executive Director to negotiate and execute contract with KCI Technologies for computerized maintenance management system (OJRSA Project #2026-01) – Chris Eleazer, Director
 - 2. Approve FY 2026 Supplemental Budget #1 (Exhibit B) – Chris Eleazer, Director
 - 3. Execute amendment to Ardurra contract for services for additional SCIP-funded collection system rehabilitation as part of OJRSA Project #2024-08 (Exhibit C) – Chris Eleazer, Director
- I. Executive Director's Discussion and Compliance Matters** – Chris Eleazer, Director
 - 1. Environmental and regulatory compliance matters
 - 2. Cancellation of General Water Reclamation Facility Installation Projects bid (OJRSA Project #2026-02)
 - 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. Adjourn**

Upcoming Meetings

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

- Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee – October 9, 2025 at 9:00 AM
- Operations & Planning Committee – October 23, 2025 at 8:30 AM
- Finance & Administration Committee – October 28, 2025 at 9:00 AM
- Board of Commissioners – November 3, 2025 at 4:00 PM



Secretary/Treasurer's Report for Board of Commissioners

Prepared for the October 6, 2025 OJRSA Board of Commissioners Meeting

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

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS CASH AND INVESTMENTS SUMMARY

Account/Fund Name	Cash (\$)	Investments (\$)	Total (\$)
Wholesale Operations & Maintenance (O&M)	356,127	2,940,000	3,296,127
Retail Operations & Maintenance (RO&M)	99,066	0	99,066
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	455,193	2,940,000	3,395,193

RESTRICTED FUNDS CASH AND INVESTMENTS SUMMARY

Account/Fund Name	Cash (\$)	Investments (\$)	Total (\$)
Projects and Contingency (PCF)	2,453,188	0	2,453,188
Wholesale Impact Fund (WIF)	974,522	5,635,000	6,609,522
Retail Impact Fund (RIF)	3,400	0	3,400
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	3,431,110	5,635,000	9,066,110

Combined Total for All Funds

Cash 3,886,303 Investments 8,575,000 Combined 12,461,303

Account Notes:

A CD for \$245,000 matured on 8/21/25 (after 6/30/25 cut-off date for project accounting) and should've been included in refund to Oconee County. It was overlooked and accidentally transferred to PCF account (included in cash amount). Will be transferred back to RO&M and then refunded by check to Oconee County less \$46,336 paid in error for another project.

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	178.0	6,759,426	X NO YES
RO&M Fund	341.8	105,802	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 August 2025 (mark with an "X" on appropriate line): X YES NO See attached document(s) from accountant.

Reconciliation Notes:

Still waiting on reconciliation letters from Susan Stamey for July and August 2025.

See next page for more information

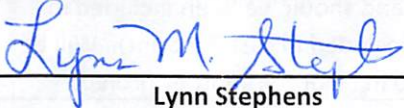
INVESTMENTS UPDATE

Maturing Investment	%age Rate	Fund Code	Maturity Date	Amount (\$)	To Be Reinvested?	
Key Bank	4	WIF	10/31/2025	245,000.00	X YES	NO
					YES	NO
					YES	NO
					YES	NO
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Investment Notes:

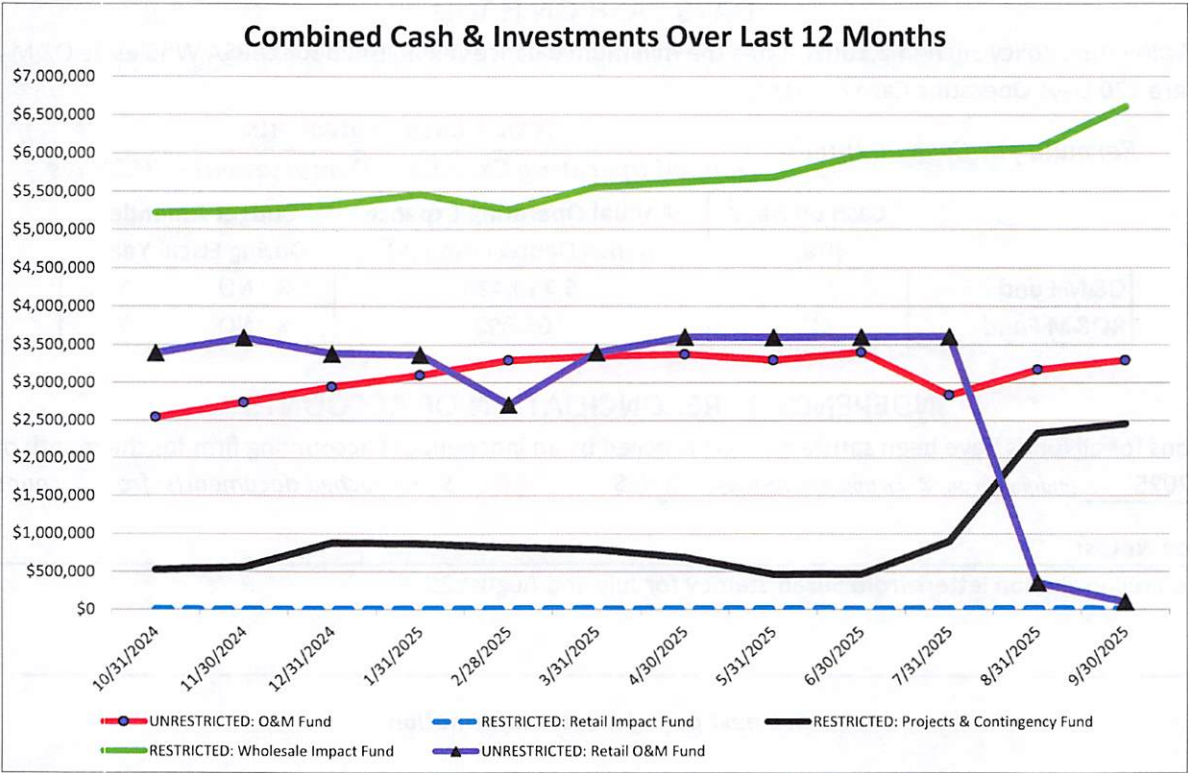
See additional sheets for investment information and trends

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



Lynn Stephens

OJRSA Secretary/Treasurer





Fiscal Year 2026 Supplemental Budget #1

October 6, 2025 Board Meeting

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND		Current (\$)	Incr/ Decr (\$)	Amended (\$)	Note
O&M FUND REVENUES	Dept Total	6,759,426	0	NO CHANGE	
401/501/801/1201 Departments					
O&M FUND EXPENSES		6,759,426	0	NO CHANGE	
101/201/501 Administration (not including depreciation)	Dept Total	3,775,898	0	NO CHANGE	
601 Conveyance System	Dept Total	964,406	0	NO CHANGE	
701 WRF Operations	Dept Total	1,702,295	0	NO CHANGE	
801 Pretreatment	Dept Total	158,565	0	NO CHANGE	
901 Laboratory	Dept Total	58,830	0	NO CHANGE	
1201 Contract Operations (I-85 Sewer)	Dept Total	19,432	0	NO CHANGE	
1401 O&M Capital Improvement Projects	Dept Total	80,000	0	NO CHANGE	

RESTRICTED AND OTHER FUNDS		Current (\$)	Incr/ Decr (\$)	Amended (\$)	Note
FUND REVENUES					
1001 RETAIL IMPACT FUND (RESTRICTED USE)		5,000	0	NO CHANGE	
1101 WHOLESALE IMPACT FUND (RESTRICTED USE)		976,000	0	NO CHANGE	
1301/1401 RETAIL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND (UNRESTRICTED USE)		105,802	0	NO CHANGE	
1501 PROJECTS & CONTINGENCY FUND (RESTRICTED USE)		8,556,158	159,000	8,715,158	
Fund Balance Transfer In			159,000		[B]
FUND EXPENSES					
1001 RETAIL IMPACT FUND (RESTRICTED USE)		0	0	NO CHANGE	
1101 WHOLESALE IMPACT FUND (RESTRICTED USE)		0	0	NO CHANGE	
1301/1401 RETAIL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND (UNRESTRICTED USE)		105,802	1,783,376	1,889,178	
1401-06050 Sewer South Phase II			1,783,376		[A]
1501 PROJECTS & CONTINGENCY FUND (RESTRICTED USE)		8,556,158	159,000	8,715,158	
1501-09009 OJRSA Project #2024-08 Collection System Rehab			159,000		[B]

NOTES

[A] Return of funds to Oconee County following closeout of construction project. Revenues from county payments accounted for during previous fiscal years.

[B] Continue construction administration and observation services beyond original contract end date of 09/29/2024 for existing SCIIP-funded project and provide necessary services to utilize remaining SCIIP funds for manhole rehabilitation in accordance with Ardurra Contract for Services Amendment - 01 associated with OJRSA Project #2024-08.



CONTRACT FOR SERVICES AMENDMENT – 01

ADDITIONAL SERVICES AUTHORIZATION

The following modifications to the contract ("Contract") for 2024-08 Collection System Rehab 20230904.00.CL dated 15th day of September 2023 between **Oconee Joint Municipal Sewer Authority (OWNER)** and **Ardurra Group, Inc., (CONSULTANT)**.

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES.

The CONSULTANT shall continue to provide Construction Administration and Construction Observation services beyond the original contract end date of September 29th, for the ongoing construction activities under the current contract.

Additionally, the CONSULTANT shall provide professional services necessary to utilize the remaining SCIIP funding for rehabilitation of additional manholes. These services shall include:

- A. **Continued Services Under Current Contract:** The CONSULTANT will continue providing the following services as outlined in the original contract, for an additional 10 weeks (09/30/2025 – 12/11/2025).
 - 1. SCIIP Coordination
 - 2. Construction Administration and
 - 3. Construction Observation
- B. **Additional MH Rehab Services:**
 - 1. Project Management:
 - i. The CONSULTANT's Project Manager will coordinate and oversee all project activities (biweekly, monthly etc.) related to the administrative and technical aspects throughout its duration.
 - ii. The CONSULTANT's Project Manager will ensure ongoing QA/QC of all tasks in accordance with the CONSULTANT's standard quality control procedures.
 - iii. The CONSULTANT's Project Manager will prepare monthly invoices in a format acceptable to the OWNER.
 - 2. Preparation of Construction Documents:
 - i. The CONSULTANT will prepare construction guidance sheets for use by the contractor, detailing manhole locations and the required repairs/rehabilitation. These sheets will be developed utilizing available data from the OWNER's Geographic Information System (GIS) database, previous investigation efforts.

- ii. The CONSULTANT will prepare Pre-Final Design and Final Design submittals to the OWNER. The Design will include construction guidance sheets and specifications assuming the project to be bid as single package.
3. SCIIP Coordination: Construction of the project will utilize SCIIP Grant funds and requires the administrating agency, RIA, as well as the Appalachian Regional Council of Government (ACOG) to review, comment and approve project documents prior to bidding and award as well as throughout the project lifecycle to assure adherence to grant funding guidelines. The CONSULTANT shall provide the following services on this project:
 - i. CONSULTANT will coordinate with the OWNER's representative managing the Grant Administration providing the required documentation.
 - ii. CONSULTANT will submit Bid ready documents to RIA / ACOG for review, comment and approval. CONSULTANT will submit and respond to comments for up to two (2) submittals to RIA / ACOG.
 - iii. CONSULTANT will maintain the required documentation including a running tabulation of work completed and funds expended from initial project initiation through the present. This may include invoices, bid tabs, updated schedules and updated planning documents forecasting anticipated milestones for completion.
 - iv. CONSULTANT will prepare information for the required RIA quarterly reports that will be due the first day of each calendar quarter.
 - v. CONSULTANT will approve contractor pay requests and provide this documentation along with any CONSULTANT invoices to the ACOG for preparation of the RIA Request for Payment on a monthly basis.
 - vi. CONSULTANT will complete any documentation needed for budget modifications, grant amendments and/or construction contract change orders and provide this to the ACOG as needed for the preparation of the required RIA forms.
 - vii. CONSULTANT will provide the ACOG with the information necessary to complete the project close-out report, including the final engineer's certification and as-built drawings, as required.
4. Bidding: Upon receiving required approvals from the applicable regulatory and grant agencies and the OWNER, CONSULTANT will proceed with the Bidding phase of the project, consisting of the following:
 - i. Prepare required advertisements for bids;
 - ii. Provide required bid packages to bidders and suppliers;
 - iii. Address bidders' questions;
 - iv. Prepare and issue up to two (2) addenda as required;
 - v. Conduct a Pre-Bid meeting; and,
 - vi. Conduct a single bid opening, analyze bids, prepare bid tabulations and make appropriate recommendations to OWNER, for selection of a single Contractor.
5. Construction Administration: Upon successful bidding of the project, the CONSULTANT will proceed with the Construction Administration phase of the project consisting of the following:

- i. Coordinating construction services and notice to proceed for the CONTRACTOR with RIA / ACOG and the OWNER.
- ii. Conducting pre-construction meeting with CONTRACTOR and the OWNER's representatives.
- iii. Coordinating contract execution with the CONTRACTOR and the OWNER.
- iv. Providing necessary digital copies of construction documents to the CONTRACTOR and the OWNER.
- v. Reviewing and approving or taking other appropriate action with respect to Shop Drawings, samples, and other data which CONTRACTOR is required to submit, but only for conformance with the design concept of the project and compliance with the information given in the Contract Documents. Such reviews or other action shall not include, means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction or safety programs and precautions incident thereto. This scope includes a maximum of two (2) reviews per submittal. Additional reviews, if required due to contractor resubmissions or revisions, may be considered an additional service.
- vi. Determining the amount owed to the CONTRACTOR based on CONSULTANT's and OWNER's observations and inspections at the site and the data comprising the Application for Payment, and the accompanying data and schedules, and recommend in writing payments to CONTRACTOR in such amounts. Such recommendations of payment will constitute a representation to the OWNER that the Work has progressed to the point indicated and that, to the best of the CONSULTANT's and OWNER's representative knowledge, information and belief, the quality of the Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents. The issuance of recommendation will further constitute a representation that the CONTRACTOR is entitled to payment in the amount certified. However, the issuance of a recommendation for payment will not be a representation that the CONSULTANT is responsible for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures or has ascertained how or for what purpose the CONTRACTOR has used money previously paid on account of the Contract Price. CONSULTANT has budgeted for review of up to four (4) payment applications, one being the final adjusting payment.
- vii. Making recommendations to OWNER concerning the disapproval or rejection of CONTRACTOR's Work while it is in progress if CONSULTANT believes that such Work does not produce a completed Project that conforms to the Contract Documents or that it will prejudice the integrity of the design concept of the Project as reflected in the Contract Documents. CONSULTANT shall have access to the Work at all times wherever it is in preparation or progress.
- viii. Clarifying and interpreting construction plans and specifications for the OWNER and the CONTRACTOR on an as needed basis during the course of the project. Such clarifications and interpretations will be consistent with the intent of and reasonably inferable from the Contract Documents. The CONSULTANT may issue Field Orders authorizing minor variations from

the requirements of the Contract Documents. Field Orders shall not involve change in Contract Price or Time.

6. Construction Observation – The CONSULTANT shall assign a OWNER's representative (Construction Observer) to the project to provide part-time construction observation services during the construction period of 90 consecutive calendar days. Observation services can be provided beyond 90 days, if requested, as an additional service. The representative will call to the attention of the CONTRACTOR deficient work noted in the field and, through assistance of the Project Manager, interpret the contract documents when questions arise. It is assumed that construction will not exceed 90 consecutive calendar days or 60 Contractor work days, which excludes weekends, holidays. The part time Construction Observation includes up to 260 man-hours (approximately 20 man-hours per week) plus expenses for the Construction Observer. Observation services can be provided beyond this specified time, if requested as an additional service. The CONSULTANT will provide general consultation as may be necessary to achieve successful construction for the duration of the project, including:
 - i. Perform part-time observation of the project construction to verify conformance with Contract Documents;
 - ii. Call to the attention of the CONTRACTOR any deficient work noted in the field;
 - iii. Through the assistance of the Project Manager, will interpret Contract Document and Work Orders on behalf of the OWNER as questions arise;
 - iv. Document construction activities and photograph critical portions of the project;
 - v. Schedule and conduct a pre-final visit to establish initial punch list items; and,
 - vi. Perform final inspection to assure that all punch list items have been completed per the Contract Documents.
2. TIME OF PERFORMANCE. The timeline for completion of services is dependent on the progress of the overall project schedule, including timely reviews and approvals by others, bidding process, and receipt of successful bids, the contractor's performance and any unforeseen conditions or delays.
3. BASIS OF COMPENSATION.
 - A. Basic Services. The OWNER shall pay the CONSULTANT for services set forth above, Scope of Services, a Lump Sum Fee of **One Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$159,000)**.

A percentage of the Lump Sum Fee will be billed on the last day of each month. The percentage billed will be the percentage of Scope of Services work estimated to be completed as of the day of billing.

- B. Additional Services. The OWNER shall pay the CONSULTANT for additional services which are not specifically called for in above, Scope of Services, on an hourly basis in accordance with the CONSULTANT'S standard rates.
- C. Reimbursable Expenses. Unless expressly included in the Lump Sum Fee, the OWNER shall compensate the CONSULTANT for incidental expenses incurred in connection with this Task Order, including travel expense, lodging and subsistence expense, printing and duplication expense, and other incidental out of pocket expenses at cost. For the purposes of reimbursement, travel expense shall be at the rate contained in the attached rate schedule.
- D. Premium Rate Adjustment. Should OWNER request an accelerated schedule requiring CONSULTANT to work overtime hours, then a 1.25 premium rate adjustment shall be applied to current hourly rates or lump sum fees as applicable. Accelerated schedule and premium rate adjustment shall be approved as part of compensation at time of contract execution or by written amendment

OWNER:

OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER
AUTHORITY

By: _____

Name: CHRIS ELEAZER

Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Date: _____

CONSULTANT:

ARDURRA GROUP, INC.

By:  _____

Name: JEREMY BRASHEARS, PE

Title: GROUP LEADER

Date: 9/19/25

2024-08 Collection System Rehab Amendment

- **Assumptions:**
 - Amendment from 09/30/2025 – 12/11/2025 (additional 10 weeks)
 - Services include: continued Project Management (PM), SCIIP/RIA/ACOG coordination, Construction Administration (CA) (Weekly meetings, reviews, pay applications etc), Construction Observation (CO) (upto 20 hours a week, 10 weeks)

2024-08 Collection System Rehab – Additional MH Rehab Plan

- **Assumptions:**
 - **Tentative Timeline for Additional MH Rehab Plan (October 13, 2025 – May 18, 2026)**
 - Design Documents: October 13 – October 31, 2025
 - Bid Advertisement Start: November 4, 2025
 - Bid Advertisement End / Bid Opening: December 4, 2025 (30 calendar days)
 - Bids are publicly opened on this date.
 - Bid Evaluation and Recommendation: December 5 – December 19, 2025 (2 weeks)
 - RIA Review / Approval of Contract Documents: December 22 – January 9, 2026 (3 weeks)
 - Bid Recommendation Presented / Approval: January 12 – January 16, 2026
 - Bid Award Notification: January 20, 2026
 - Notice to Proceed (NTP): February 2, 2026
 - Substantial Completion: April 3, 2026
 - Final Completion: May 3, 2026
 - Closeout: May 18, 2026
 - Services include: Project Management, Design Documents for the additional MH Rehab work, Bidding, SCIIP coordination, Construction Administration (Meetings, reviews, pay applications etc), Construction Observation (upto 20 hours a week, 13 weeks)



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OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY Ad-Hoc Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee August 14, 2025

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

Commissioners/Committee Members that were present:

- Katherine Amidon (Environmental Planner, Bolton & Menk)
- Chip Bentley (Appalachian Council of Gov'ts.)
- Amanda Brock (Oconee County)
- Kevin Bronson (City of Westminster) – Committee Chair
- Chris Eleazer (Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority)
- Lawrence Flynn (Pope Flynn - OJRSA Attorney) – *via Microsoft Teams*
- Joel Jones (Consultant, JonesWater)
- Scott Moulder (City of Seneca)
- Celia Myers (City of Walhalla)

Committee Members that were not present:

- Angie Mettlen, (Vice President, Ardurra)

OJRSA appointments and staff present were:

- Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer to the Board and Office Manager

Others present were:

- Norm Cannada, The Journal
- Dick Mangrum, WGOG Radio

A. Call to Order – Mr. Bronson called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

B. Introduce the Members of the Committee – Mr. Bronson asked each committee member to introduce themselves. Mr. Bronson stated he wants to keep each of these committee meetings down to one-hour intervals without stifling any conversation or concerns. He asked everyone if there were any objections to this; there were no objections.

C. Discuss the Five (5) Recommendations of the Ad-Hoc Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee (Exhibit A) – Mr. Bronson stated that all but two (2) of the current committee members were on the Feasibility Implementation Committee, and he expressed his appreciation to them for their work in developing the recommendations. Mr. Bronson also noted that number four (#4) of the five (5) recommendations (dissolving the Ad-Hoc Feasibility Implementation Committee and creating an Ad-Hoc Reconstitution Committee) has already been completed by the OJRSA board. There were no other comments about these recommendations.

D. Committee Discussion and Action Items:

- 1. Discussion and Approval of Support Resolution (Exhibit B)** – Mr. Bronson said Mr. Flynn drafted a simple resolution. He said there is a typo with the date on item G. It was discussed that the date should be July 15, 2025 and not June 16, 2025 as written.

Mr. Bronson said item B specifically states Seneca, Walhalla, and Westminster and asked if it should also include Oconee County and the Town of West Union. Mr. Flynn replied that West Union has the opportunity to join in the event they reach certain service thresholds (which haven't been met yet). He stated that for the Oconee County resolution, another finding would be added to state they are providing a recommendation based on a proposal to expand membership of the OJRSA, and he welcomes any comments from Oconee County personnel if they want something else to be added.

Mr. Bronson asked if Oconee County language is added, shouldn't that be on everyone's resolution in order that the same resolution is used across the entities? Mr. Flynn replied he could put in a general finding after item G since adding Oconee County is a recommendation. Mr. Bronson asked if Oconee County was good with that; Ms. Brock replied that Oconee County's attorney, Mr. David Root, will probably red line this. Ms. Brock said she already had a copy of this resolution and asked if this was the original or a new one; Mr. Flynn replied this is the original. Ms. Brock said she thinks Mr. Root will not red line it.

Mr. Bronson asked if there was any issue if each entity's resolution varied a little. Mr. Flynn replied this the resolution should be as standardized as possible, but it is not binding. The resolution is meant to establish common ground—that everyone is on board with the recommendations from the report and that no one is starting the process with serious misgivings. Mr. Flynn added that this is a difficult enough process, but the committee needs to ensure the foundation is strong to make it successful.

Mr. Bronson asked if Mr. Moulder had any issues. Mr. Moulder replied he didn't have any issues. He said there are a lot of questions, but this committee is charged with answering those questions on what implementation looks like. Mr. Bronson asked if the Appalachian Council of Governments (ACOG) is leaving it up to the entities; Mr. Bentley said yes. Mr. Moulder asked Mr. Bentley, as the 208 Water Quality Management, doesn't ACOG have some type of jurisdictional oversight; Mr. Bentley said they do but it is based on what the regional treatment facility is going to be and making sure everyone participates in it.

Mr. Eleazer asked if it was in the recommendation that the OJRSA should consider this within the 90-day timeline as well; Mr. Flynn replied that is correct. He added that it is probably a bit of overkill, but it shows the Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) and other governing bodies and the delegation that everyone is moving in the same direction with the goal being the long-term success of Oconee County and its municipalities. Mr. Moulder stated that it is beneficial as not all the representatives on the current OJRSA board are independent from the municipalities, so it gives them the opportunity to voice their opinions on the resolution.

Mr. Eleazer said he modified the resolution the OJRSA could use as best as he could and sent it to Mr. Flynn to finalize. He asked if it should go to the Finance and Administration Committee for consideration before going to the board. Mr. Bronson said it should go directly to the board since the Executive Committee is here and will approve it. Mr. Moulder and Ms. Myers agreed and said it could be sent back to the committee it needed.

Mr. Bronson said the timeline states the resolutions should be provided by October 13, 2025. He said that it is doable for Westminster and asked if it was doable with the other entities. Mr. Moulder, Ms. Myers, and Ms. Brock all stated that it was doable.

Mr. Flynn asked if he should create a template for each city or was everyone okay adapting it on their own with their councils. Mr. Bronson replied that he would like Mr. Flynn to add Oconee County. Mr. Moulder said he would like Mr. Flynn to draft one for everyone.

2. Consider the Timeline as Stated in the Recommendations (Exhibit C) – Mr. Bronson stated again that the first task is already completed and the resolution is to be done by October 13, 2025.

Ms. Brock said the recommendation by the Ad-Hoc Committee stated no more than two (2) representatives from the current board, and there are now three (3). She asked if this was changed by the board. Mr. Bronson said the recommendation was for the chair and vice-chair, but that would've left the City of Walhalla not being represented. The board wanted to be inclusive of the three (3) cities. Ms. Brock asked if the intent of the Ad-Hoc Committee was not to have that. Mr. Eleazer replied that the discussion was around having an odd number of members on this committee for voting purposes, but Mr. Flynn pointed out that if a tie-breaking vote was needed, there are bigger concerns to deal with. Ms. Brock said she agreed with that.

Mr. Moulder said the biggest obstacle and deliverable is in August 2026—determining who will be on the board and providing the list of recommendations to the delegation. Mr. Flynn said the amendments are important as it gives the delegation the recommendation authority, and the governor the gubernatorial appointment in lieu of the members. This will remove some of the politics.

Mr. Jones said there is a lot of leg work and asked Mr. Eleazer and Ms. Amidon if this is still practical. Ms. Amidon asked if it had been decided at what level that Ardurra and Bolton & Menk are to be involved. Mr. Bronson replied no and asked if Ms. Amidon had a recommendation. Ms. Amidon said she and Ms. Mettlen are here as third-party consultants supporting this committee by doing analysis and anything else consultants would do to get the committee to where it needs to be; however, the consultants cannot make the final decisions and choose the direction forward, because it won't be received well by the public. Mr. Bronson replied that Ms. Amidon, Ms. Mettlen, and Mr. Jones were invited onto this committee as non-voting members. Mr. Bronson asked if any of the other committee members had a recommendation about what the consultants will need to do in the process; there were no comments.

Mr. Bronson said he read in the minutes that the RIA would be open to helping finance the financial analysis. Ms. Amidon said that was a maybe; she said she knows by speaking with Ms. Bonnie Ammons of the RIA that they are looking for action at this end, and the resolution is only Step 1 of this action. RIA will also want to see some stakeholder commitment before they assist further as they feel they have already assisted with funding the feasibility study. Ms. Amidon added that she recommends this group going back to the recommendations that resulted from Weston & Sampson's Master Plan, because some of those things could get started during this reconstitution plan. She said she would be happy to take a pass with this. Mr. Bronson asked Ms. Amidon to do that first pass, and there could be a discussion about it at the next committee meeting.

Mr. Jones said a lot of money can be spent on the technical resources needed for the valuation and challenged the member agencies to determine what issues they have (technical or otherwise) to get through to allow the consolidation of their systems, and there may be a simpler solution to address this. Mr. Flynn said someone must do a deep dive on what the OJRSA board is taking on, and although everything won't be identified, it would be a good start with the system age, line degradation, and pump station utilization.

Mr. Bronson said this agenda doesn't state to adopt the timeline, but he asked if anyone was ready to adopt it. Mr. Bentley said it is fair to adopt but changes can be made.

Mr. Bentley made a motion, seconded by Mr. Eleazer, to adopt the Timeline as presented.

Ms. Brock stated that being Oconee County has so little technical valuations, it would be unfair for Oconee County to break a tie vote, so she may abstain. Mr. Eleazer said he put the timeline together based on the Ad-Hoc Feasibility Committee's recommendations, and they were target dates, so they can be adjusted. Ms. Brock said it is a motion to approve the timeline. Mr. Moulder asked Mr. Bentley if he wanted to change his motion.

Mr. Bentley amended his motion, seconded by Mr. Eleazer, to adopt the Timeline as presented and to accept the dates in the timeline are target dates that the committee will try to maintain progress

towards, acknowledging that things may come up and require adjustments on the dates. The motion carried.

- 3. Submittal of Quarterly Reports to South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (SC RIA) –** Mr. Bronson said he and Mr. Eleazer spoke about having Ms. Stephens submit the reports to the RIA, and he asked if Ms. Stephens was asked about doing this. Mr. Eleazer said he did not ask Ms. Stephens and said when he reported each milestone during the first Ad-Hoc Committee, he would just email Ms. Ammons and give a bullet point about what was done, and Ms. Ammons was appreciative of that. Mr. Eleazer also stated that Ms. Ammons could receive key points from the meeting minutes.

Mr. Moulder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bentley, to assign Sewer Authority staff with the responsibility of submitting the quarterly reports to the RIA. The motion carried.

- 4. Discuss Financial Evaluation of Wastewater Systems –** Mr. Bronson said he agreed with what Mr. Jones said earlier in the meeting that a lot of money can be spent on the valuations. Mr. Bronson asked, the way it is written in the report, if it is a deal breaker for any of the three (3) member cities and Oconee County, and he also asked if there were additional considerations this committee needs to have. Mr. Bronson added that this committee isn't tied to what they say, as they probably have not discussed it with their individual councils. Mr. Bronson said that although Westminster's council has received weekly reports, they haven't spoken about it in council yet either.

Mr. Moulder said that Seneca is in the same position and hasn't gotten feedback from its council on the recommendations. He said when they initially read the report, there were lots of questions about what the valuation, transfer, and debt would look like. This committee will have the job of answering these questions through the assessments. Mr. Moulder said Seneca is open to paying to bring in a team for a valuation of its system instead of having one (1) firm doing all the evaluations. He added that a lot of the financial analysis was performed during the report generation of the system with rates and customer base and asked if that could be reviewed and modified for condition analysis.

Mr. Bronson asked if it would be appropriate for each entity to go back and have these discussions with their individual councils and then bring the questions back to this committee to vet through. In addition, the councils should be asked if one (1) consultant should do all the valuations. Mr. Moulder was in favor of doing this.

Ms. Myers said she agreed with the feedback as well but added that the Ad-Hoc Committee was leaning towards one (1) consultant to do the valuations to keep the same parameters. Mr. Jones added that everyone should develop the scope through that one (1) consultant. Mr. Moulder was good with this.

Ms. Brock said the County Council is grateful to the Sewer Authority for having this amount of activity around change. She added she is good with getting the feedback but added that she may bring back many questions, and the answers presented may create even more questions. There was also some conversation about upcoming elections in the Member Cities and how more questions may be asked by new councilmembers.

Mr. Flynn suggested the question-and-answer part of the next committee meeting be held in Executive Session which would allow the committee members to speak freely. Mr. Moulder asked Mr. Flynn if that would follow the rules for holding an Executive Session, and Mr. Flynn felt it would.

Mr. Bronson asked if everyone felt they could have the discussions with their councils and have the questions to bring back in time for the next meeting. Everyone felt they could. There was some additional conversation about upcoming city elections that may bring up additional questions from new council members.

Ms. Amidon said that the valuation scope wouldn't be the same for everyone, as there are lots of unknowns. Mr. Eleazer stated that it should be the same scope sheet for each entity and that maybe the consultants could be utilized to put the analysis of the unknown items out for solicitation.

Ms. Amidon said the committee probably needs to determine what level of items need to be known for the valuation as it will cost more the more detail that is required.

Mr. Eleazer asked who was paying for this. Mr. Bronson said that is why he asked if the RIA was paying for it. This will need to be determined.

Ms. Amidon asked what the legal implications are for the OJRSA taking all these systems on if everyone is in support and is there anything the OJRSA needs to be aware of in terms of risk analysis. Mr. Flynn said the OJRSA is already accepting the waste from everyone's system, so the OJRSA is just taking on the cost of maintaining the collection systems, which is the cost of doing business. There is not a lot of heartburn on the legal side of the takeover.

- 5. Discuss Draft Language for State Law Modifications (Exhibit D)** – Mr. Bronson said the language states there will be a new board with a new way of it being created and the assets being owned collectively by one (1) entity. Mr. Bronson asked if there were any issues in the language Mr. Flynn drafted.

Mr. Flynn provided some background stating that he had preliminary conversations with the delegation, Senator Thomas Alexander, and his legislative liaisons. Being the legislature just finished year one of the two-year legislative cycle, the previous ad-hoc committee didn't want to waste a portion of the session. They wanted to get the language to a level where it's felt it allows the OJRSA to do all the things being proposed by the recommendations, giving the flexibility of the organization to be as successful as possible, and to use the political leverage of Senator Alexander to get it through. Mr. Flynn added that he feels the OJRSA is at the point if everyone is comfortable with it. Mr. Flynn stated it won't take anything away from what the OJRSA has but rather will add additional authorization on appointments, provide some clarifying language around issuance of bonds to make sure debt is properly approved, and provide the authority with more flexibility.

Mr. Bronson asked if everyone was comfortable making this a part of the presentation to their councils. Ms. Myers said it was already presented to the Walhalla council, and Mr. Bronson said it was to Westminster's council as well. Ms. Brock said, since Oconee County is not a part of the organization, they are good with it so far and want it to keep going. This isn't interesting to them just yet.

Mr. Bronson said he, Mr. Eleazer, and Mr. Flynn, (at a minimum) need to set up a meeting with the delegation, but he thinks this should be held off until this committee gets some feedback from the cities' and county's councils. Mr. Flynn said that makes good sense but recommended meeting with Senator Alexander in October to get some direction. The goal is to have the final introduction version in December, so it is ready to move come January 1, 2026.

Mr. Bronson asked Mr. Eleazer to contact Senator Thomas Alexander, Representative Bill Whitmore, and Representative Adam Duncan and share this information with them/lay the groundwork.

- 6. Establish Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting Schedule** – Mr. Bronson stated that the OJRSA board recommended having the meeting on the same day and time as the previous Ad-Hoc Feasibility Committee meeting: the second Thursday of each month at 9:00 a.m. All the committee members agreed.

Mr. Bronson summarized today's meeting:

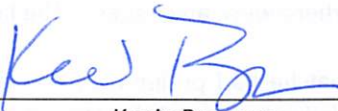
- Ms. Amidon will do a preliminary review of the Master Plan and come back with anything the committee should review.
- The committee members will bring in a list of questions from their council members.
- The committee members will bring in an outline of specs and whether they are technical or financial.

E. Upcoming Meetings

1. **Operations & Planning Committee** – Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.
2. **Finance & Administration Committee** – Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
3. **Board of Commissioners** – Monday, September 8, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
4. **Ad-Hoc Reconstitution Committee** – Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. (*Meeting schedule established earlier in today's meeting.*)

F. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Approved By:

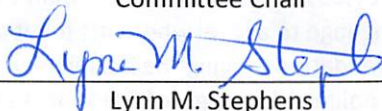


Kevin Bronson
Committee Chair

Date Approved:

8/14/25

Approved By:



Lynn M. Stephens
OJRSA Secretary/Treasurer

Notification of the meeting was distributed on August 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, and posted at the OJRSA Administration Building.



Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee

OJRSA Operations & Administration Building
Lamar Bailes Board Room
August 14, 2025 at 2:00 PM

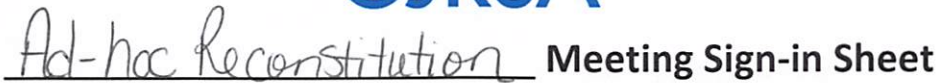
Amended – Meeting time corrected to 2:00 PM

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

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Agenda

- A. Call to Order** – Kevin Bronson, Executive Committee Chair
- B. Introduce the Members of the Committee**
- C. Discuss the five recommendations of the Ad Hoc Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee**
(Exhibit A) – Led by Kevin Bronson, Executive Committee Chair
- D. Committee Discussion and Action Items** – Led by Kevin Bronson, Executive Committee Chair, unless otherwise noted
 - 1. Discussion and Approval of Support Resolution (Exhibit B)
 - 2. Consider the timeline as stated in the recommendations (Exhibit C)
 - 3. Submittal of quarterly reports to South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (SC RIA)
 - 4. Discuss financial evaluation of wastewater systems
 - 5. Discuss draft language for state law modifications (Exhibit D)
 - 6. Establish ad hoc committee meeting schedule
- E. Upcoming Meetings** *All meetings to be held in the Lamar Bailes Board Room unless noted otherwise.*
 - 1. Operations & Planning Committee – August 20, 2025 at 8:30 AM
 - 2. Finance & Administration Committee – August 26, 2025 at 9:00 AM
 - 3. Board of Commissioners – September 8, 2025 at 4:00 PM
 - 4. Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee – *Meeting schedule to be established as stated in agenda item D.6*
- F. Adjourn**



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REGIONAL SEWER FEASIBILITY STUDY

OJRSA Ad Hoc Regional Feasibility Study Implementation Committee OJRSA Reorganization Recommendations

June 16, 2025

The OJRSA Regional Feasibility Planning Study (“Planning Study”), completed in August 2024 and adopted in September 2024, recommended establishing the Ad Hoc Regional Feasibility Study Implementation Committee (“Ad Hoc Committee”). The purpose of this committee was to review, discuss and evaluate the Planning Study’s primary recommendations for a new governance structure for Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (“Authority”) and to provide independent recommendations for implementing this restructuring.

The Ad Hoc Committee was established by the Board of Commissioners, as the governing body of OJRSA (“Board”), in November 2024. The initial Ad Hoc Committee was staffed with 10 members, and one *ex officio* member as follows:

- Chip Bentley, *Ex Officio* Member
- Amanda Brock, Oconee County
- Chris Eleazer, OJRSA
- Joel Jones, Utility Expert (Environmental/Utility Compliance)
- Scott McLane, Seneca
- Celia Myers, Walhalla
- Scott Parris, Westminster
- Graham Rich, Utility Expert (Economic Development), *resigned*
- Sue Schneider, Utility Expert (Management)
- River Stillwell, Utility Legal Expert
- Scott Willett, Utility Expert (Finance)

The Planning Study suggested a six month timeline for the Ad Hoc Committee to review prior work and complete initial evaluations for recommendations that would be presented to the Board and Oconee County, as an entity recommended for addition to the Authority under the Planning Study.

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During the initial meeting, Graham Rich was elected Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee. Thereafter, Mr. Rich resigned due to personal reasons. The Ad Hoc Committee determined that they had an adequate number of utility experts with experience across all relevant areas, making a replacement unnecessary. Mr. Joel Jones, former CEO of Renewable Water Resources, was subsequently elected to serve as Chair moving forward, while the rest of the committee membership remained unchanged. Since December 2024, the Ad Hoc Committee has been convened monthly to advance this important process. All Ad Hoc Committee meetings were properly advertised and open to the public in accordance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee were held on the dates noted below, and minutes from each such meeting are attached hereto for reference:

- December 2, 2024
- January 9, 2025
- February 13, 2025
- March 13, 2025
- April 10, 2025
- May 8, 2025
- June 16, 2025

The following information outlines the Ad Hoc Committee's five major recommendations to reorganize/reconstitute the Authority under the Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act.

1. The collection systems of current Authority members and Oconee County should be consolidated into one combined system – owned, operated, and maintained by the reconstituted Authority.

- Timely evaluations (technical) and valuations (financial) of the collection systems, including debt, asset viability, and immediate capital, are essential to finalize the terms of the system transfers to the Authority. This step is crucial in the process and should be completed as soon as possible. *(NOTE: For the consolidation of the current collection systems into the reconstituted Authority, the Town of West Union should be included in this effort.)*
- It is recommended that all affected entities, to include the Board, the governing bodies of each member of the Authority (Walhalla, Westminster and Seneca), Oconee County Council, and the West Union Town Council, adopt a

resolution expressing initial support for this consolidation effort. The resolutions can be non-binding and contingent upon the final terms and conditions of the transfers. However, it would demonstrate a unified approach and support for the overall process, potentially aiding in the acquisition of any future grant funding or other forms of financial support.

- A unified and equitable rate structure will be developed and deployed as a part of the governance documents of the reconstituted Authority. A timeline for developing and implementing this rate structure will be completed as soon as possible.
- If the consolidation of any or all collection systems does not progress in a timely manner, or at all, the Authority, in its current form, must issue individual permits to each entity that retains ownership of those systems. These permits will necessitate ongoing compliance with the Authority's Sewer Use Regulation ("SUR"), which is further mandated by the Authority's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit issued by the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services ("SCDES"). This action will empower the Authority to enforce the conditions of these permits as outlined in the SUR. Further, SCDES recently confirmed that the agency's expectation is that the Authority enforce its SUR for all upstream users as necessary to comply with the Authority's own NPDES permit. Any permits issued to the current member entities, Oconee County, and/or Town of West Union¹ would reflect this regulatory expectation, though the precise terms would be left to the Authority's discretion.

2. The Authority should be reconstituted with a five-member Board of Commissioners (the "New Board").

Based on the Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act (SC Code Ann §§6-25-5, et. seq.) ("Act"), a "member of a joint system" is defined as "an authority that has

¹ Anecdotally, SCDES shared that it is presently dealing with a situation elsewhere in the state involving a wastewater utility with compliance difficulties linked to a single large upstream user. In that situation, EPA has recommended that SCDES make the utility and each satellite user a co-permittees on the upcoming renewal of the utilities' NPDES permit. Such action creates jointly and severally responsibility to the state and federal government for all noncompliance going forward. In the absence of the recommended consolidation or issuance of individual permits, it is possible regulators could impose such a co-permittee scenario on the Authority and all member entities in the future.

taken the actions necessary to form or join the joint system.” Based on this definition, the members with representative interests on the New Board will be the City of Seneca, the City of Walhalla, the City of Westminster and Oconee County. Draft legislation has been proposed to amend the Act to permit new methods for appointing commissioners to a joint authority. Conversations with legislative leadership have been ongoing, and proposed changes to the Act are expected to be considered during the 2026 legislative session at the earliest.² A copy of the proposed legislative changes to the Act are attached to this recommendation report.

Assuming these changes are approved, the full appointment of the commissioners to the New Board will be made by the Governor of South Carolina, based upon the recommendations of the Oconee County Legislative Delegation (the “Delegation”).

The following bullets provide the basic guidelines for commissioner recommendations. These will be outlined in the governance documents for the reconstituted Authority:

- All commissioners must reside within the service territory of the member to whom they are appointed to represent and have a service contract for public sewer at the time of appointment and for the duration of their term. At least one commissioner of the New Board shall be appointed from the service area of each member of the joint authority (i.e. one from Westminster, Walhalla, Seneca, and Oconee County, respectively).
- Gubernatorial appointed commissioners cannot be current elected officials or current staff of any Authority member.
- Clarifying language will be included in the governance documents for the reconstituted Authority to address changes to the Authority’s service territory and the potential impact on the appointment of future Commissioners. In general, if areas outside Oconee County are served, such customers would be

² If the legislative changes fail or take longer to be approved, the current Authority governance documents could be dissolved by the current Board and member entities and new governance documents drafted. In such event, it is recommended that the reconstituted Authority be served by a five-member New Board and subject to the parameters outlined in the Committee’s Recommendation 2. This act is further predicated on unequivocal endorsement that all of the existing collection systems be consolidated into a single system.

by contract and the New Board would not be expanded (*i.e., Anderson County*).

- Terms of commissioners will be dictated by the revised Act and will generally be for 4 years.
- Under this New Board structure and with collection system consolidation, all votes will be based on one vote per commissioner. All other voting protocols will be defined in the new governance documents.

If the proposed legislative amendments to the Act are not enacted, the New Board will not be recommended by the Delegation and appointed by the Governor but rather will continue under the current method of appointment whereby the members of the Authority appoint their respective representatives to the New Board. The following bullets provide the basic guidelines for Commissioner recommendations in the event the proposed legislative amendments are not adopted:

- For the New Board representation should be as follows:
 - City of Seneca – Recommendation for 1 commissioner;
 - City of Walhalla – Recommendation for 1 commissioner;
 - City of Westminster – Recommendation for 1 commissioner;
 - Oconee County – Recommendation for 1 commissioner; and
 - Recommendation for 1 at-Large commissioner to be agreed upon by Seneca, Walhalla, Westminster and Oconee County
- Best efforts should be undertaken to avoid the appointment of any commissioner that involves current staff of any member or any elected official. It is strongly encouraged that the bylaws of the New Board expressly prohibit any such *ex officio* or principal/agent service on the New Board.
- Clarifying language will be included in the governance documents for the reconstituted Authority to address changes to the Authority's service area and the potential impact on the appointment of future Commissioners. In general, if areas outside Oconee County are served, these would be by contract and the Board would not be expanded.

- Consistent with the Act, commissioner to serve at discretion of the members.
 - Under this New Board structure and with collection system consolidation, all votes will be based on one vote per Commissioner. All other voting protocols will be defined in the new governance documents.
3. **The governance documents of the reconstituted Authority will be drafted and supersede all existing Authority governance documents and contracts, which must be dissolved as a part of this process. These documents will also provide that the reconstituted Authority will have the power to provide retail sewer services within its service area as necessary to support the operation of the consolidated collection systems. This should be finalized upon completion of the consolidation but can be drafted during the consolidation process.**
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 - 1 representative of OJRSA staff.
 - 1 representative of Oconee County.
 - 1 representative of the Appalachian Council of Governments (ACOG).
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Summary Statement:

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EXHIBIT A IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

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EXHIBIT 1

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(F) Commissioners appointed under subsection (B)(2) above may not be an officer or employee of a member of a joint system, and no commissioner shall be permitted to serve on an ex officio basis. Separately, for commissioners appointed under subsection (B)(1) above, the members of the joint system may include a restriction in the project contract, bylaws or other agreement for the joint system that no commissioner may be an officer or employee of a member of a joint system, and no commissioner shall be permitted to serve on an ex officio basis.

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(B) A member may withdraw from a joint system by resolution or ordinance of its governing body. A contractual right acquired or contractual obligation incurred by a member while it was a member remains in full force and effect after the member's withdrawal.

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Whenever the commission of a joint system and the governing body of each of its members shall by resolution or ordinance determine that the purposes for which the joint system was formed have been substantially fulfilled and that all bonds issued and all other obligations incurred by the joint system have been fully paid or satisfied, the commission and members may declare the joint system to be dissolved. On the effective date of the resolution or ordinance, the title to all funds and other income and property owned by the joint system at the time of dissolution must be disbursed to the voting members of the joint system according to its bylaws.

In the discretion of the members of a joint system for the proper and efficient operation of any joint system, an existing joint system may be reconstituted by following the procedures for the creation of a new joint system, mutatis mutandis.

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A joint system may incur debt for any of its purposes and may issue bonds pledging to the payment as to both principal and interest the revenues, or any portion, derived or to be derived from all or any of its projects and any additions and betterments or extensions or contributions or advances from its members or other sources of funds available to it. A joint system may not undertake a project required to be financed, in whole or in part, with the proceeds of bonds without the approval of the governing bodies of each member which is obligated or to be obligated under any contract for the payment of amounts to be pledged as security therefore and a favorable vote of two-thirds of all commissioners. Notwithstanding the foregoing, when a commission is

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Sample resolution from Lawrence Flynn

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF, AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR, THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AD HOC REGIONAL FEASIBILITY STUDY IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Westminster (the “**City Council**”), the governing body of the City of Westminster, South Carolina (the “**City**”), as follows:

Section 1 Findings. The City Council make the following findings in connection with the adoption of this resolution (this “**Resolution**”):

A. The City is a municipal corporation of the State of South Carolina (the “**State**”) located in Oconee County, South Carolina, and as such possesses all general powers granted by the Constitution and statutes of the State to such public entities.

B. The City is a member of Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (“**OJRSA**”), a joint authority sewer system organized under Title 6, Chapter 25 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the “**Act**”), created in 2007 by its three member-municipalities: the City of Seneca, South Carolina (“**Seneca**”), the City of Walhalla, South Carolina (“**Walhalla**”), and the City (collectively, the “**Members**”).

C. OJRSA commissioned the Regional Feasibility Planning Study (“**Planning Study**”), which was completed in August 2024 and formally adopted by the Board of Commissioners, as the governing body of OJRSA (“**Board**”) in September 2024.

D. The Planning Study recommended the formation of an Ad Hoc Regional Feasibility Study Implementation Committee (“**Ad Hoc Committee**”) to further evaluate and develop implementation strategies to restructure OJRSA.

E. The Board established the Ad Hoc Committee in November 2024, who convened regularly from December 2024 through June 2025 to conduct a comprehensive review of the Planning Study and develop independent recommendations for implementation.

F. The City’s representative, Mr. Scott Parris, served as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee throughout its deliberations.

G. On June 16, 2025, the Ad Hoc Committee issued a final report entitled “OJRSA Reorganization Recommendations” that includes five major recommendations for the reorganization and reconstitution of OJRSA under the Act (the “**Recommendation Report**”).

H. The recommendations are intended to address longstanding operational, governance, regulatory, and financial challenges facing OJRSA and the Members, and to provide for a coordinated, compliant, and sustainable regional wastewater system to serve the current and future needs of Oconee County and its municipalities.

I. The City Council has received and reviewed the Recommendation Report, including the proposed implementation timeline, and recognizes the importance of working cooperatively and in good faith with OJRSA, Seneca, Walhalla, Oconee County, and other stakeholders to advance the implementation of the recommendations therein.

Section 2 Support for Implementation. The City expresses its support for the recommendations contained in the Recommendation Report and agrees to work in good faith with OJRSA, the other Members, Oconee County, and other affected entities to evaluate and, where appropriate, implement the proposed actions, including but not limited to: (i) the consolidation of Members' sewer collection systems, including the City's system, and enforced compliance of all applicable sewer user regulations; (ii) the development of a reconstituted governance structure for OJRSA, including the elimination of ex officio, principal-agent or other potentially conflicted members; (iii) the drafting of new governance documents; (iv) participation in the formation of an implementation committee to shepherd the reorganization process; and (v) the use of a coordinated communications plan to support public engagement and transparency. In addition to its confirmation and support of the major recommendations of the Recommendation Report, the City further supports and agrees that changes to the Act are needed and necessary to fully formulate the terms and findings of the Recommendation Report. Finally, the City Council will act in good faith to assure the City's compliance with the timeline for implementation of the Recommendation Report, including the engagement of all necessary consultants and other personnel necessary to formalize the planned restructuring.

Section 3 Non-Binding Intent. This Resolution expresses the City's non-binding intent to proceed in good faith with the evaluation and implementation process, with the understanding that final approvals of any restructuring or system consolidation actions will remain subject to the review and approval of City Council based on mutually agreed-upon terms and conditions.

Section 4 Further Action; Effective Date. The City Administrator is hereby directed to deliver this Resolution to OJRSA and any State regulatory agencies or entities in order to evidence the City's initial approval of the Recommendation Report. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

DONE AND ADOPTED, this ____th day of _____ 2025.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

City Clerk



“OJRSA Reorganization Recommendations” Exhibit A Timeline

Task	Target Schedule for Completion*	Target Date
Current Board will dissolve the current Ad Hoc Committee and establish the Implementation Committee (“Reconstitution Committee”) for further implementation oversight.	45 days	8/29/2025
Legislative revisions to the Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act (“Act”) will be finalized and provided to the Oconee County Delegation. Consultation shall be made with the Delegation on whether lobbyist support will be needed.	45 days	8/29/2025
Reconstitution Committee will provide <u>quarterly updates</u> to the SCRIA, the current Board, and Oconee County on the progress of the implementation of the initial recommendations.	Quarterly	9/30/2025
Resolutions of support for consolidation/OJRSA reorganization will be provided to and adopted by each governing body affected by the recommendation, including: OJRSA, Seneca, Walhalla, Westminster, West Union, & Oconee County.	90 days	10/13/2025
Consultants shall be engaged and the process of collection system <u>technical evaluation</u> and <u>financial valuation</u> will be initiated, including the identification of potential funding for effort and immediate rehabilitation projects that may be identified or current CIP. Additionally, a <u>rate consultant</u> will be engaged.	120 days	11/12/2025
Communication plan to be developed under the guidance of the Reconstitution Committee and provided to all entities involved.	120 days	11/12/2025
List of recommendations for the initial commissioners for the New Commission will be provided to Delegation.	Within 60 days of Approved Changes to Act [†]	8/1/2026
Complete the technical evaluation and financial valuation of the collection systems.	15 months after beginning process	2/27/2027
Unified, equitable rate structure timeline will be provided as part of initial terms for collection system consolidation.	18 months after beginning process	5/12/2027
Legal documents to transfer collection system assets to OJRSA to be executed, as well as all necessary reconstitution documents.	24 months after beginning process	7/15/2027
If the legislative amendments have not be approved, plans for consolidation under the amended Act will be abandoned. Thereupon, the OJRSA will proceed to consolidate the member system and implement the reconstitution under the existing Act, with such process to be finalized by no later than 36 months. Additionally, all members shall be issued permits in compliance with the OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation and added as co-permittees under the NPDES permit, if consolidation for any member does not occur.	25 months after beginning process	8/16/2027

* As noted in Exhibit A of the “OJRSA Reorganization Recommendations,” the implementation schedule is to begin when the OJRSA Board of Commissioners accepted the report its July 15, 2025 called meeting.

[†] Estimated to be July/August 2026.

TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6, CHAPTER 25 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN CLARYIFYING AMENDMENTS REGARDING COMMISSIONERS, RECONSTITUTION, BOND APPROVAL AND DURATION.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 6-25-20 shall be amended to add the following defined terms:

§ 6-25-20. Definitions.

(14) "Legislative Delegation" means all members of the South Carolina Senate and South Carolina House representing any county where a joint system is located.

(15) "Governor" means the Governor of the State of South Carolina.

SECTION 2. Section 6-25-50 shall be amended and restated as follows:

§ 6-25-50. ~~Agreement as to number of commissioners each member may appoint;~~ Application filed with Secretary of State; corporate certificate.

(A) The governing bodies of the members of a joint system shall form an agreement specifying the number of commissioners ~~each member may appoint to a commission created to govern the joint system pursuant to Section 6-25-60.~~

(B) ~~Two or more commissioners~~ The proposed members of a joint system shall jointly file an application with the Secretary of State ~~an application signed by the commissioner or each proposed member setting forth:~~

(1) ~~the names of~~ number of proposed members of the joint system, the number of proposed commissioners, and their respective appointed commissioners the method of appointment pursuant to Section 6-25-60(B);

(2) ~~(a) the a~~ a certified copy of a resolution of each member determining it is in its best interest to participate in the proposed joint system; ~~and~~

~~(b) the resolution appointing the member's commissioner;~~

(3) the desire that the joint system be organized as a public body corporate and politic under this chapter;

(4) the name which is proposed for the joint system; and

(5) the purpose for creation of the joint system.

The Secretary of State shall file the application if after examining it and determining that it complies with the requirements in this section and that the proposed name of the joint system is not identical with that of any other corporation of the State or any agency or instrumentality or so nearly similar as to lead to confusion and uncertainty.

After the application has been filed, the Secretary of State shall issue a corporate certificate that must be filed with the application, and the joint system then must be constituted a public body corporate and politic under the name proposed in the application. The corporate certificate shall set forth ~~the names of all voting member and~~ the name of the joint system. There also must be stated upon the corporate certificate the purpose for which it has been created, as set forth in the application. Notice of the issuance of such corporate certificate must be given to all members of the joint system by the Secretary of State.

In any suit, action, or proceeding involving the validity or enforcement of, or relating to, contract of a joint system, the joint system in the absence of establishing fraud shall be conclusively

considered to have been established in accordance with the provisions of this chapter upon proof of the issuance of the certificate by the Secretary of State. A copy of the certificate, duly certified by the Secretary of State, is admissible in evidence in any suit, action, or proceeding and is conclusive proof of the filing and contents.

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§ 6-25-60. Joint system to be managed and controlled by commission; appointment of commissioners; oath; records; seal; quorum; vacancies; expenses.

(A) The management and control of a joint system is vested in a commission that may consist of no fewer than five members and no more than eleven members. A commissioner has one vote and may have additional votes as a majority of the members of the joint system determines. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection requiring the commission managing a joint system to have no fewer than five members and no more than eleven members, a joint system in existence on this section's effective date and having fewer than five members or more than eleven members on this section's effective date may continue to maintain the number of members serving on the section's effective date and may add additional members as its commissioners determine.

(B) As contemplated by the initial application to the Secretary of State, commissioners serving on the commission may be appointed under one of the following procedures:

(1) Appointment by member. The governing body of each voting member of a joint system shall appoint one or more a commissioners, pursuant to ~~Section 6-25-50(A)~~, to serve as a commissioner of the joint system. ~~A commissioner has one vote and may have additional votes as a majority of the members of the joint system determines.~~ A commissioner serves at the pleasure of the governing body by which he was appointed. A commissioner, before entering upon his duties, shall take and subscribe to an oath before a person authorized by law to administer oaths to execute the duties of his office faithfully and impartially, and a record of each oath must be filed with the governing body of the appointing authority.

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(2) Appointment by Governor. The commissioners may be appointed by the Governor in accordance with the following procedures:

(a) The Governor, based upon the recommendation of the legislative delegation from each county that the joint system operates, shall appoint each commissioner. Each appointed commissioner must reside within a household receiving utility services from the joint system or a member of the joint system. In making such appointments, there shall be at least one commissioner appointed by the Governor from the service area of each member of the joint system.

(b) Excepting the initial appointments as necessary to create a staggered commission which may be two or four years, respectively, each commissioner must be appointed and serve for a term of four years and until his successor is appointed and qualified, provided that the terms of the commissioners must be staggered such that approximately one-half of the total members appointed by the Governor must be appointed or reappointed every two years. A vacancy must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the manner of the original appointment. Respecting the initial commission appointed herein, the minority portion of the staggered membership, representing those authorities with the lowest number of customers of the joint system, shall serve for an initial two-year term.

~~(B)~~ (C) The commissioners of the joint system shall annually, or biennially, if provided in the bylaws of the joint system, elect, with each commissioner having one vote, one of the commissioners as chairman, another as vice chairman, and other persons who may, but need not be commissioners, as treasurer, secretary and, if desired, assistant secretary. The office of treasurer may be held by the secretary or assistant secretary. The commission may also appoint such additional officers as it deems necessary. The secretary or assistant secretary of the joint system shall keep a record of the proceedings of the joint system, and the secretary must be the custodian of all books, records, documents, and papers filed with the joint system, the minute book or journal of the joint system, and its official seal.

~~(C)~~ (D) A majority of the commissioners of the joint system shall constitute a quorum. A vacancy on the commission of the joint system shall not impair the right of a quorum to exercise all rights and perform all the duties of a joint system. Any action taken by the joint system under the provisions of this chapter may be authorized by resolution at any regular or special meeting held pursuant to notice in accordance with bylaws of the joint system, and each resolution shall take effect immediately and need not be published or posted. Except as is otherwise provided in this chapter or in the bylaws of the joint system, a majority of the votes which the commissioners present are entitled to cast, with a quorum present, shall be necessary and sufficient to take any action or to pass any resolution. No commissioner of a joint system shall receive any compensation solely for the performance of duties as a commissioner, but each commissioner may be paid per diem, mileage, and subsistence expenses, as provided by law for state boards, committees, and commissions, incurred while engaged in the performance of such duties.

(E) All commissioners shall hold the qualifications of an elector.

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(A) After the creation of a joint system, any other authority may become a member of the joint system upon:

(1) adoption of a resolution or ordinance by the governing body complying with the requirements of Section 6-25-40 including publication of notice;

(2) submission of an application to the joint system; and

(3) approval of the application by resolution of the governing body of each member of the joint system except in the case of a joint system organized for the purpose of creating a financing pool, in which case the application must be approved by resolution of the commission.

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(C) Notice of a change in membership must be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State. No change is final until this filing occurs. The filing is not required if a joint system is organized only for the purpose of creating a financing pool.

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OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY

Operations & Planning Committee

October 23, 2025

The Operations & Planning Committee meeting was held at the Coneross Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Commissioners that were present:

- Seat 2 (Seneca): Scott Moulder (Committee Chairman)
- Seat 3 (Seneca): Scott McLane
- Seat 6 (Walhalla): Zane Thompson
- Seat 9 (Walhalla & Westminster): David Dial

Commissioners that were not present:

- None. All Commissioners 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:

- Austin Allen, Arbor Land Design
- Stephen Wright, Pulte Group

A) Call to Order - Mr. Moulder called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

B) Public Session – None.

C) Presentation and Discussion Items:

- 1. Update on Current Projects (Exhibit A)** – Mr. Eleazer stated, as previously reported at the October 6, 2025 board meeting, Item #17 on the list was cancelled due to prioritizing the repair to Final Clarifier #3 that broke down recently. This project has been put on hold until next fiscal year. Depending on the final cost of the clarifier repair, the OJRSA may pick and choose what can be funded this fiscal year on the project.

The Director stated that the projects list tracks the progress of the Reconstitution Committee. He added that a quarterly report was submitted to the SC Rural Infrastructure Authority, and he will provide a copy to the board at the November meeting.

- 2. Consider Request from Arbor Land Design Regarding Reservation of Capacity in the Wastewater System** – *discussion combined with item C3.*
- 3. Consider Policy for Reserving Capacity for Largescale Developments (Exhibit B)** – Mr. Eleazer stated that Items C2 and C3 will be discussed together as they are related. He introduced Mr. Austin Allen of Arbor Land Design and asked him to introduce Mr. Stephen Wright and to speak about a request to reserve capacity in the wastewater system.

Mr. Allen introduced himself as a land planner for Arbor Land Design and introduced Mr. Wright as the Land Development Manager with Pulte Group, and their organizations are working on a large development project in Seneca.

Mr. Allen said the challenge is obtaining sewer capacity for the project, because substantial upgrades are required, and the capacity is on a first come/first serve basis. He stated it is difficult from a financing standpoint, as investment teams don't want to release funds without capacity

approved or reserved. He stated it would be helpful to reserve capacity, especially if the developer will help pay for the required upgrades. Mr. Allen also explained how they have been working on this project since April and because larger projects take longer to get going, it is difficult when someone else can take the capacity out from under them in the meantime. Mr. Allen said if the OJRSA is proactive with the capacity at the front end, it would help the OJRSA with the planning standpoint of what is coming, and it would also help the Member Cities' planning and zoning standpoints.

Mr. Eleazer stated he is in support of a policy to allow large development projects to reserve capacity, under certain conditions, as design work and acquiring land for these projects can take months or years to complete. He said the OJRSA currently does not accept capacity until the developer applies for sewer service and the plans are approved. Then when the developer pays the impact fees, the OJRSA will generate a letter stating the flow will be treated at the plant, and the developer will send this letter to SC Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) with the construction permit application. He said meanwhile another developer could come in with their paperwork done quicker and get the capacity before the initial developer.

The Director said he created a draft capacity policy (*made a part of these minutes*) and ran it by OJRSA's attorney, Mr. Lawrence Flynn. Mr. Flynn made some modifications and approved the draft as written and provided.

Mr. Eleazer also stated that he recommends defining a "large development" as one that would have a minimum of one hundred and fifty (150) Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs) or 45,000 gallons per day (GPD) of wastewater associated with it. The draft shows other higher levels in the footnotes that the OJRSA board could consider instead. He said the developer would be required to put down a non-refundable 25% in the amount of the impact fee for a 3-year reservation of the capacity. He added that he supports the policy for any qualifying project but made it clear that he was not speaking in support of or against Mr. Allen's proposed project.

Mr. Moulder asked if the developer would have to pay in full when they receive the SCDES Permit to Construct. Mr. Eleazer replied yes.

Mr. Eleazer explained how the process would work for a multi-phased project:

- 1) The developer would procure capacity in the plant and collection system by paying the impact fees for the initial phase of the project and paying the 25% non-refundable reservation deposit. Then the OJRSA would generate a letter to SCDES, and then SCDES would issue the construction permit for Phase I.
- 2) The date of issue as listed on the construction permit would begin the 3-year timeframe for the capacity reservation for Phase II of the project. He stated that although SCDES may extend the construction permit but the OJRSA will not extend the timeframe (except for an additional 90-day grace period to get all the necessary paperwork submitted as stated in the draft document).
- 3) If there are additional phases (beyond Phase II) of the project, each time they get a construction permit for the previous phase, the new 3-year timeframe starts.

Mr. Moulder asked if the developer had to pay the full amount when the letter to SCDES is generated. Mr. Eleazer replied that they would pay the full amount for what is permitted on Phase I and 25% of the balance for the remaining phases.

Mr. Moulder asked if Arbor Land is asking this committee to approve the policy for their project or are they here to support the change in the policy for future consideration. Mr. Eleazer spoke about this project being on both the OJRSA and Seneca Light & Water's conveyance lines and how the pump station receiving the waste is at the end of its useful life and is on the Master Plan for upgrading. Mr. Wright stated that to keep the project on schedule, this is a time-sensitive issue and he would like to see a resolution in a reasonable timeframe. He added he would be comfortable if this will be discussed at the upcoming meeting.

Mr. Moulder asked if this committee has the authority to request this change in policy; Mr. Eleazer replied yes as the board has the authority to grant a variance based on the first come/first serve policy.

Mr. Moulder stated Mr. Eleazer mentioned system upgrades and asked Mr. McLane if Seneca would require upgrades to its system for the project; Mr. McLane replied that there would need to be some upgrades done on the Seneca lines. Mr. Eleazer said the OJRSA is using its general hydraulic modeling engineer (that does the downstream capacity studies) for this project, and it is currently in draft review to see what needs to be done and what the recommendations will be. Mr. Moulder asked if the lines would be upgraded to accept additional capacity for other future projects. Mr. Eleazer responded that it would need to, explaining that, as OJRSA attorney Mr. Lawrence Flynn stated, the OJRSA cannot “pick winners and losers” by determining which projects may or may not connect.

Mr. Moulder stated that the new policy would not resolve the issue of dividing payments for Phase I (to serve individual parcels within the development). Mr. Eleazer agreed, explaining that the fees must be paid for the portion of the project for which the developer is seeking state construction approval.

Mr. Dial asked if there would be an issue with a developer changing the gallons per day on the project while it was on reserve. Mr. Eleazer replied that he has only seen this situation happen one (1) time since he’s been here, and it was for Hartwell Village back in 2017 or so when they added the apartment complex to the project. He said this is very rare and doesn’t think this will be an issue.

Mr. Moulder asked if there should be considerations for refunds and what would constitute a refund. Mr. Eleazer replied he felt this should remain non-refundable, as the developer would potentially be taking capacity from others. He added that this could be a benefit to Mr. Jamie Gilbert of Oconee Economic Alliance for future industries.

Mr. Moulder asked Mr. Wright how he felt about the non-refundable reservation fee. Mr. Wright said he didn’t think this would be a problem, although depending on the size of the project, that could be millions of dollars. Mr. Moulder emphasized to Mr. Allen and Mr. Wright that this process would just mean that the capacity is reserved for them, not saved for them.

Mr. Dial stated that Mr. Allen started out by stating his concern about capacity being taken away and said that the 25% deposit would be applied to upgrades to the system for the project. He asked if another developer paid for a project up front, how would it not take the capacity away from Mr. Allen. Mr. Eleazer replied that the hydraulic modeling consultant would base the new upgrades at full capacity to ensure that there would be enough capacity for Mr. Allen’s project and other potential projects.

Mr. Moulder said he felt this should be discussed further at the next Operations & Planning Committee meeting in November and then be brought up to the full board. He added that it would be nice to know what kind of upgrades would be required for this project. Mr. Eleazer stated that this is currently in the engineer’s court and that Mr. McLane should be getting some information soon.

- 4. Updates on Member Cities’ Satellite Sewer System Corrective Action Plans** – The Director reported that, in 2021, as part of the Consent Order agreement between the OJRSA and the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC – now known as SCDES), the OJRSA was to enforce the regulations on Satellite Sewer Systems (SSS). At the time, the OJRSA did not have a full grasp on the problems in its own collection system and required the help of engineers to identify the problem areas using CCTV, portable meters, etc.

In late 2023/early 2024, the engineers and OJRSA’s environmental attorneys felt there was enough data to quantify that the Member Cities that some issues on their lines that impacted the OJRSA. The OJRSA met with the Member Cities to discuss this, and in February 2024, the Member

Cities were asked to develop Corrective Action Plans (CAIP) to identify where inflow and infiltration (I&I) were coming from on their systems and to address it.

In Spring 2025, the Sewer Feasibility Implementation Committee was created to look at the feasibility study and determine the OJRSA's future course of action, which included the possible consolidation of all the OJRSA, Member Cities, Oconee County, and Town of West Union collection systems. Being that consolidation was a possible recommendation from the committee, it was decided not to have the Member Cities expense funds for the CAPs and put this on hold until the final recommendation of the committee. The Committee ultimately recommended consolidation, and the OJRSA Board accepted the recommendation at its August 2025 board meeting.

As per the Consent Order, the OJRSA is required to provide SCDES with a biannual report of work that has been completed in the previous six (6) months and upcoming work to be completed in the next six (6) months. As part of the CAP notice sent by OJRSA, the Member Cities were to provide the OJRSA an update on these projects by the end of each April and October. The Director reminded the committee that these reports are due by October 31, 2025.

D) Action Items to Recommend to the Board for Consideration – None.

E) Executive Director's Discussion and Compliance Matters – The Executive Director reported on the following:

- 1. Environmental and Regulatory Compliance –** Mr. Eleazer stated there was another break on the Speeds Force Main. The OJRSA is hoping to have an on-board engineer starting in January who can help the OJRSA move forward in replacing this line, as the OJRSA is "replacing the line twenty (20) feet at a time" when it breaks.
- 2. Miscellaneous (If Any) –** Mr. Eleazer stated there was a rash of calls in May from Cross Creek residents regarding odor complaints that were due to accepting waste from a package plant. Since that time, there have been a few on and off. OJRSA Operations Supervisor, Mr. Johnny McCall, has been riding through Cross Creek every morning and providing him with updates as to the smell. There has been a light scent on some mornings. Mr. Eleazer stated that the OJRSA doesn't take complaints lightly and will continue to tackle it head on.

Mr. Eleazer stated that odor complaints are more frequent from the Wexford Subdivision due to issues from the Davis Creek Road pump station. Seneca Light & Water is adding bleach in their system upstream of this area to calm the odor, and the OJRSA has installed carbon filters in the manholes. The filters are working well based on the odor detectors inside and outside of the system in that area, but the pump station itself cannot be sealed. There is a potential product that OJRSA staff is presently looking at, and a demo of this product may be performed to try to eliminate the remainder of the smell.

Mr. Dial asked how many times a complaint call from a Cross Creek resident corresponded to Mr. McCall smelling odor while driving through the subdivision. Mr. Eleazer replied that the OJRSA has not received a call from Cross Creek in quite a while. Mr. Moulder stated that Seneca has not received any complaints either.

F) Committee Members' Discussion – Mr. Dial stated it was previously mentioned that the OJRSA was having an issue collecting the impact fee for the Target project. He asked if this had been resolved. Mr. Eleazer said that the SC Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) issued a construction permit for this project in error, as they did not receive the letter from the OJRSA stating that the waste would be treated. It was decided that the OJRSA would work toward some sort of solution with the developer so that the permit didn't need to be revoked.

The Director spoke to the developer, and the developer asked about paying the fee for Target and then paying for each future project as they obtained a building permit. Mr. Eleazer said he would be in support of this if SCDES amended the construction permit by reducing the flow on the permit to only what was necessary to serve Target. Just within the last week, SCDES spoke to their general counsel

and declined to do that; therefore, the current policy of paying for the whole development in full is still in force.

Mr. Eleazer stated he gave the developer until October 31, 2025 to fill out the permit for capacity in the system and pay the impact fees. OJRSA Records Clerk, Ms. Amanda Kelley, emailed the fees and instructions as to how to apply for the capacity to the developer yesterday.

G) Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

1. **Finance & Administrative Committee** – Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Board of Commissioners** – Monday, November 3, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
3. **Ad-Hoc Reconstitution and Executive Committee** – Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
4. **Operations & Planning Committee** – Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

Notification of the meeting was distributed on October 20, 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, and posted at the OJRSA Administration Building.



Operations & Planning Committee Meeting

OJRSA Operations & Administration Building

Lamar Bailes Board Room

October 23, 2025 at 8:30 AM

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

Agenda

- A. Call to Order** – Scott Moulder, 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 request from Arbor Land Design regarding reservation of capacity in the wastewater system – Austin Allen, Arbor Land Design
 - 3. Consider policy for reserving capacity for largescale developments (Exhibit B) – Chris Eleazer, Director
 - 4. Updates on Member Cities' Satellite Sewer System Corrective Action Plans – Chris Eleazer, Director
- D. Action Items to Recommend to the Board for Consideration**
 - None
- E. Executive Director's Discussion and Compliance Matters** – Chris Eleazer, Director
 - 1. Environmental and regulatory compliance matters
 - 2. Miscellaneous *(if any)*
- F. Committee Members' Discussion** – Led by Scott Moulder, 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.
- G. Adjourn**

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					Bids/Rfq/etc. Issue/Advertised	Req/Contract Signed	Started Work	Completed	Obligated/ Spent (\$)			
1	Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Biannual Compliance Report (CE)	0%	11/8/2025	0	Internal Project	Internal Project	N/A		0	0	N/A	OJRSA Chris Eleazer
2	Agency Reconstitution (Sewer Feasibility Implementation) (Board, Others)	N/A	TBD	N/A	N/A	N/A	7/15/2025		0	0	N/A	Board of Commissioners
3	Completion of Development Guide (AM)	5%	12/31/2025	N/A	Internal Project	Internal Project	9/10/2024		0	0	N/A	OJRSA Chris Eleazer
4	Development Policy Revision (CE)	70%	10/6/2025	N/A	Internal Project	Internal Project	9/24/2024		0	0	N/A	OJRSA Chris Eleazer
5	Indefinite Delivery Contract for Engineering Services (CE)	50%	10/6/2025	N/A	10/10/2025				0	0	N/A. Projects to be assigned to depts.	OJRSA Chris Eleazer
6	Arc Flash 70E Assessment of WRF, PSs, and Other Facilities (AM)	0%	10/31/2025	12,650	Prof Svcs	8/12/2025	9/22/2025		0	12,650	Admin: Safety 501-02370	Life & Safety TBD
7	CMMS & Financial Software System Upgrade (CE)	2%	6/30/2026	TBD	7/3/2025				0	0	Admin Services 501-02420	TBD
8	Comprehensive Sewer Management Plan Project #2026-04 (KL)	0%	5/31/2026	49,999	Proj #2026-04 Prof Svcs	10/2/2025			0	49,999	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430	Ardurra Priya Verravalli
9	Evaluate Perkins PS & Coneross PS Pumps to Determine Repair vs. Replace (KL, EP)	0%	10/1/2025	TBD	IDC Engineer				0	0	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430	TBD
10	Field Data Collection for Hydraulic Model Verification (KL)	5%	12/31/2025	TBD	Prof Svcs				0	0	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430	GMC Hannah Ribelin
11	Coneross PS Rotating Assembly for Pumps #4 & #5 (EP)	0%	TBD	TBD					0	0	Con Sys: R&M COS-PS 601-05030	TBD
12	Martin PS Motor Base Restraint System (#2 of 3) (EP)	0%	12/30/2025	35,753	Sole Source 8/4/2025	8/11/2025			35,753	0	Conv Sys R&M: MAS2-PS 601-05100	Meco Keith Hall
13	Martin PS Aeration Motor Install (crane needed) (EP)	0%	11/30/2025	TBD					0	0	Conv Sys: Equip Rent 601-02540	TBD
14	NPDES Permit Renewal, Including PAA Installation and Operation (JM, KL)	99%	10/31/2025	3,500	NPDES: 4/19/22 PAA: 4/1/22	NPDES: 8/22/22 PAA: 8/1/22	NPDES: 7/1/22 PAA: 8/2/22	NPDES: 10/31/25 PAA: ____	0	3,500	WRF: Prof Svcs 701-02430	Goldie Assoc Paul Lewis
15	CIP PRIORITY 1A: Portable Generator Connection for WRF (includes engineering) (JM, KL)	10%	3/31/2026	14,000	ENG: 8/27/2025	ENG: 8/27/2025			0	14,000	WRF: R&M 701-03000	Howard Engineering Amy Howard
16	Headworks Flow Pulse and Flow Channel Sensor Install (JM)	80%	8/30/2025 9/25/2025	TBD	8/4/2025	8/12/2025	9/11/2025		0	0	WRF: R&M 701-03000	Davis Power Paul Davis
17	Project #2026-02 General Water Reclamation Facility Installation Projects See below (JM, KL)	1%	5/31/2026	TBD	8/13/2025				0	0	WRF: R&M 701-03000	TBD
	Cancelled and replaced with final clarifier #3 repair. Waiting on pricing.	nt	0%	TBD	See Row 17 Above	See Row 17 Above			0	0	See Row 14 Above	See Row 14 Above
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18	Pretreatment Program Update (following NPDES permit issuance) (AM)	0%	TBD	24,500	6/4/2025	6/4/2025			0	24,500	Pretreat: 801-02430 501-02440	Goldie Assoc Sonya Harrison
19	Seneca Creek FM Replacement Constr Administration/Inspect (#2023-05; CE)	93%	SUB: 10/22/25 FIN: 11/21/25	140,000	RFB #2023-05	4/29/2024	2/3/2025		100,000	40,000	O&M CIP: Con Sys 1401-06071	GMC Daniel Mosher
TOTAL AWARDED				280,402	TOTAL FUNDS OBLIGATED/ACTUAL TO DATE:					135,753	144,649	TOTAL AWARDED BUDGET REMAINING

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1	Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Biannual Compliance Report <i>(CE)</i>	DUE TO SCDES EVERY SIX MONTHS. Reports submitted: 11/14/21, 5/9/22, 11/10/22, 5/9/23, 11/9/23, 5/10/24, 11/8/24, 5/9/24. Next report due 11/10/2025. 10/21: Sent to KL for update.
2	Agency Reconstitution (Sewer Feasibility Implementation) <i>(Board, Others)</i>	See "Agency Reconstitution" sheet to track progress.
3	Completion of Development Guide <i>(AM)</i>	8/5: A McCullough reviewing approx 15 dates. 8/13: Have received 22 draft documents from AM for consideration.
4	Development Policy Revision <i>(CE)</i>	
5	Indefinite Delivery Contract for Engineering Services <i>(CE)</i>	8/13: Sent to K Wunder for legal review. 8/22: K Wunder considering local preference options due to OJRSA employees having to commute to engineer's office periodically. May include this in the scoring criteria of RFQ. 10/21: Held presubmittal meeting.
6	Arc Flash 70E Assessment of WRF, PSs, and Other Facilities <i>(AM)</i>	8/5: L&S setting up date to visit and will then provide pricing. 8/12: Scheduled to be performed in September. 9/1: Date set for last part of September. 9/24: Completed onsite assessment.
7	CMMS & Financial Software System Upgrade <i>(CE)</i>	9/23: Preferred Firm to be presented to O&P for consideration. 10/6: Board approved contract negotiation with KCI/Trimble Unity Maintain (Cityworks). Contracts under review.
8	Comprehensive Sewer Management Plan Project #2026-04 <i>(KL)</i>	NTE contract for professional services.
9	Evaluate Perkins PS & Coneross PS Pumps to Determine Repair vs. Replace <i>(KL, EP)</i>	Waiting on IDC.
10	Field Data Collection for Hydraulic Model Verification <i>(KL)</i>	9/5: Received list from Hannah Ribelin with GMC that lists areas where field verification and/or record drawing information is needed. 9/15: Have three manholes left to get depth data for. Still need to do vertical GPS. 10/21: KL spoke with Hannah to get GMC/Daniel to do GPS elevation.
11	Coneross PS Rotating Assembly for Pumps #4 & #5 <i>(EP)</i>	This is to be determined by the evaluation of Perkins PS & Coneross PS pumps to determine repair vs. replacement. 10/21: Cove Utility inspected. Check valves are inoperable. Estimate cost to replace valves and check valves is \$40,000.
12	Martin PS Motor Base Restraint System (#2 of 3) <i>(EP)</i>	7/14: KL has ordered this so it can be built. 10/21: Still being built.
13	Martin PS Aeration Motor Install (crane needed) <i>(EP)</i>	9/15: Crane company did not show for appointment. Everything else is ready. 10/21: Will meet with Campbell Crane soon.
14	NPDES Permit Renewal, Including PAA Installation and Operation <i>(JM, KL)</i>	9/1: SCDES did inspection on PAA system and verbally approved to put in operation once we receive NPDES permit. 9/10: Met with SCDES to consider OJRSA's comments. Waiting on their response. 10/21: New permit goes into effect 11/1. Waiting on Permit to Operate for PAA system.
15	CIP PRIORITY 1A: Portable Generator Connection for WRF (includes engineering) <i>(JM, KL)</i>	8/18: KL still needs to contact A Howard. He is to reach out to her very soon. 8/27: A Howard approved for ~\$14,000 design. 9/15: BREC provided Howard their information. 10/21: AH sent all info. Mtg w/ BREC onsite next week. 800KW should power whole site (600KW need).
16	Headworks Flow Pulse and Flow Channel Sensor Install <i>(JM)</i>	7/14: KL coordinating with Paul Davis. Items have been purchased. 8/5: Received quotes. 9/1: Paul Davis is scheduling work. 9/11: Installation complete. Now need to connect to SCADA. 10/21: Controller was bad. Waiting on new controller.
17	Project #2026-02 General Water Reclamation Facility Installation Projects <i>See below (JM, KL)</i>	8/7: Sent draft RFB to B Kelley for legal review as required by procurement code. 8/12: Received copy from BK. 8/13: Advertised RFB. Bids due 10/1. CANCELLED BID DUE TO EMERGENCY REPAIR NEEDED ON FINAL CLARIFIER #3.
	Cancelled and replaced with final clarifier #3 repair. Waiting on pricing.	
18	Pretreatment Program Update (following NPDES permit issuance) <i>(AM)</i>	Waiting on NPDES Permit issue.
19	Seneca Creek FM Replacement Constr Administration/Inspect <i>(#2023-05; CE)</i>	\$80,000 carryforward from FY2025. Obligated/Spent column includes costs from FY2025. Reimbursable by Fountain Residential Properties LLC per agreement. 8/5 Railroad bore scheduled for Sept. 9/5: Railroad bore complete. 10/14: All pipe is in ground, waiting for tie ins, testing, and PTO.

FY2026 RESTRICTED FUND PROJECTS

PROJECTS MAY CARRY ACROSS BUDGET YEARS

10/21/2025 16:18

Row #	Restricted Fund Projects <i>(Project Manager)</i>	OJRSA Project #	Approx % Complete	Anticipated Completion	OJRSA Funding Amount (\$)	Max Funding by Others (\$)	PO/Contract Amount (\$)	RESTRICTED FUND PROJECT MILESTONES					Budget Remaining (\$)	GL Code <i>(XXXXX = get from Office Mgr)</i>	Comp. Performing <i>(and Project Mgr)</i>
								Bids/RFQ/etc. Issue/Advertised	PO/Contract Signed	Started Work	Completed	Obligated/ Spent Curr + Prev Years (\$)			
A	I-85 Corridor Phase II <i>See below (CE)</i>	2019-XX and 2023-06	91%	See below	N/A	N/A	N/A	See below	See below	See below		See below	See below	RO&M: CIP 1401-06050	<i>Varies. See Below</i>
	Engineering and Inspection Services COUNTY FUNDED		99%	10/31/2024	0	480,850	480,850	Inherited from Oconee Co	5/4/2023	5/4/2023		439,597	41,253	RO&M: Prof Svcs 1301-02430	Davis & Floyd Travis Dupree
	Construction EDA/RIA/COUNTY FUNDED		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)	RO&M: CIP 1401-06050	Moorhead Construct Kevin Moorhead
	Engineering for Creek Stabilization & Welcome Center Waterline		7%	TBD	0	78,650	78,650	EJCDC Contract Amend #3	2/20/2025			0	78,650	RO&M: CIP 1401-06050	Davis & Floyd Travis Dupree
B	Exit 4/Oconee Manufacturing Park ("Sewer South Phase III") PS/Sewer ENGINEERING <i>(CE)</i>	CY 2022	100%	11/1/2024	0	0	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ	Sometime in 2022	8/29/2025	0	0	TBD	Thomas & Hutton Lee Brackett
C	Dewatering Equipment Replacement at WRF <i>See below (JM, KL)</i>	2024-06	25%	See below	N/A	N/A	N/A	See below	See below	See below		See below	See below	PROJ & CONT 1501-09011	<i>Varies. See Below</i>
	Design, Construction Admin, and Inspection SCIIP MATCH		75%	PHASE II 6/30/2026	440,300	0	440,300	9/15/2023	12/19/2023	1/11/2024		304,779	135,521	PROJ & CONT 1501-09011	KCI Technologies Tom Vollmar
	Construction SCIIP GRANT		5%	PHASE II 6/30/2026	0	4,216,749	4,147,936	3/22/2024	7/30/2024	7/26/2024		294,323	3,853,613	PROJ & CONT 1501-09011	Harper GC Justin Jones
D	Consent Order Gravity Sewer Rehab Project (SSES/Inspection: 2023) <i>See below (CE, KL)</i>	2024-08	15%	See below	N/A	N/A	N/A	See below	See below	See below		See below	See below	PROJ & CONT 1501-09009	<i>Varies. See Below</i>
	Engineering SCIIP MATCH		75%	9/29/2025	557,000	0	557,000	N/A	9/15/2023	10/3/2023		363,975	193,025	PROJ & CONT 1501-09009	Ardurra Priya Verravalli
	Manhole Resiliency Plan: Project 1c SCIIP MATCH		3%	9/30/2025	87,500	0	87,500	N/A	4/21/2025	4/21/2025		16,200	71,300	PROJ & CONT 1501-09009	Ardurra Priya Verravalli
	Construction/Rehabilitation SCIIP GRANT		75%	SC: 9/18/2025 FC: 10/23/2025	0	4,061,570	4,061,570	8/14/2024	11/20/2024	1/27/2025		215,142	3,846,429	PROJ & CONT 1501-09009	Bio-Nomic Services Buck Stevenson
E	Martin Creek PS Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review and Flow Study Report <i>(CE)</i>	2025-03	100%	3/31/2025	141,000	0	141,000	Consent Order Prof Svcs	9/30/2024			141,000	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-09012	Ardurra Priya Verravalli
F	Gravity Sewer: CONSENT ORDER Evaluation of CCTV/Smoketesting from MH29 to WRF <i>(KL)</i>	2026-05	0%	11/15/2025	31,500	0	31,500	Prof Svcs	8/12/2025			1,300	30,200	PROJ & CONT 1501-09014	Ardurra Priya Verravalli
G	Consent Order Speeds Creek FM Replacement Engineering Design & Easements Only <i>(CE)</i>	2025-TBD	0%	TBD	TBD	0	TBD	IDC Engineer				0	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-09015	TBD
1,257,3008,278,3199,466,806								TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS OBLIGATED/ACTUAL TO DATE:					1,336,719	8,130,088	TOTAL AWARDED BUDGET REMAINING

FY2026 RESTRICTED FUND PROJECTS

PROJECTS MAY CARRY ACROSS BUDGET YEARS

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Row #	Restricted Fund Projects <i>(Project Manager)</i>	Notes
A	I-85 Corridor Phase II <i>See below (CE)</i>	7/21: Spoke with J Reynolds about grass not growing on Phase II project along interstate, he said he'll call contractor because it is a warranty item and we need the grass to stabilize the site. SCDES will hold us accountable for any offsite impact due to erosion. JR sent Moorhead an email same day. 7/25: Received GIS info from R Love. Forwarded to D Gant for review 7/28. Still need to locate/GPS service cleanout at SC59/Fairplay Blvd and shoot elevations of manhole rim/grade elevations. 8/4: Locate clamp received. Waiting for GPR training to be scheduled. 8/6: Moorhead acknowledged by email that additional stabilization is required. Likely to be performed in September. 8/21: Put on backburner a little by D&F due to their work on SCIIP. 9/8: R Love is coordinating with GeoTrack on design assumptions for the embankment design. 10/21: Travis Dupree working on two alternatives for streambank--culvert system and bridge. Expect tech memo soon.
	Engineering and Inspection Services COUNTY FUNDED	
	Construction EDA/RIA/COUNTY FUNDED	
	Engineering for Creek Stabilization & Welcome Center Waterline	
B	Exit 4/Oconee Manufacturing Park ("Sewer South Phase III") PS/Sewer ENGINEERING <i>(CE)</i>	8/22: Called L Brackett and K Shoemake for update. Left message w/ Shoemake (Brackett's VM full). 8/29: A Brock stated they have SCDES Construction Permit. COMPLETE.
C	Dewatering Equipment Replacement at WRF <i>See below (JM, 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. 4/17: Signed contract. 7/25: Looking at November mobilization. Looking at substantial completion in mid-July 2026. 9/15: Continuing to work on electrical. 10/2: Harper will apply for building permits soon.
	Design, Construction Admin, and Inspection SCIIP MATCH	
	Construction SCIIP GRANT	
D	Consent Order Gravity Sewer Rehab Project (SSES/Inspection: 2023) <i>See below (CE, KL)</i>	PO/Contract Amount includes \$700,000 owner contingency 8/14: Pay App #5 submitted for ACOG review. 8/18: Complaint addressed. Contractor in communication with property owner. 8/25: BNS replaced damaged manhole cone using OJRSA material last week. 8/26: Change Order #4 signed. No cost change but adjusts for rain days. Updated substantial completion from 8/25/2025 to 9/10/2025 and final completion from 9/29/2025 to 10/15/2025. 9/15: Contractor update--3,204 LF relining and 59 manhole rehabs remain. Lining completion on 9/22 and manholes to be completed by 10/9. Lining samples to be completed by 10/20 and manhole samples by 11/3. They did not receive any sample results last week. 9/22: BNS reported 2 lining shots done last week and 2 remaining. Completed 9 manholes last week and have 49 remaining. Provided new schedule with final completion of 11/3. Estimate 75% complete. 10/6: Culy will start back up manhole rehab tomorrow, 47 remaining. R/W restoration to continue. They need to review KL's comments regarding overflow. 10/6: Board approved additional \$159,000 for Ardurra to administer additional manhole rehab work. 10/14: Ardurra scheduling a site visit at Cross Creek next week.
	Engineering SCIIP MATCH	
	Manhole Resiliency Plan: Project 1c SCIIP MATCH	
	Construction/Rehabilitation SCIIP GRANT	
E	Martin Creek PS Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review and Flow Study Report <i>(CE)</i>	5/5: Received draft report to review. 6/2: Provided comments to Priya. 7/24: Received final report. COMPLETE.
F	Gravity Sewer: CONSENT ORDER Evaluation of CCTV/Smoketesting from MH29 to WRF <i>(KL)</i>	Review CCTV for 9,525 LF of 30" and 36" RCP and 29 manhole inspections to develop list of defects for design of sewer rehab. 8/15: Engineer confirmed receipt of data (delivered a few months ago). They are verifying all information.
G	Consent Order Speeds Creek FM Replacement Engineering Design & Easements Only <i>(CE)</i>	CONSENT ORDER ITEM 7/15/2024: As identified in the 20 Year Master Plan, this force main should be replaced with similar sized pipe. 8/5: Waiting on IDC engineer.

Row #	Agency Reconstitution Tasks as Stated in the OJRSA Reorganization Recommendations Accepted by OJRSA Board on July 15, 2025	Target Date^ (Time Following Acceptance)	Approx % Complete	Task Manager	Started	Completed	Notes
1	Current Board will dissolve the current Ad Hoc Committee and establish the Implementation Committee (“Reconstitution Committee”) for further implementation oversight.	8/29/2025 (45 days)	100%	OJRSA Board	7/15/2025	8/4/2025	7/15/2025: Current committee dissolved during called board meeting. 8/4: New Committee established. Includes: A Brock (County), K Bronson (Westminster), C Eleazer (OJRSA), S Moulder (Seneca), C Myers (Walhalla), C Bentley (ACOG), A Mettlen, K Amidon, J Jones, L Flynn. COMPLETE .
2	Adopt the timeline and accept the dates are targets that the committee will try to maintain progress towards, acknowledging that things may come up and require adjustments.	N/A	100%	Committee	8/14/2025	8/14/2025	8/14/2025: The acceptance of timeline was a committee-led decision. COMPLETE .
3	Legislative revisions to the Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act (“Act”) will be finalized and provided to the Oconee County Delegation. Consultation shall be made with the Delegation on whether lobbyist support will be needed.	8/29/2025 (45 days)	90%	Committee	9/22/2025		8/14/2025: To be considered by the county and cities/towns and discussed at the next meeting. Feedback to be presented at next committee meeting. 9/11: K Bronson asked OJRSA to schedule meeting with Oconee County Delegation to discuss. 9/12: C Eleazer reached out to Sen. Alexander for consideration. 9/16: Decided to meet with delegation members individually. 9/22: Met with Sen. Alexander and provided him with draft version of JAWSS amendments.
4	Reconstitution Committee will provide <u>quarterly updates</u> to the SCRIA, the current Board, and Oconee County on the progress of the implementation of the initial recommendations.	9/30/2025 (quarterly)	100%	OJRSA Staff Member per 8/14/2025 vote	10/9/2025		DUE TO SCRIA EVERY THREE MONTHS. Reports submitted: 10/13/2025. Next report due 01/14/2026.
5	Resolutions of support for consolidation/OJRSA reorganization will be provided to and adopted by each governing body affected by the recommendation, including: OJRSA, Seneca, Walhalla, Westminster, West Union, & Oconee County.	10/13/2025 (90 days)	67%	Officials of OJRSA, Cities/Town, & County	8/21/2025		8/21/2025: L Flynn sent draft resolutions to committee members. C Eleazer forwarded copy to West Union and spoke with Mayor Oliver by phone about it. 8/26: Seneca council approved. 9/8: OJRSA Board approved. 9/9: Westminster council approved. 9/8: West Union considered but decided they need more info. 9/11: C Myers mentioned Walhalla to consider next week and A Brock stated Oconee County to consider in October. 9/16: Walhalla approved. County and West Union still remaining.
6	Consultants shall be engaged and the process of a collection system <u>technical evaluation</u> and <u>financial valuation</u> will be initiated, including the identification of potential funding for effort and immediate rehabilitation projects that may be identified or current CIP. Additionally, a <u>rate consultant</u> will be engaged.	11/12/2025 (120 days)	0%				9/11/2025: It was decided that all jurisdictions were to provide comments to L Flynn, A Mettlen, J Jones, and K Amidon and they will compile a response to all questions and concerns about the valuation of systems and other matters. 9/17: Corrective Action Plan submittals and CIPs for each system returned to cities requesting updates, if any, by 9/24. 10/9: No updates submitted to facilitators. Additional request to send A Mettlen updates by next meeting (11/13).
7	Communication plan to be developed under the guidance of the Reconstitution Committee and provided to all entities involved.	11/12/2025 (120 days)	0%				
8	List of recommendations for the initial commissioners for the New Commission will be provided to Delegation. <i>(Within 60 days of approved changes to the Act*)</i>	Estimate 8/31/2026 (as noted)	0%				
9	Complete the technical evaluation and financial valuation of the collection systems.	2/27/2027 (15 months)	0%				
10	Unified, equitable rate structure timeline will be provided as part of initial terms for collection system consolidation.	5/12/2027 (18 months)	0%				
11	Legal documents to transfer collection system assets to OJRSA to be executed, as well as all necessary reconstitution documents.	7/15/2027 (24 months)	0%				
12	If the legislative amendments have not be approved, plans for consolidation under the amended Act will be abandoned. Thereupon, the OJRSA will proceed to consolidate the member system and implement the reconstitution under the existing Act, with such process to be finalized by no later than 36 months. Additionally, all members shall be issued permits in compliance with the OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation and added as co-permittees under the NPDES permit, if consolidation for any member does not occur.	8/16/2027 (25 months)	0%				
13	Finalize consolidation and associated activities	7/17/2028 (36 months)	0%				

^ As noted in Exhibit A of the “OJRSA Reorganization Recommendations,” the implementation schedule is to began when the OJRSA Board of Commissioners accepted the report its July 15, 2025 called meeting.
* Estimated to be July/August 2026.



Sewer Capacity Memorandum

Date: October 20, 2025

To: Chris Eleazer – Executive Director
Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority
623 Return Church Road
Seneca, South Carolina 29678

Regarding: Sewer capacity reservation within Oconee County

Mr. Eleazer,

It is the wish of the developer to secure a variance from the OJRSA standards, policies, and procedures to reserve sanitary sewer capacity for larger single-family residential developments within the County where capacity is already available. In addition to these larger projects that have capacity readily available, there are also projects that require substantial upgrades to existing infrastructure. The developer cannot obtain reservation of the additional capacity until they commit a substantial amount of money towards those upgrades.

The current OJRSA standards, policies and procedures for reserving capacity create unnecessary issues and hardships on the developer and are listed as follows:

- Currently, sewer capacity is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Larger developments take more time to design, coordinate and entitle than smaller developments take. While the larger development is in the design and entitlement process, a smaller development could begin construction in the same basin that could potentially take the available density conveyed to the larger development. Ultimately, capacity could be allocated to other developments in the area without warning to the larger development.
- If the capacity conveyed to the developer within the existing infrastructure is taken from the system by other projects during construction, the developer might be required to incur heavy infrastructure costs to improve the system at a time in the project where budgets are in place and it can be very difficult to cover those additional costs.
- Standard company policy, lenders and/or investors require assurances that all utilities, especially sewer, are secured before funds can be released to the project. If the developer has confirmed and reserved capacity, project feasibility increases substantially.

A variance or deviation from the current OJRSA standards, policies and procedures would not only benefit the developer but would also benefit OJRSA and surrounding municipalities. These benefits are listed below:

- Reserving capacity for the full buildout (or agreed upon number of homes) allows consistent infrastructure planning and avoids reapplication or redesigning at a later date if capacity becomes constrained.

- Allocating and reserving capacity as new developments come on line helps planning and system management agencies to forecast future demand, loads, plan extensions and maintain fair allocation among developers. It would also allow for proactive measures that secure a projects utility foundation and protects developer investments, ensures regulatory compliance, and prevents future uncertainty or competition for limited infrastructure resources.

The development community respectfully requests approval to reserve the available capacity for the number of homes that the existing infrastructure can already serve and that OJRSA make an option available for developers to reserve the remaining capacity to complete the project.

We appreciate OJRSA's consideration of this request and look forward to working collaboratively to ensure the successful planning and coordination of this project. If further information is required, please reach out to me at ama@aldllc.net or 864-230-6232.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Austin Allen".

Austin Allen
Land Planner



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RESERVING CAPACITY FOR LARGE DEVELOPMENTS

General existing process for all types of development projects:

1. Developers are required to perform downstream capacity assessment for all potential projects greater than or equal to 10,000 gallons per day ("gpd") as stated in OJRSA Development Policy ("Development Policy"). Studies are also required for projects less than 10,000 gpd if the project will be located in an area with capacity limitations, as identified by OJRSA staff.
2. The design for the entire project or each phase of a project (if developed in phases) must be submitted for initial review by OJRSA. Revisions must be made, as necessary, to comply with applicable portions of OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation ("SUR") and the OJRSA Development Policy (supplement to SUR).
3. Once OJRSA reviews and approves a plan, the developer must submit an application for a Permit for OJRSA Wastewater System Capacity ("Capacity Permit") and pay all impact and other fees for the portion of the project they intend to submit to SC Department of Environmental Services ("SCDES") for the issuance of a permit to construct. Submission of a final application for a Capacity Permit must be completed prior to the issuance of any conditional commitment letter from OJRSA (aka a "Willingness to Serve Letter") to convey and treat flow associated with project, which is necessary to obtain a wastewater construction permit ("SCDES Permit").

New considerations for reserving capacity for large developments:

4. If an entire project (all current and future phases) or any phase of a project is projected to be greater than or equal to 150¹ equivalent residential units² ("ERUs") at final buildout, then the developer may apply to OJRSA to reserve capacity for the development. Capacity reservations are limited, and subject to the following conditions:
 - a. OJRSA must know amount of flow for future project needs.³
 - b. Capacity will be reserved for period included on the initial SCDES Permit or three (3) years, whichever is longer (the "Capacity Reservation Term"). If the SCDES Permit is extended or amended, then the date shall remain as stated on the initial SCDES Permit and shall not be extended by OJRSA. Further, OJRSA has no duty or obligation to advise the developer of the expiration, or pending expiration, of the Capacity Reservation Term.
 - c. To reserve capacity, the developer must pay a nonrefundable reservation fee equal to 25% of the applicable impact fees for all sewer capacity to be reserved at the then-current impact fee rate (the "Reservation Fee"). Reservation Fees collected shall be maintained in the Wholesale Impact Fund or Retail Impact Fund, as appropriate, and shall be eligible for use as determined by OJRSA and in accordance with OJRSA Financial and Accounting Policy.
 - d. Actual future impact fees due for project shall be applied based upon the impact fees in place at the time the application for a Capacity Permit is made. The Reservation Fee shall be credited against the balance of any impact fees due and payable at the time of the submission of the

¹ OJRSA staff recommend defining a "Large Development" as one that is projected to be greater than or equal to 150 ERUs (45,000 gpd) at full project buildout. Other flows to consider are 50,000 gpd (167 ERUs), 60,000 gpd (200 ERUs), 75,000 gpd (250 ERUs), and 100,000 gpd (334 ERUs).

² 1 ERU is equivalent wastewater flow generated by 1 home

³ There must have been capacity or plans to expand capacity (by time next phases are to begin construction) during initial or subsequent capacity requests as included in Development Policy.

application for the Capacity Permit. If the Capacity Reservation Term has expired, no credit for any Reservation Fees shall be allowed. By submitting a request for reserved capacity, the developer expressly acknowledges and agrees that no benefit, credit or offset against impact fees shall result from the payment of the Reservation Fee after the expiration of the Capacity Reservation Term. Once the Capacity Reservation Term has expired, any Reservation Fees previously paid shall not be considered foregone impact fees but instead shall be treated by both OJRSA and the developer as an expired option to purchase capacity.

- e. Design on future phase(s) must be approved by OJRSA for submittal for SCDES Permit prior to the end of the initial SCDES Permit in a manner stated in 4.b above. Developers must pay fees within 90 days after initial SCDES Permit expiration date.



OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY

Finance & Administration Committee

September 23, 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 1 (Seneca): Josh Riches
- Seat 4 (Seneca At-Large): Marty McKee
- Seat 7 (Westminster): Scott Parris

Commissioners that were not present:

- None. All Commissioners 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:

- None

A) Call to Order - Ms. Myers called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

B) Public Session – None.

C) Presentation and Discussion Items:

1. Update on Current Projects – Mr. Eleazer stated things are moving forward.

The O&P Committee approved moving forward with negotiations for a computerized maintenance management system (CMMS) this morning, and it will go before the board for full approval on October 6, 2025.

Mr. Eleazer also said that Mr. John Reynolds, the project engineer at Davis & Floyd who had been working for the OJRSA on the Sewer South project, passed away about ten (10) days ago. He was a great guy and will be missed. Mr. Parris said he worked with him in the past as well, and he was a good guy.

The collection system rehabilitation project continues; the contractor has progress meetings every week with the OJRSA and they have made progress in the past week. Today's projects list doesn't include this past week as it was made prior to the last meeting.

The Director added that the O&P Committee approved an amendment to the contract to allow paying \$159,000 to the engineer to determine where the additional \$750,000 in SCIIP funds can be used for manhole rehabilitation outside of the area the contractor is currently working in and to use the SCIIP funds to do the work.

D) Committee Action Items:

- **Review August and Year-to-Date Financial Reports (Exhibit B)** – Mr. Eleazer stated, for Mr. Riches' benefit, that the monthly financial reports come to this committee for approval; however, the final

report for the whole fiscal year (June report) is brought to the full board for approval after the auditor, Mr. Jason White of Payne, White, & Schmutz, completes the fiscal year closeout.

Mr. Riches asked about the high year-to-date revenue for the “Other Revenue,” “Intergovernmental Reimbursement,” and the “User Fees” general ledger items.

The Director stated he would have to check to see what is included in the “Other Revenue.” Ms. Stephens said the plan review and hydraulic modeling fees would be included in this revenue. Mr. Eleazer said he would get the answer and let the committee know.

Mr. Eleazer replied that the “Intergovernmental” is for the work the OJRSA does for Oconee County on the Golden Corner Pump Station. He said the OJRSA is making a “guesstimate” when putting the annual budget together and is unknown what would unexpected work will need to be done. He added that the OJRSA also received a payment from the previous fiscal year after July 1, 2025 (in the new fiscal year). Mr. Eleazer gave an example of the unknowns stating that the road was repaved near the OJRSA’s line down on Highway 59 and a cleanout was knocked off and paved over. The OJRSA had to pay someone with ground penetrating radar (GPR) to locate the line and cleanouts. The OJRSA gets \$6,500 per month for the normal expenses but the unexpected expenses are billed as they are incurred.

In regard to the “User Fees” for the retail sewer system, Mr. Eleazer said there are two (2) customers on the system: the Welcome Center and a rental home with a small business. The customers just came online in February; at the time the budget was done, it was unknown how much they would be contributing. This was another “guesstimate,” but there should be a better idea for next year’s budget preparation.

Mr. McKee put on record that it was not King Asphalt that did the work down there. It was another contractor. Mr. Eleazer said those things tend to happen.

Mr. Parris made a motion, seconded by Mr. McKee, to approve the August 2025 Financial Reports. The motion carried.

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

- **Approve FY 2026 Supplemental Budget #1 (Exhibit C)** – The Director stated that the \$159,000 in this supplemental budget was explained earlier in this meeting during Item C.1.

The \$1,783,376 in this supplemental budget is the money that was being held for construction expenses along the interstate that was later reimbursed by the Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) or the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The money was returned to Oconee County in the beginning of July.

The Director added that there will be more to return to Oconee County after it is calculated and another supplemental budget will follow.

Mr. Riches made a motion, seconded by Mr. McKee, to approve the FY 2026 Supplemental Budget #1 as written. The motion carried.

F) Executive Director’s Report and Discussion:

- **Miscellaneous (If Any):**

Regulatory Updates – The Director attended a workshop last week regarding regulatory updates. The current administration in Washington D.C. is putting more pressure on states that receive federal funds to enforce the Clean Water Act, which would include South Carolina and SCDES. SCDES will be required to turn permits over quicker, and this would benefit the OJRSA, as it is awaiting the new NPDES permit.

G) Committee Members’ Discussion – None.

H) Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

1. **Board of Commissioners** – Monday, October 6, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
2. **Reconstitution Committee & Executive Committee** – Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
3. **Operations & Planning Committee** – *The O&P established an October 23, 2025 meeting date for their next meeting. The meeting time will remain 8:30 a.m.*
4. **Finance & Administration Committee** – Tuesday, October 28, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

Notification of the meeting was distributed on September 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, and posted at the OJRSA Administration Building.



Finance & Administration Committee Meeting

OJRSA Operations & Administration Building

Lamar Bailes Board Room

September 23, 2025 at 9:00 AM

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

Agenda

- A. Call to Order** – 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]*
 - Update on current projects (Exhibit A) – Chris Eleazer, Director
- D. Committee Action Items**
 - Review August 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**
 - Approve FY 2026 Supplemental Budget #1 (Exhibit C) – 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.
- H. Adjourn**

Upcoming Meetings

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

- Board of Commissioners – October 6, 2025 at 4:00 PM
- Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee – October 9, 2025 at 9:00 AM
- Operations & Planning Committee – *To be determined*
- Finance & Administration Committee – October 28, 2025 at 9:00 AM

Row #	FY 2026 O&M Project (Project # (if applicable); PM) CANNOT CARRY OVER TO NEXT FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT BUDGET APPROVAL	Approx % Complete	Anticipated Completion	PO/Contract Amount (\$)	O&M PROJECT MILESTONES					Budget Remaining (\$)	GL Code (XXXXX = get from Office Mgr)	Comp. Performing (and Project Mgr)	
					Bids/RFQ/etc. Issue/Advertised	Req/Contract Signed	Started Work	Completed	Obligated/ Spent (\$)				
1	Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Biannual Compliance Report (CE)	0%	11/8/2025	0	Internal Project	Internal Project	N/A		0	0	N/A	OJRSA Chris Eleazer	
2	Agency Reconstitution (Sewer Feasibility Implementation) (Board, Others)	N/A	TBD	N/A	N/A	N/A	7/15/2025		0	0	N/A	Board of Commissioners	
3	Completion of Development Guide (AM)	5%	12/31/2025	N/A	Internal Project	Internal Project	9/10/2024		0	0	N/A	OJRSA Chris Eleazer	
4	Development Policy Revision (CE)	70%	10/6/2025	N/A	Internal Project	Internal Project	9/24/2024		0	0	N/A	OJRSA Chris Eleazer	
5	Indefinite Delivery Contract for Engineering Services (CE)	50%	10/6/2025	N/A	In legal review b/f issue				0	0	N/A. Projects to be assigned to depts.	OJRSA Chris Eleazer	
6	Arc Flash 70E Assessment of WRF, PSs, and Other Facilities (AM)	0%	10/31/2025	12,650	Prof Svcs	8/12/2025			0	12,650	Admin: Safety 501-02370	Life & Safety TBD	
7	CMMS & Financial Software System Upgrade (CE)	2%	6/30/2026	TBD	7/3/2025				0	0	Admin Services 501-02420	TBD	
8	Comprehensive Sewer Management Plan Project #2026-04 (KL)	0%	TBD	TBD	Proj #2026-04 Prof Svcs				0	0	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430	TBD	
9	Evaluate Perkins PS & Coneross PS Pumps to Determine Repair vs. Replace (KL, EP)	0%	10/1/2025	TBD	IDC Engineer				0	0	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430	TBD	
10	Field Data Collection for Hydraulic Model Verification (KL)	5%	12/31/2025	TBD	Prof Svcs				0	0	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430	GMC Hannah Ribelin	
11	Coneross PS Rotating Assembly for Pumps #4 & #5 (EP)	0%	TBD	TBD					0	0	Con Sys: R&M COS-PS 601-05030	TBD	
12	Martin PS Motor Base Restraint System (#2 of 3) (EP)	0%	12/30/2025	35,753	Sole Source 8/4/2025				35,753	0	Conv Sys R&M: MAS2-PS 601-05100	TBD	
13	Martin PS Aeration Motor Install (crane needed) (EP)	0%	11/30/2025	TBD					0	0	Conv Sys: Equip Rent 601-02540	TBD	
14	NPDES Permit Renewal, Including PAA Installation and Operation (JM, KL)	90%	10/31/2025	3,500	NPDES: 4/19/22 PAA: 4/1/22	NPDES: 8/22/22 PAA: 8/1/22	NPDES: 7/1/22 PAA: 8/2/22	NPDES: ____ PAA: ____	0	3,500	WRF: Prof Svcs 701-02430	Goldie Assoc Paul Lewis	
15	CIP PRIORITY 1A: Portable Generator Connection for WRF (includes engineering) (JM, KL)	0%	3/31/2026	14,000	ENG: 8/27/2025	ENG: 8/27/2025			0	14,000	WRF: R&M 701-03000	Howard Engineering Amy Howard	
16	Headworks Flow Pulse and Flow Channel Sensor Install (JM)	80%	8/30/2025 9/25/2025	TBD	8/4/2025	8/12/2025	9/11/2025		0	0	WRF: R&M 701-03000	Davis Power Paul Davis	
17	Project #2026-02 General Water Reclamation Facility Installation Projects See below (JM, KL)	1%	5/31/2026	TBD	8/13/2025				0	0	WRF: R&M 701-03000	TBD	
	CIP PRIORITY 1A: Primary Clarifier Sludge Pump Replacement and Installation	0%	TBD	See Row 17 Above	See Row 17 Above	See Row 17 Above			0	0	See Row 14 Above	See Row 14 Above	
	CIP PRIORITY 2: Primary Clarifier #2 Scum Pump Replacement (one in FY26, one in FY27)	0%	TBD	See Row 17 Above	See Row 17 Above	See Row 17 Above			0	0	See Row 14 Above	See Row 14 Above	
	CIP PRIORITY 1A : Aeration Gate Replacement and Motor Repair/Replacement	0%	TBD	See Row 17 Above	See Row 17 Above	See Row 17 Above			0	0	See Row 14 Above	See Row 14 Above	
	Aeration 10" Mag Meter Installation	0%	TBD	See Row 17 Above	See Row 17 Above	See Row 17 Above			0	0	See Row 14 Above	See Row 14 Above	
	Biological Reactor Basin Oxid Motor Replacement	0%	TBD	See Row 17 Above	See Row 17 Above	See Row 17 Above			0	0	See Row 14 Above	See Row 14 Above	
	Secondary Clarifier Check Valve and Two RAS Motors Installation	0%	TBD	See Row 17 Above	See Row 17 Above	See Row 17 Above			0	0	See Row 14 Above	See Row 14 Above	
	Chlorination/PAA System Mixer Motor Replacement	0%	TBD	See Row 17 Above	See Row 17 Above	See Row 17 Above			0	0	See Row 14 Above	See Row 14 Above	
	Utility Water Pump Replacement	0%	TBD	See Row 17 Above	See Row 17 Above	See Row 17 Above			0	0	See Row 14 Above	See Row 14 Above	
18	Pretreatment Program Update (following NPDES permit issuance) (AM)	0%	TBD	24,500	6/4/2025	6/4/2025			0	24,500	Pretreat: 801-02430 501-02440	Goldie Assoc Sonya Harrison	
19	Seneca Creek FM Replacement Constr Administration/Inspect (#2023-05; CE)	90%	SUB: 10/22/25 FIN: 11/21/25	140,000	RFB #2023-05	4/29/2024	2/3/2025		100,000	40,000	O&M CIP: Con Sys 1401-06071	GMC Daniel Mosher	
TOTAL AWARDED				230,403	TOTAL FUNDS OBLIGATED/ACTUAL TO DATE:					135,753	94,650	TOTAL AWARDED BUDGET REMAINING	

Row #	FY 2026 O&M Project (Project # (if applicable); PM) CANNOT CARRY OVER TO NEXT FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT BUDGET APPROVAL	Notes
1	Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Biannual Compliance Report <i>(CE)</i>	DUE TO SCDES EVERY SIX MONTHS. Reports submitted: 11/14/21, 5/9/22, 11/10/22, 5/9/23, 11/9/23, 5/10/24, 11/8/24, 5/9/24. Next report due 11/10/2025.
2	Agency Reconstitution (Sewer Feasibility Implementation) <i>(Board, Others)</i>	See "Agency Reconstitution" sheet to track progress.
3	Completion of Development Guide <i>(AM)</i>	8/5: A McCullough reviewing approx 15 dates. 8/13: Have received 22 draft documents from AM for consideration.
4	Development Policy Revision <i>(CE)</i>	
5	Indefinite Delivery Contract for Engineering Services <i>(CE)</i>	8/13: Sent to K Wunder for legal review. 8/22: K Wunder considering local preference options due to OJRSA employees having to commute to engineer's office periodically. May include this in the scoring criteria of RFQ.
6	Arc Flash 70E Assessment of WRF, PSs, and Other Facilities <i>(AM)</i>	8/5: L&S setting up date to visit and will then provide pricing. 8/12: Scheduled to be performed in September. 9/1: Date set for last part of September.
7	CMMS & Financial Software System Upgrade <i>(CE)</i>	8/14: Received 8 submittals. Review to begin soon and interviews to be scheduled for up to 3 offerors during week of 9/8. 9/23: Preferred Firm to be presented to O&P for consideration.
8	Comprehensive Sewer Management Plan Project #2026-04 <i>(KL)</i>	8/15: Waiting on scope and cost.
9	Evaluate Perkins PS & Coneross PS Pumps to Determine Repair vs. Replace <i>(KL, EP)</i>	Waiting on IDC.
10	Field Data Collection for Hydraulic Model Verification <i>(KL)</i>	9/5: Received list from Hannah Ribelin with GMC that lists areas where field verification and/or record drawing information is needed. 9/15: Have three manholes left to get depth data for. Still need to do vertical GPS.
11	Coneross PS Rotating Assembly for Pumps #4 & #5 <i>(EP)</i>	This is to be determined by the evaluation of Perkins PS & Coneross PS pumps to determine repair vs. replacement.
12	Martin PS Motor Base Restraint System (#2 of 3) <i>(EP)</i>	7/14: KL has ordered this so it can be built.
13	Martin PS Aeration Motor Install (crane needed) <i>(EP)</i>	9/15: Crane company did not show for appointment. Everything else is ready.
14	NPDES Permit Renewal, Including PAA Installation and Operation <i>(JM, KL)</i>	9/1: SCDES did inspection on PAA system and verbally approved to put in operation once we receive NPDES permit. 9/10: Met with SCDES to consider OJRSA's comments. Waiting on their response.
15	CIP PRIORITY 1A: Portable Generator Connection for WRF (includes engineering) <i>(JM, KL)</i>	8/18: KL still needs to contact A Howard. He is to reach out to her very soon. 8/27: A Howard approved for ~\$14,000 design. 9/15: BREC provided Howard their information.
16	Headworks Flow Pulse and Flow Channel Sensor Install <i>(JM)</i>	7/14: KL coordinating with Paul Davis. Items have been purchased. 8/5: Received quotes. 9/1: Paul Davis is scheduling work. 9/11: Installation complete. Now need to connect to SCADA.
17	Project #2026-02 General Water Reclamation Facility Installation Projects <i>See below (JM, KL)</i>	8/4: Waiting on B Kelley (atty) to review prior to advertising. KL will need engineering assistance for logistics to replace gates. 8/7: Sent draft RFB to B Kelley for legal review as required by procurement code. 8/12: Received copy from BK. 8/13: Advertised RFB. Bids due 10/1.
	CIP PRIORITY 1A: Primary Clarifier Sludge Pump Replacement and Installation	
	CIP PRIORITY 2: Primary Clarifier #2 Scum Pump Replacement <i>(one in FY26, one in FY27)</i>	
	CIP PRIORITY 1A : Aeration Gate Replacement and Motor Repair/Replacement	
	Aeration 10" Mag Meter Installation	
	Biological Reactor Basin Oxic Motor Replacement	
	Secondary Clarifier Check Valve and Two RAS Motors Installation	
	Chlorination/PAA System Mixer Motor Replacement	
18	Pretreatment Program Update (following NPDES permit issuance) <i>(AM)</i>	Waiting on NPDES Permit issue.
	Seneca Creek FM Replacement Constr Administration/Inspect (#2023-05; CE)	\$80,000 carryforward from FY2025. Obligated/Spent column includes costs from FY2025. Reimbursable by Fountain Residential Properties LLC per agreement. 8/5 Railroad bore scheduled for Sept. 9/5: Railroad bore complete.

FY2026 RECONSTITUTION TASKS

TASKS MAY CARRY ACROSS BUDGET YEARS

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Row #	Agency Reconstitution Task as Stated in the OJRSA Reorganization Recommendations Accepted by OJRSA Board on July 15, 2025	Target Date [^] (Time Following Acceptance)	Approx % Complete	Task Manager	Started	Completed
1	Current Board will dissolve the current Ad Hoc Committee and establish the Implementation Committee ("Reconstitution Committee") for further implementation oversight.	8/29/2025 (45 days)	100%	OJRSA Board	7/15/2025	8/4/2025
2	Adopt the timeline and accept the dates are targets that the committee will try to maintain progress towards, acknowledging that things may come up and require adjustments.	N/A	100%	Committee	8/14/2025	8/14/2025
3	Legislative revisions to the Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act ("Act") will be finalized and provided to the Oconee County Delegation. Consultation shall be made with the Delegation on whether lobbyist support will be needed.	8/29/2025 (45 days)	0%	Committee		
4	Reconstitution Committee will provide <u>quarterly updates</u> to the SCRIA, the current Board, and Oconee County on the progress of the implementation of the initial recommendations.	9/30/2025 (quarterly)	0%	OJRSA Staff Member per 8/14/2025 vote		
5	Resolutions of support for consolidation/OJRSA reorganization will be provided to and adopted by each governing body affected by the recommendation, including: OJRSA, Seneca, Walhalla, Westminster, West Union, & Oconee County.	10/13/2025 (90 days)	50%	Officials of OJRSA, Cities/Town, & County	8/21/2025	
6	Consultants shall be engaged and the process of collection system <u>technical evaluation</u> and <u>financial valuation</u> will be initiated, including the identification of potential funding for effort and immediate rehabilitation projects that may be identified or current CIP. Additionally, a <u>rate consultant</u> will be engaged.	11/12/2025 (120 days)	0%			
7	Communication plan to be developed under the guidance of the Reconstitution Committee and provided to all entities involved.	11/12/2025 (120 days)	0%			
8	List of recommendations for the initial commissioners for the New Commission will be provided to Delegation. <i>(Within 60 days of approved changes to the Act*)</i>	8/1/2026 (as noted)	0%			
9	Complete the technical evaluation and financial valuation of the collection systems.	2/27/2027 (15 months)	0%			
10	Unified, equitable rate structure timeline will be provided as part of initial terms for collection system consolidation.	5/12/2027 (18 months)	0%			
11	Legal documents to transfer collection system assets to OJRSA to be executed, as well as all necessary reconstitution documents.	7/15/2027 (24 months)	0%			
12	If the legislative amendments have not be approved, plans for consolidation under the amended Act will be abandoned. Thereupon, the OJRSA will proceed to consolidate the member system and implement the reconstitution under the existing Act, with such process to be finalized by no later than 36 months. Additionally, all members shall be issued permits in compliance with the OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation and added as co-permittees under the NPDES permit, if consolidation for any member does not occur.	8/16/2027 (25 months)	0%			

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FY2026 RECONSTITUTION TASKS

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Row #	Agency Reconstitution Task as Stated in the OJRSA Reorganization Recommendations Accepted by OJRSA Board on July 15, 2025	Notes
1	Current Board will dissolve the current Ad Hoc Committee and establish the Implementation Committee ("Reconstitution Committee") for further implementation oversight.	7/15/2025: Current committee dissolved during called board meeting. 8/4: New Committee established. Includes: A Brock (County), K Bronson (Westminster), C Eleazer (OJRSA), S Moulder (Seneca), C Myers (Walhalla), C Bentley (ACOG), A Mettlen, K Amidon, J Jones, L Flynn. COMPLETE .
2	Adopt the timeline and accept the dates are targets that the committee will try to maintain progress towards, acknowledging that things may come up and require adjustments.	8/14/2025: The acceptance of timeline was a committee-led decision. COMPLETE .
3	Legislative revisions to the Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act ("Act") will be finalized and provided to the Oconee County Delegation. Consultation shall be made with the Delegation on whether lobbyist support will be needed.	8/14/2025: To be considered by the county and cities/towns and discussed at the next meeting. Feedback to be presented at next committee meeting. 9/11: K Bronson asked OJRSA to schedule meeting with Oconee County Delegation to discuss. 9/12: C Eleazer reached out to Sen. Alexander for consideration. 9/16: Decided to meet with delegation members individually.
4	Reconstitution Committee will provide <u>quarterly updates</u> to the SCRIA, the current Board, and Oconee County on the progress of the implementation of the initial recommendations.	DUE TO SCRIA EVERY THREE MONTHS. Reports submitted: ____ Next report due 09/30/2025.
5	Resolutions of support for consolidation/OJRSA reorganization will be provided to and adopted by each governing body affected by the recommendation, including: OJRSA, Seneca, Walhalla, Westminster, West Union, & Oconee County.	8/21/2025: L Flynn sent draft resolutions to committee members. C Eleazer forwarded copy to West Union and spoke with Mayor Oliver by phone about it. 8/26: Seneca council approved. 9/8: OJRSA Board approved. 9/9: Westminster council approved. 9/8: West Union considered but decided they need more info. 9/11: C Myers mentioned Walhalla to consider next week and A Brock stated Oconee County to
6	Consultants shall be engaged and the process of collection system <u>technical evaluation</u> and <u>financial valuation</u> will be initiated, including the identification of potential funding for effort and immediate rehabilitation projects that may be identified or current CIP. Additionally, a <u>rate consultant</u> will be engaged.	9/11/2025: It was decided that all jurisdictions were to provide comments to L Flynn, A Mettlen, J Jones, and K Amidon and they will compile a response to all questions and concerns about the valuation of systems and other matters.
7	Communication plan to be developed under the guidance of the Reconstitution Committee and provided to all entities involved.	
8	List of recommendations for the initial commissioners for the New Commission will be provided to Delegation. <i>(Within 60 days of approved changes to the Act*)</i>	
9	Complete the technical evaluation and financial valuation of the collection systems.	
10	Unified, equitable rate structure timeline will be provided as part of initial terms for collection system consolidation.	
11	Legal documents to transfer collection system assets to OJRSA to be executed, as well as all necessary reconstitution documents.	
12	If the legislative amendments have not be approved, plans for consolidation under the amended Act will be abandoned. Thereupon, the OJRSA will proceed to consolidate the member system and implement the reconstitution under the existing Act, with such process to be finalized by no later than 36 months. Additionally, all members shall be issued permits in compliance with the OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation and added as co-permittees under the NPDES permit, if consolidation for any member does not occur.	

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								RESTRICTED FUND PROJECT MILESTONES								
Row #	Restricted Fund Projects <i>(Project Manager)</i>	OJRSA Project #	Approx % Complete	Anticipated Completion	OJRSA Funding Amount (\$)	Max Funding by Others (\$)	PO/Contract Amount (\$)	Bids/RFQ/etc. Issue/Advertised	PO/Contract Signed	Started Work	Completed	Obligated/ Spent Curr + Prev Years (\$)	Budget Remaining (\$)	GL Code <i>(XXXXX = get from Office Mgr)</i>	Comp. Performing (and Project Mgr)	
A	I-85 Corridor Phase II <i>See below (CE)</i>	2019-XX and 2023-06	90%	See below	N/A	N/A	N/A	See below	See below	See below		See below	See below	RO&M: CIP 1401-06050	<i>Varies. See Below</i>	
	<i>Engineering and Inspection Services</i> COUNTY FUNDED		99%	10/31/2024	0	480,850	480,850	Inherited from Oconee Co	5/4/2023	5/4/2023		438,655	42,195	RO&M: Prof Svcs 1301-02430	Davis & Floyd John Reynolds	
	<i>Construction</i> EDA/RIA/COUNTY FUNDED		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)	RO&M: CIP 1401-06050	Moorhead Construct Kevin Moorhead	
	<i>Creek Stabilization & Welcome Center Waterline</i>		5%	TBD	0	78,650	78,650	EJCDC Contract Amend #3	2/20/2025			0	78,650	RO&M: CIP 1401-06050	Davis & Floyd John Reynolds	
B	Exit 4/Oconee Manufacturing Park ("Sewer South Phase III") PS/Sewer ENGINEERING <i>(CE)</i>	CY 2022	100%	11/1/2024	0	0	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ	Sometime in 2022	8/29/2025	0	0	TBD	Thomas & Hutton Lee Brackett	
C	Dewatering Equipment Replacement at WRF <i>See below (JM, KL)</i>	2024-06	25%	See below	N/A	N/A	N/A	See below	See below	See below		See below	See below	PROJ & CONT 1501-09011	<i>Varies. See Below</i>	
	<i>Design, Construction Admin, and Inspection</i> SCIIP MATCH		75%	PHASE II 6/30/2026	440,300	0	440,300	9/15/2023	12/19/2023	1/11/2024		304,779	135,521	PROJ & CONT 1501-09011	KCI Technologies Tom Vollmar	
	<i>Construction</i> SCIIP GRANT		5%	PHASE II 6/30/2026	0	4,201,858	4,023,098	3/22/2024	7/30/2024	7/26/2024		0	4,023,098	PROJ & CONT 1501-09011	Harper GC Justin Jones	
D	Consent Order Gravity Sewer Rehab Project (SSES/Inspection: 2023) <i>See below (CE, KL)</i>	2024-08	15%	See below	N/A	N/A	N/A	See below	See below	See below		See below	See below	PROJ & CONT 1501-09009	<i>Varies. See Below</i>	
	<i>Engineering</i> SCIIP MATCH		75%	9/29/2025	398,000	0	398,000	N/A	9/15/2023	10/3/2023		351,752	46,248	PROJ & CONT 1501-09009	Ardurra Priya Verravalli	
	<i>Manhole Resiliency Plan: Project 1c</i> SCIIP MATCH		3%	9/30/2025	87,500	0	87,500	N/A	4/21/2025	4/21/2025		16,200	71,300	PROJ & CONT 1501-09009	Ardurra Priya Verravalli	
	<i>Construction/Rehabilitation</i> SCIIP GRANT		25%	SC: 9/18/2025 FC: 10/23/2025	0	4,052,096	4,076,461	8/14/2024	11/20/2024	1/27/2025		215,142	3,861,319	PROJ & CONT 1501-09009	Bio-Nomic Services Buck Stevenson	
E	Martin Creek PS Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review and Flow Study Report <i>(CE)</i>	2025-03	100%	3/31/2025	141,000	0	141,000	Consent Order Prof Svcs	9/30/2024			141,000	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-09012	Ardurra Priya Verravalli	
F	Gravity Sewer: CONSENT ORDER Evaluation of CCTV/Smoketesting from MH29 to WRF <i>(KL)</i>	2026-05	0%	11/15/2025	31,500	0	31,500	Prof Svcs	8/12/2025			1,000	30,500	PROJ & CONT 1501-09014	Ardurra Priya Verravalli	
G	Consent Order Speeds Creek FM Replacement Engineering Design & Easements Only <i>(CE)</i>	2025-TBD	0%	TBD	TBD	0	TBD	IDC Engineer				0	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-09015	TBD	
1,098,3008,253,9549,197,859								TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS OBLIGATED/ACTUAL TO DATE:					1,029,873	8,167,986	TOTAL AWARDED BUDGET REMAINING	

FY2026 RESTRICTED FUND PROJECTS

PROJECTS MAY CARRY ACROSS BUDGET YEARS

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Row #	Restricted Fund Projects <i>(Project Manager)</i>	Notes
A	I-85 Corridor Phase II <i>See below (CE)</i>	7/21: Spoke with J Reynolds about grass not growing on Phase II project along interstate, he said he'll call contractor because it is a warranty item and we need the grass to stabilize the site. SCDES will hold us accountable for any offsite impact due to erosion. JR sent Moorhead an email same day. 7/25: Received GIS info from R Love. Forwarded to D Gant for review 7/28. Still need to locate/GPS service cleanout at SC59/Fairplay Blvd and shoot elevations of manhole rim/grade elevations. 8/4: Locate clamp received. Waiting for GPR training to be scheduled. 8/6: Moorhead acknowledged by email that additional stabilization is required. Likely to be performed in September. 8/21: Put on backburner a little by D&F due to their work on SCIP. 9/8: R Love is coordinating with GeoTrack on design assumptions for the embankment design.
	Engineering and Inspection Services COUNTY FUNDED	
	Construction EDA/RIA/COUNTY FUNDED	
	Creek Stabilization & Welcome Center Waterline	
B	Exit 4/Oconee Manufacturing Park ("Sewer South Phase III") PS/Sewer ENGINEERING <i>(CE)</i>	8/22: Called L Brackett and K Shoemake for update. Left message w/ Shoemake (Brackett's VM full). 8/29: A Brock stated they have SCDES Construction Permit. COMPLETE.
C	Dewatering Equipment Replacement at WRF <i>See below (JM, 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. 4/17: Signed contract. 7/25: Looking at November mobilization. Looking at substantial completion in mid-July 2026. 9/15: Continuing to work on electrical.
	Design, Construction Admin, and Inspection SCIIP MATCH	
	Construction SCIIP GRANT	
D	Consent Order Gravity Sewer Rehab Project (SSES/Inspection: 2023) <i>See below (CE, KL)</i>	PO/Contract Amount includes \$700,000 owner contingency 7/21: Cotractor reports they will have 2 crews (starting today). 7/25: All contractor and subs are onsite and progressing. BNS will be visiting the golf course to review possible additional manholes to rehabilitate. 8/6: Had meeting with Bio-Nomic president, Buck Stevenson, to discuss getting project back on schedule and addressing other issues. 8/8: Received complaint about R/W issue, Bio-Nomic investiaged 8/13 and will address. They communicated with property owner. 8/14: Pay App #5 submitted for ACOG review. 8/18: Complaint addressed. Contractor in communication with property owner. 8/25: BNS replaced damaged manhole cone using OJRSA material last week. 8/26: Change Order #4 signed. No cost change but adjusts for rain days. Updated substantial completion from 8/25/2025 to 9/10/2025 and final completion from 9/29/2025 to 10/15/2025. 9/15: Contractor update--3,204 LF relining and 59 manhole rehabs remain. Lining completion on 9/22 and manholes to be completed by 10/9. Lining samples to be completed by 10/20 and manhole samples by 11/3. They did not receive any sample results last week.
	Engineering SCIIP MATCH	
	Manhole Resiliency Plan: Project 1c SCIIP MATCH	
	Construction/Rehabilitation SCIIP GRANT	
E	Martin Creek PS Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review and Flow Study Report <i>(CE)</i>	5/5: Received draft report to review. 6/2: Provided comments to Priya. 7/24: Received final report. COMPLETE.
F	Gravity Sewer: CONSENT ORDER Evaluation of CCTV/Smoketesting from MH29 to WRF <i>(KL)</i>	Review CCTV for 9,525 LF of 30" and 36" RCP and 29 manhole inspections to develop list of defects for design of sewer rehab. 8/15: Engineer confirmed receipt of data (delivered a few months ago). They are verifying all information.
G	Consent Order Speeds Creek FM Replacement Engineering Design & Easements Only <i>(CE)</i>	CONSENT ORDER ITEM 7/15/2024: As identified in the 20 Year Master Plan, this force main should be replaced with similar sized pipe. 8/5: Waiting on IDC engineer.

010 OJRSA FUND

004 REVENUE

00401 REVENUE

Revenue Report

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Level 4 Summary for August 2026

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								
01790 UNRESTRICTED INTEREST	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$3,821.74	15	\$19,835.41	79	\$5,164.59
01830 HAULED WASTE SVCS	\$213,502.00	\$0.00	\$213,502.00	\$18,900.00	9	\$44,080.85	21	\$169,421.15
01840 OTHER REVENUE	\$41,269.00	\$0.00	\$41,269.00	\$59,657.28	145	\$149,032.56	361	(\$107,763.56)
01880 CAPACITY FEES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
01910 USER FEES	\$6,128,172.00	\$0.00	\$6,128,172.00	\$618,306.26	10	\$1,025,147.61	17	\$5,103,024.39
Total Revenue	\$6,407,943.00	\$0.00	\$6,407,943.00	\$700,685.28	11	\$1,238,096.43	19	\$5,169,846.57
00801 PRETREATMENT								
01850 INDUSTRIES	\$190,278.00	\$0.00	\$190,278.00	\$20,715.71	11	\$43,564.59	23	\$146,713.41
Total Pretreatment	\$190,278.00	\$0.00	\$190,278.00	\$20,715.71	11	\$43,564.59	23	\$146,713.41
01001 RETAIL IMPACT FEE FUND								
01880 CAPACITY FEES	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$5,000.00
Total Retail Impact Fee Fund	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$5,000.00
01101 WHOLESALE IMPACT FEE FUND								
01780 RESTRICTED INTEREST	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$20,681.69	21	\$38,628.78	39	\$61,371.22
01880 CAPACITY FEES	\$800,000.00	\$0.00	\$800,000.00	(\$1,425.76)	0	\$27,251.24	3	\$772,748.76
01930 UNUSED CAPACITY FEES	\$76,000.00	\$0.00	\$76,000.00	\$26,217.69	34	\$30,791.62	41	\$45,208.38
Total Wholesale Impact Fee Fund	\$976,000.00	\$0.00	\$976,000.00	\$45,473.62	5	\$96,671.64	10	\$879,328.36
01201 CONTRACT OPERATIONS								
01900 INTERGOV. REIMBURSEMENT	\$50,491.00	\$0.00	\$50,491.00	\$42,062.94	83	\$50,283.35	100	\$207.65
Total Contract Operations	\$50,491.00	\$0.00	\$50,491.00	\$42,062.94	83	\$50,283.35	100	\$207.65
01301 RETAIL SERVICES								
01780 RESTRICTED INTEREST	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,892.42	0	\$5,892.42	0	(\$5,892.42)
01900 INTERGOV. REIMBURSEMENT	\$105,534.00	\$0.00	\$105,534.00	\$10,358.78	10	\$10,659.58	10	\$94,874.42
01910 USER FEES	\$269.00	\$0.00	\$269.00	\$0.00	0	\$5,452.84	2027	(\$5,183.84)
Total Retail Services	\$105,803.00	\$0.00	\$105,803.00	\$16,251.20	15	\$22,004.84	21	\$83,798.16
01501 CONTINGENCY FUND								
01822 GRANTS - PROJS & CONTINGENCY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$24,244.47	0	(\$24,244.47)
01840 OTHER REVENUE	\$7,773,098.00	\$0.00	\$7,773,098.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$7,773,098.00
Total Contingency Fund	\$7,773,098.00	\$0.00	\$7,773,098.00	\$0.00	0	\$24,244.47	0	\$7,748,853.53
Total REVENUE	\$15,508,613.00	\$0.00	\$15,508,613.00	\$825,188.75	5	\$1,474,865.32	10	\$14,033,747.68
Total OJRSA FUND	\$15,508,613.00	\$0.00	\$15,508,613.00	\$825,188.75	5	\$1,474,865.32	10	\$14,033,747.68
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$15,508,613.00	\$0.00	\$15,508,613.00	\$825,188.75	5	\$1,474,865.32	10	\$14,033,747.68

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010 OJRSA FUND									
005 EXPENSES									
00501 ADMINISTRATION									
01140 100% DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	\$1,238,863.00	\$0.00	\$103,238.58	8	\$206,477.16	17	\$0.00	\$1,032,385.84	83
01300 PAYROLL: SALARIES	\$1,331,852.00	\$0.00	\$87,832.61	7	\$219,774.42	17	\$0.00	\$1,112,077.58	83
01310 OVERTIME	\$35,892.00	\$0.00	\$2,628.72	7	\$5,745.73	16	\$0.00	\$30,146.27	84
01350 PAYROLL: FICA/MEDICARE WH	\$110,941.00	\$0.00	\$7,232.77	7	\$18,036.59	16	\$0.00	\$92,904.41	84
01380 PAYROLL: RETIREMENT	\$253,853.00	\$0.00	\$16,252.47	6	\$31,516.26	12	\$0.00	\$222,336.74	88
02200 COMMISSIONER EXPENSES	\$13,140.00	\$0.00	\$900.00	7	\$1,440.00	11	\$0.00	\$11,700.00	89
02220 GROUP INSURANCE	\$264,245.00	\$0.00	\$22,921.61	9	\$42,885.90	16	\$0.00	\$221,359.10	84
02240 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
02250 INSURANCE-PROPERTY/GENERAL	\$109,186.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$565.90	1	\$0.00	\$108,620.10	99
02260 EMPLOYEE WELLNESS	\$34,987.00	\$0.00	\$1,644.26	5	\$3,084.42	9	\$0.00	\$31,902.58	91
02290 AGENCY MEMBERSHIPS	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$4,811.20)	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
02300 LICENSES/CERTIFS/MEMBERSHIPS	\$47,668.00	\$0.00	\$7,756.20	16	\$10,204.20	21	\$0.00	\$37,463.80	79
02310 SEMINARS/WKSHOPS & TRAINING	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$449.00)	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
02320 EVENTS & MEETING EXPENSES	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,174.21	27	\$1,272.12	29	\$0.00	\$3,127.88	71
02370 SAFETY	\$50,355.00	\$0.00	\$7,271.49	14	\$8,152.09	16	\$0.00	\$42,202.91	84
02380 OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$298,788.00	\$0.00	\$20,326.19	7	\$21,874.15	7	\$0.00	\$276,913.85	93
02410 TECHNOLOGY: PHONES/INTERNET/TV	\$16,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,753.43	11	\$3,237.02	20	\$0.00	\$13,262.98	80
02420 ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	\$280,413.00	\$0.00	\$24,643.11	9	\$45,160.53	16	\$0.00	\$235,252.47	84
02440 O&M CONTINGENCY	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$250,000.00	100
02530 R&M: VEHICLES/TRAILERS/EQUIP	\$116,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,287.70	6	\$18,673.63	16	(\$109.95)	\$97,436.32	84
02560 FEES & PENALTIES	\$4,339.00	\$0.00	\$152.41	4	\$554.29	13	\$0.00	\$3,784.71	87
02590 ROLLING STOCK & EQUIPMENT	\$84,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$80,607.00	96	\$0.00	\$3,393.00	4
Total Administration	\$4,545,422.00	\$0.00	\$307,755.56	7	\$719,261.41	16	(\$109.95)	\$3,826,270.54	84
00601 CONVEYANCE SYSTEM									
02400 SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$57,342.00	\$0.00	\$8,524.49	15	\$19,729.39	34	\$221.01	\$37,391.60	65
02401 MAINTENANCE TOOLS & SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,544.28)	0	(\$232.72)	0	\$232.72	\$0.00	0
02411 TECHNOLOGY: SCADA	\$22,043.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$22,043.00	100
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$142,556.00	\$0.00	\$36,883.07	26	\$57,568.07	40	\$0.00	\$84,987.93	60
02450 CHEMICALS: SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE	\$26,061.00	\$0.00	\$3,271.16	13	\$6,595.32	25	\$0.00	\$19,465.68	75
02455 CHEMICALS: HERBICIDE/PESTICIDE	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$781.62	39	\$781.62	39	(\$781.62)	\$2,000.00	100
02490 ELECTRICITY	\$279,840.00	\$0.00	\$20,143.15	7	\$39,149.74	14	\$0.00	\$240,690.26	86
02500 WATER	\$11,130.00	\$0.00	\$637.37	6	\$1,371.20	12	\$0.00	\$9,758.80	88
02521 FUEL: GENERATORS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
02540 EQUIPMENT RENTALS	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,102.38	14	\$2,102.38	14	\$0.00	\$12,897.62	86
02550 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	100
02590 ROLLING STOCK & EQUIPMENT	\$32,025.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$27,549.59	86	\$0.00	\$4,475.41	14
04030 FLOW MONITOR STAS: RICHLAND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
05000 PUMP STATIONS	\$225,410.00	\$0.00	\$15,333.18	7	\$21,360.71	9	\$0.00	\$204,049.29	91
05020 PUMP STATIONS: CHOESTOE PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$510.78	0	\$0.00	(\$510.78)	0
05100 PUMP STATIONS: MARTIN CREEK PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$309.38	0	\$309.38	0	\$0.00	(\$309.38)	0

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05110 PUMP STATIONS: MILLBROOK PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$152.54	0	\$0.00	(\$152.54)	0
05150 PUMP STATIONS: SPEEDS PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$434.59	0	\$434.59	0	(\$434.59)	\$0.00	0
05230 GRAVITY SEWER & FORCE MAINS	\$145,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,880.06	5	\$17,175.25	12	\$102.66	\$127,722.09	88
Total Conveyance System	\$964,407.00	\$0.00	\$94,756.17	10	\$194,557.84	20	(\$659.82)	\$770,508.98	80
00701 WRF OPERATIONS									
02400 SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$369.99	6	\$1,037.69	16	\$83.62	\$5,378.69	83
02411 TECHNOLOGY: SCADA	\$6,511.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$6,511.00	100
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$15,750.00	\$0.00	\$575.00	4	\$575.00	4	\$0.00	\$15,175.00	96
02451 CHEMICALS: CHLORINE	\$74,160.00	\$0.00	\$9,913.76	13	\$9,913.76	13	\$0.00	\$64,246.24	87
02452 CHEMICALS: POLYMER	\$66,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,776.95	4	\$8,078.40	12	\$0.00	\$57,921.60	88
02454 CHEMICALS: SODIUM BISULFITE	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	100
02457 CHEMICALS: OTHER	\$6,800.00	\$0.00	\$1,414.04	21	\$1,433.86	21	\$0.00	\$5,366.14	79
02470 GARBAGE	\$396.00	\$0.00	\$27.75	7	\$55.50	14	\$0.00	\$340.50	86
02480 NATURAL GAS	\$1,590.00	\$0.00	\$64.88	4	\$64.88	4	\$0.00	\$1,525.12	96
02490 ELECTRICITY	\$337,080.00	\$0.00	\$27,841.39	8	\$54,503.91	16	\$0.00	\$282,576.09	84
02500 WATER	\$5,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,397.45	26	\$4,317.12	81	\$0.00	\$982.88	19
02510 SLUDGE DISPOSAL	\$185,389.00	\$0.00	\$7,870.15	4	\$27,337.70	15	\$0.00	\$158,051.30	85
02521 FUEL: GENERATORS	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,002.41)	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
02540 EQUIPMENT RENTALS	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	100
02550 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$17,900.00	\$0.00	\$128.94	1	\$896.39	5	\$0.00	\$17,003.61	95
02590 ROLLING STOCK & EQUIPMENT	\$29,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$10,660.42	37	\$0.00	\$18,339.58	63
03000 WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY	\$919,919.00	\$0.00	\$14,808.64	2	\$18,864.87	2	\$0.00	\$901,054.13	98
Total Wrf Operations	\$1,702,295.00	\$0.00	\$64,186.53	4	\$137,739.50	8	\$83.62	\$1,564,471.88	92
00801 PRETREATMENT									
01300 PAYROLL: SALARIES	\$82,469.00	\$0.00	\$6,561.45	8	\$15,734.52	19	\$0.00	\$66,734.48	81
01380 PAYROLL: RETIREMENT	\$15,306.00	\$0.00	\$1,135.01	7	\$2,270.03	15	\$0.00	\$13,035.97	85
02220 GROUP INSURANCE	\$8,347.00	\$0.00	\$680.45	8	\$1,360.90	16	\$0.00	\$6,986.10	84
02300 LICENSES/CERTIFS/MEMBERSHIPS	\$4,110.00	\$0.00	\$664.06	16	\$664.06	16	\$0.00	\$3,445.94	84
02380 OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$88.26	2	\$88.26	2	\$0.00	\$4,411.74	98
02410 TECHNOLOGY: PHONES/INTERNET/TV	\$1,335.00	\$0.00	\$33.46	3	\$140.62	11	\$0.00	\$1,194.38	89
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$42,498.00	\$0.00	\$16,588.00	39	\$19,843.00	47	\$0.00	\$22,655.00	53
Total Pretreatment	\$158,565.00	\$0.00	\$25,750.69	16	\$40,101.39	25	\$0.00	\$118,463.61	75
00901 LABORATORY									
02400 SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$6,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,432.97	23	\$1,432.97	23	\$0.00	\$4,767.03	77
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$47,230.00	\$0.00	\$1,313.18	3	\$3,268.28	7	\$0.00	\$43,961.72	93
02456 CHEMICALS: LABORATORY	\$5,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,596.40	30	\$1,596.40	30	\$0.00	\$3,803.60	70
Total Laboratory	\$58,830.00	\$0.00	\$4,342.55	7	\$6,297.65	11	\$0.00	\$52,532.35	89
01201 CONTRACT OPERATIONS									
02411 TECHNOLOGY: SCADA	\$2,202.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$2,202.00	100
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$5,100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	2	\$100.00	2	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	98
02500 WATER	\$630.00	\$0.00	\$39.00	6	\$78.00	12	\$0.00	\$552.00	88

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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	\$0.00	0	\$107.14	1	\$0.00	\$10,392.86	99
Total Contract Operations	\$19,432.00	\$0.00	\$139.00	1	\$285.14	1	\$0.00	\$19,146.86	99
01301 RETAIL SERVICES									
02400 SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$500.00	100
02411 TECHNOLOGY: SCADA	\$1,370.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$1,370.00	100
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$93,337.00	\$0.00	\$12,315.00	13	\$12,315.00	13	\$0.00	\$81,022.00	87
02490 ELECTRICITY	\$8,820.00	\$0.00	\$867.74	10	\$867.74	10	\$0.00	\$7,952.26	90
02500 WATER	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$1,050.00	100
05000 PUMP STATIONS	\$725.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$725.00	100
Total Retail Services	\$105,802.00	\$0.00	\$13,182.74	12	\$13,182.74	12	\$0.00	\$92,619.26	88
01401 CAPITAL PROJECTS									
06050 SEWER SOUTH PHASE II	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,777,897.95	0	\$1,777,897.95	0	\$0.00	(\$1,777,897.95)	0
06060 CONVEYANCE SYSTEM	\$80,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$80,000.00	100
06071 SENECA PS & FM UPGRADE/SPEEDS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38,000.00	0	\$58,000.00	0	\$0.00	(\$58,000.00)	0
Total Capital Projects	\$80,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,815,897.95	2270	\$1,835,897.95	2295	\$0.00	(\$1,755,897.95)	(2195)
01501 CONTINGENCY FUND									
00002 CONTINGENCY EXPENSES	\$8,556,158.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$8,556,158.00	100
09009 COLLECTION SYSTEM REHAB	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$62,197.20	0	\$95,670.62	0	\$0.00	(\$95,670.62)	0
09011 DEWATERING EQUIP REPLACEMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$9,465.70	0	\$0.00	(\$9,465.70)	0
Total Contingency Fund	\$8,556,158.00	\$0.00	\$62,197.20	1	\$105,136.32	1	\$0.00	\$8,451,021.68	99
Total EXPENSES	\$16,190,911.00	\$0.00	\$2,388,208.39	15	\$3,052,459.94	19	(\$686.15)	\$13,139,137.21	81
Total OJRSA FUND	\$16,190,911.00	\$0.00	\$2,388,208.39	15	\$3,052,459.94	19	(\$686.15)	\$13,139,137.21	81
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$16,190,911.00	\$0.00	\$2,388,208.39	15	\$3,052,459.94	19	(\$686.15)	\$13,139,137.21	81



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OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND		Current (\$)	Incr/ Decr (\$)	Amended (\$)	Note
O&M FUND REVENUES		Dept Total 6,759,426	0	NO CHANGE	
401/501/801/1201 Departments					
O&M FUND EXPENSES		6,759,426	0	NO CHANGE	
101/201/501 Administration (not including depreciation)	Dept Total	3,775,898	0	NO CHANGE	
601 Conveyance System	Dept Total	964,406	0	NO CHANGE	
701 WRF Operations	Dept Total	1,702,295	0	NO CHANGE	
801 Pretreatment	Dept Total	158,565	0	NO CHANGE	
901 Laboratory	Dept Total	58,830	0	NO CHANGE	
1201 Contract Operations (I-85 Sewer)	Dept Total	19,432	0	NO CHANGE	
1401 O&M Capital Improvement Projects	Dept Total	80,000	0	NO CHANGE	

RESTRICTED AND OTHER FUNDS		Current (\$)	Incr/ Decr (\$)	Amended (\$)	Note
FUND REVENUES					
1001 RETAIL IMPACT FUND (RESTRICTED USE)		5,000	0	NO CHANGE	
1101 WHOLESALE IMPACT FUND (RESTRICTED USE)		976,000	0	NO CHANGE	
1301/1401 RETAIL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND (UNRESTRICTED USE)		105,802	0	NO CHANGE	
1501 PROJECTS & CONTINGENCY FUND (RESTRICTED USE)		8,556,158	159,000	8,715,158	
Fund Balance Transfer In			159,000		[B]
FUND EXPENSES					
1001 RETAIL IMPACT FUND (RESTRICTED USE)		0	0	NO CHANGE	
1101 WHOLESALE IMPACT FUND (RESTRICTED USE)		0	0	NO CHANGE	
1301/1401 RETAIL OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND (UNRESTRICTED USE)		105,802	1,783,376	1,889,178	
1401-06050 Sewer South Phase II			1,783,376		[A]
1501 PROJECTS & CONTINGENCY FUND (RESTRICTED USE)		8,556,158	159,000	8,715,158	
1501-09009 OJRSA Project #2024-08 Collection System Rehab			159,000		[B]

NOTES

[A] Return of funds to Oconee County following closeout of construction project. Revenues from county payments accounted for during previous fiscal years.

[B] Continue construction administration and observation services beyond original contract end date of 09/29/2024 for existing SCIIP-funded project and provide necessary services to utilize remaining SCIIP funds for manhole rehabilitation in accordance with Ardurra Contract for Services Amendment - 01 associated with OJRSA Project #2024-08.