



**Board of Commissioners Meeting**  
OJRSA Operations & Administration Building  
Lamar Bailes Board Room  
February 2, 2026 at 4:00 PM

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**Agenda**

- A. Call to Order** – Kevin Bronson, Board Chair
- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Commissioner Zane Thompson
- 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 January 5, 2026
  - Annual Members' Meeting of January 5, 2026
- E. Committee and Other Meeting Reports**
  - Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee Meeting of January 8, 2026 – *Canceled due to lack of agenda items*
  - Operations & Planning Committee Meeting of January 15, 2026 – Scott Moulder, Committee Chair
  - Finance & Administration Committee Meeting of January 29, 2026 – 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. Consider standard Developer Agreement for future projects to be owned, operated, and maintained by OJRSA (Exhibit B) – Chris Eleazer, Director
  - 2. Adopt Board of Commissioners' Goals for 2026 that includes input from standing committees (Exhibit C) – Chris Eleazer, Director
- I. Executive Director's Discussion and Compliance Matters** – Chris Eleazer, Director
  - 1. Environmental and regulatory compliance matters
  - 2. Winter storm update
  - 3. Regional Feasibility and Reconstitution Quarterly Report No. 2 (Exhibit D)
  - 4. 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 – February 12, 2026 at 9:00 AM
- Operations & Planning Committee – February 19, 2026 at 8:30 AM
- Finance & Administration Committee – February 24, 2026 at 9:00 AM
- Board of Commissioners – March 2, 2026 at 4:00 PM



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

Prepared for the February 2, 2026 OJRSA Board of Commissioners Meeting

Cash and investment information stated herein come from bank and other financial records as of: January 30, 2026

### UNRESTRICTED FUNDS CASH AND INVESTMENTS SUMMARY

Account/Fund Name	Cash (\$)	Investments (\$)	Total (\$)
Wholesale Operations & Maintenance (O&M)	491,854	2,940,000	3,431,854
Retail Operations & Maintenance (RO&M)	105,190	0	105,190
<b>TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>597,044</b>	<b>2,940,000</b>	<b>3,537,044</b>

### RESTRICTED FUNDS CASH AND INVESTMENTS SUMMARY

Account/Fund Name	Cash (\$)	Investments (\$)	Total (\$)
Projects and Contingency (PCF)	1,869,015	0	1,869,015
Wholesale Impact Fund (WIF)	1,462,647	5,880,000	7,342,647
Retail Impact Fund (RIF)	3,400	0	3,400
<b>TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	<b>3,335,062</b>	<b>5,880,000</b>	<b>9,215,062</b>

#### Combined Total for All Funds

Cash	<b>3,932,106</b>	Investments	<b>8,820,000</b>	Combined	<b>12,752,106</b>
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#### Account Notes:

### DAYS CASH ON HAND

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

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

	Cash on Hand (Days)	Annual Operating Expense minus Depreciation (\$)	Budget Amended During Fiscal Year?
O&M Fund	185.3	6,759,426	X NO YES
RO&M Fund	362.9	105,802	NO X YES

### INDEPENDENT RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS

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

#### Reconciliation Notes:

As of when this report is being completed, we have not received reconciliations for December 2025. Accountant's office was having trouble accessing our server; issue resolved - reconciliation may be coming later today.

*See next page for more information*



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA     )  
    )  
 COUNTY OF OCONEE             )

## DEVELOPER AGREEMENT

This Developer Agreement (this "Agreement") is made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ by and between the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority ("OJRSA") and \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Developer").

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Developer desires to construct sanitary sewer facilities, which may include but are not limited to sanitary gravity sewer lines, manholes, pump stations and force mains, preliminary treatment, valves, adjuncts, facilities and appurtenances (the "Sewer Facilities") constructed or installed in connection with the Project (as hereinafter defined) located on and serving property owned by Developer and generally described as follows: \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, subject to the Developer's compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in the OJRSA Development Policy and Sewer Use Regulations, and this Agreement, OJRSA has agreed to assume ownership, operation and maintenance of the Sewer Facilities after completion.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants, conditions, and agreements set forth herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Developer will construct the Sewer Facilities at its sole cost and expense. The Sewer Facilities will be constructed in strict conformance with those plans and specifications entitled "\_\_\_\_\_", dated \_\_\_\_\_, prepared by \_\_\_\_\_ as reviewed and approved by OJRSA staff (the "Plans and Specifications"). The Developer will meet with OJRSA staff as part of the review and approval process for the Plans and Specifications, and OJRSA will be entitled to conduct periodic inspections of the Project (as hereinafter defined) during construction as often as OJRSA deems necessary. The Developer shall, at its sole cost and expense, promptly perform any corrective, remedial, or completion work required by OJRSA to ensure compliance with the approved Plans and Specifications and all applicable standards. A depiction of the Sewer Facilities and Property as reflected in the Plans and Specifications (collectively, the "Project") is attached as "Exhibit A."

2. If the Sewer Facilities will not be constructed exclusively within an existing and properly dedicated public right-of-way, the Developer shall, at its sole cost and expense, provide, obtain, or otherwise procure or assist OJRSA in procuring all real property, rights-of-way and easements necessary for construction of the Sewer Facilities in accordance with the Plans and Specifications, using forms approved by OJRSA and in compliance with the OJRSA Development Policy. The Developer shall be solely responsible for and shall reimburse OJRSA for all costs incurred in connection with the acquisitions of real property, rights-of-way, and easements, whether such work is performed by OJRSA or by OJRSA's agents, consultants, or contractors. The Developer may not begin construction of the Sewer Facilities until all required rights-of-way,

easements and titles to real property have been executed and recorded, with recorded copies provided to OJRSA.

3. The Developer shall obtain, at its sole cost and expense, all encroachment permits, construction permits, and all other permits and approvals required to complete the Project, including any construction permits and the Permit to Operate issued by the South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (“SCDES”), and shall comply in all respects with the terms and conditions of all such permits and approvals. The Developer shall engage a duly licensed utility contractor, acceptable to OJRSA, to construct the Sewer Facilities. The Developer shall be solely responsible for and shall reimburse OJRSA for all costs incurred in connection with the inspection and re-inspection of the Sewer Facilities, whether such work is performed by OJRSA or by OJRSA’s agents, consultants, or contractors. The Developer shall further comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, statutes, regulations, codes, and ordinances.

4. Upon (i) completion of construction of the Sewer Facilities in accordance with the approved Plans and Specifications; (ii) issuance of a Permit to Operate by the SCDES; (iii) submission of a complete and satisfactory project close-out package in accordance with Section 2.10 of the OJRSA Development Policy; (iv) final inspection of the Sewer Facilities by OJRSA; (v) completion by the Developer of any corrections, repairs, or supplemental items identified by OJRSA during the close-out review or final inspection; and (vi) payment of all remaining fees, charges, and other amounts due under this Agreement, the Developer shall transfer ownership of the Sewer Facilities to OJRSA by recordable easements or deeds, in a form approved by OJRSA, free and clear of all liens, claims, and encumbrances, and shall grant to OJRSA all permanent access, utility, and ingress/egress easements necessary for OJRSA’s ownership, operation, maintenance, and repair of the Sewer Facilities, all without monetary compensation from OJRSA.

5. The Developer warrants and represents that it is the lawful owner of the Property and the Sewer Facilities and all rights-of-way and appurtenances relating thereto. The Developer represents and warrants that the Sewer Facilities, once conveyed, will be free and clear of any and all claims, liens, or encumbrances of any kind or nature, and further represents and warrants that the Developer has or will have good right, title, and authority to transfer and convey the same and will warrant and forever defend the same against all claimants whomsoever.

6. OJRSA shall not issue any tap permits or accept for treatment any effluent from the Sewer Facilities ~~unless and~~ until all ~~OJRSA and SCDES~~ requirements ~~set forth in Paragraph 4 of this Agreement~~ have been ~~fully~~ satisfied and the ~~transfer of Developer has transferred ownership has been completed to OJRSA’s sole satisfaction. After issuance by OJRSA of an Ownership Acceptance Letter for~~ the Sewer Facilities, ~~and following issuance by SCDES to OJRSA by recorded easements or deeds and OJRSA has accepted ownership of a partial or final Permit to Operate~~ the Sewer Facilities. Thereafter, OJRSA shall ~~thereafter~~ accept and treat effluent from the Sewer Facilities and ~~shall~~ assume responsibility for the operation, maintenance, and repair thereof, together with all appurtenances related thereto, except as otherwise expressly provided herein.

7. The Developer agrees to indemnify and hold OJRSA harmless from and against any and all loss, liability, damage, injury and expense (including, without limitation, attorney’s fees) which OJRSA may suffer or sustain as a result of or arising out of this Developer Agreement,

the Developer's performance hereunder, the construction of the Sewer Facilities, or any other matters contemplated herein.

8. A separate tap and service line is required for each separate structure to be served. The Developer's costs for installation of the Sewer Facilities are not related to or considered payment for any OJRSA tap, capacity or other fees which may apply to the Project. After acceptance, OJRSA may extend or expand the Sewer Facilities at its sole and absolute discretion and without compensation to the Developer.

9. The Developer must begin construction of the Sewer Facilities within one year of the date of this Development Agreement. If construction is not started within that time frame, the Development Agreement will become null, void and of no further force or effect. In such event, the Developer shall promptly provide written notice to OJRSA and shall submit a letter to SCDES formally withdrawing and canceling the construction permit for the Project. Upon confirmation of the permit withdrawal and cancellation, OJRSA will refund to the Developer all impact fees previously paid in accordance with OJRSA impact fee policies to OJRSA that are associated with the canceled construction permit.

10. OJRSA has no ownership, operation or maintenance responsibilities for any service lines on private property between the Sewer Facilities and any structure or property.

11. The Developer warrants and agrees that all work performed in connection with the construction of the Sewer Facilities and all materials furnished and installed in connection therewith will be in accordance with (a) the Plans and Specifications as approved by OJRSA and (b) all applicable professional or engineering standards. The Developer further warrants that the Sewer Facilities are and will remain free from faults and defects of design, material, and workmanship for a period of two (2) years from the issued date of the Permit to Operate from SCDES. OJRSA shall notify the Developer of defective work requiring repair. If the defective work is not corrected within thirty (30) days of the Developer's receipt of such notification, OJRSA has the right to make the repairs by whatever means necessary and invoice the Developer for all costs incurred, which the Developer shall promptly pay. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if OJRSA determines that defect work requiring a repair is an emergency or presents an immediate risk to public health, safety, or the sanitary sewer infrastructure, OJRSA may, without prior notice, make or cause to be made any necessary repairs, and invoice the Developer for all costs incurred in connection with such emergency repairs, which the Developer shall promptly pay. Additionally, OJRSA may place holds on or cancel the installation of future services within the Property.

12. The Developer warrants that it is capable of complying with the terms and conditions of this Developer Agreement and that it is not bound or encumbered by any other agreements which may prevent or adversely affect its compliance with this Developer Agreement.

13. This Developer Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of South Carolina. This Developer Agreement is binding upon the parties' and their respective heirs, successors and assigns. The Developer may not assign its interest in or its duties under this Developer Agreement without the prior written consent of OJRSA. This Developer Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute one original document. This Developer

Agreement may not be amended or modified except by an agreement in writing and signed by both parties.

14. This Developer Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties as to the subject matter hereof and no prior negotiations, discussions, statements, proposals, statements or representations of any kind or nature, whether written or oral, shall modify the express terms hereof.

15. In the event OJRSA is party to any Intergovernmental Agreement applicable to the Sewer Facilities, the Property or the Project, the Developer and its heirs, successors and assigns expressly agree to comply with OJRSA's obligations under such agreement(s).

*[Signatures on following page]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered

\_\_\_\_\_  
(1<sup>st</sup> Witness)

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(2<sup>nd</sup> Witness)

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(1<sup>st</sup> Witness)

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(2<sup>nd</sup> Witness)

DEVELOPER

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER  
AUTHORITY

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

Its: \_\_\_\_\_



## **OJRSA Board of Commissioners' Goals for 2026**

*To be considered during the February 2, 2026 Board of Commissioners meeting.*

1. Focus on completing the Reconstitution Committee recommendations and implementation.
2. Determine how the OJRSA is to govern the cities and how it is to handle the enforcement of the sewer use regulations when a system is not in compliance.
3. Develop a consensus on how much we are going to approve capital improvement projects.
4. Consider replacing the Speeds Creek force main.

*Operations & Planning Committee:*

- Consider Richland Creek trunk sewer extension.

*Finance & Administration Committee:*

- None

*In addition to discussion at the January 5, 2026 Commission meeting, consideration of the goals will be included on the January standing committee agendas and presented to the Board for review and consideration in February.*

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## Submittal Statement

This report is provided to the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority, Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority ("OJRSA") Board of Commissioners, and Oconee County Council in accordance with the recommendations provided by the Ad Hoc Regional Feasibility Study Implementation Committee and as accepted by the OJRSA Board of Commissioners on July 15, 2025.



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Christopher R. Eleazer  
OJRSA Executive Director, and  
OJRSA Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee Member



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Lynn M. Stephens  
OJRSA Secretary/Treasurer

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**Background**

In 2022, the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (“OJRSA” or “Authority”) was awarded a Regional Feasibility Planning Grant<sup>1</sup> by the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (“RIA”). OJRSA subsequently procured the services of W.K. Dickson (now, Ardurra) to develop a comprehensive Regional Feasibility Planning Study (“Planning Study”) to determine if regionalizing sewer collection, conveyance, and treatment in Oconee County, South Carolina (“County”) will streamline service delivery and enhance the success of the community and its quality of life. The Planning Study<sup>2</sup> included the analysis and recommendations in the following core areas: (1) governance structure; (2) revenues and finance; (3) environmental compliance, (4) utility resources, and (5) efficiency in operations and service.

The Planning Study was completed in August 2024 and adopted by the OJRSA Board of Commissioners (“Board”) in September 2024. A special Ad Hoc Regional Feasibility Study Implementation Committee (“Feasibility Committee”) was established by the Board in November 2024 to review, discuss, and evaluate the Planning Study’s primary recommendations and to provide independent recommendations for implementing this restructuring.

The Feasibility Committee established five major recommendations to reorganize/reconstitute the OJRSA under the South Carolina Joint Authority Water and Sewer Systems Act (the “Act”), as follows:

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.
2. The Authority should be reconstituted with a new five-member Board of Commissioners (the “New Board”).
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.
4. The current Board will dissolve the Feasibility Committee and then establish a working group or smaller ad hoc committee to oversee and guide the initial implementation steps outlined above (the “Reconstitution Committee”<sup>3</sup>).
5. It is recommended that a communications plan for the reorganization be developed, which should be used by all entities involved. This plan will ensure clear and consistent messaging while also allowing for input from residents and customers of the Authority. Maintaining an open process is crucial to maximize the chances of success in consolidating the collection systems and establishing the reconstituted Authority with the New Board.

The Feasibility Committee noted the recommendations were vital to the long-term success of the Authority, and in the absence of the implementation of these recommendations, the OJRSA runs the risk of significant regulatory compliance matters, lack of funding, and restrictions on growth and development of the County as a whole.

The final Feasibility Committee recommendations, which were presented to and accepted by the Board at a joint meeting with Oconee County Council in July 2025, included a list of specific tasks which were established by the Feasibility Committee with timelines associated with each function. These included:

1. Within 45 days (August 29, 2025)<sup>4</sup>, the current Board will dissolve the Feasibility Committee and

<sup>1</sup> RIA Grant Number RGRG-23-5006

<sup>2</sup> *Regional Feasibility Planning Study 2024* by W.K. Dickson, Bolton & Menk, and Willdan Financial Services. ([www.ojrsa.org/info](http://www.ojrsa.org/info))

<sup>3</sup> This committee was identified in the recommendations as the “Implementation Committee”

<sup>4</sup> Target dates are included for each based on date the recommendations were accepted by the Board

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establish the Reconstitution Committee for further implementation oversight.

2. On a quarterly basis, the Reconstitution Committee will provide an update to RIA, the current Board, and Oconee County on the progress of the implementation of these initial recommendations.
3. Within 45 days (August 29, 2025), the legislative revisions to the Act will be finalized and provided to the Oconee County Delegation ("Delegation"). Consultation shall be made with the Delegation on whether lobbyist support will be needed.
4. Within 90 days (October 13, 2025), resolutions of support for system consolidation/Authority reorganization will be provided to and adopted by each governing body affected by the recommendations, including the Board, Seneca City Council, Walhalla City Council, Westminster City Council, West Union Town Council, and Oconee County Council.
5. Within 120 days (November 12, 2025), consultants shall be engaged, and the process of collection system evaluation (technical) and valuation (financial) will be initiated, including identification of potential funding for this effort and immediate rehabilitation projects that may be identified or on current Capital Improvement Plans ("CIP"). Additionally, a rate consultant will be engaged.
6. Within 120 days (November 12, 2025), a Communications Plan will be developed under the guidance of the Implementation Committee and provided to all entities involved.
7. Within 60 days of the approved changes to Act being approved (likely July/August 2026), the list of recommendations for the initial commissioners for the reconstituted Authority ("New Commission") will be provided to the Delegation.
8. Within 15 months (February 27, 2027), the evaluation and valuation of collection systems will be completed.
9. Within 18 months (May 12, 2027), the determination of a timeline for developing a unified, equitable rate structure will be provided as a part of the initial terms for collection system consolidation.
10. Within 24 months (July 15, 2027), legal documents to transfer collection system assets to the Authority will be executed, as well as all necessary reconstitution documents.
11. Within 25 months (August 16, 2027), if the legislative amendments have not been approved, plans for consolidation under the amended Act will be abandoned. Thereupon, the Authority 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 (July 17, 2028). Additionally, all members shall be issued permits in compliance with the OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation ("SUR") and added as co-permittees under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit.

## Summary of Current Actions

This section separately addresses each of the specific tasks identified in the Background section above.

### **Committee Members**

The following are members of the Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee (also referred to herein as the "Committee"):

- Appalachian Council of Governments – Chip Bentley
- Oconee County – Glenn Hart<sup>5</sup>
- OJRSA – Chris Eleazer
- OJRSA Legal Counsel – Lawrence Flynn
- Seneca – Scott Moulder<sup>6</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Glenn Hart replaced former Oconee County Amanda Brock on the Reconstitution Committee in December 2025. Mr. Hart is a member of Oconee County Council who represents County District 5.

<sup>6</sup> Also a member of OJRSA Executive Committee

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- Walhalla – Celia Myers **Error! Bookmark not defined.**
- Westminster – Kevin Bronson **Error! Bookmark not defined.**
- Facilitator<sup>7</sup> – Katherine Amidon
- Facilitator<sup>7</sup> – Joel Jones
- Facilitator<sup>7</sup> – Angie Mettlen

Town of West Union Mayor Linda Oliver has also participated in the meetings as a nonvoting member.

**Committee Meetings**

The following events and meetings occurred during the reporting period:

- October 9, 2025 – Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee and OJRSA Executive Committee meeting
- November 13, 2025 – Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee and OJRSA Executive Committee meeting
- December 11, 2025 – Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee and OJRSA Executive Committee meeting

**Recommendation Item 1: Dissolve Feasibility Committee and Create New Committee**

**Target Date: August 29, 2025**

**Status: Complete**

See Report No. 1 for information.

**Recommendation Item 2: Submit Quarterly Report**

**Target Date: Within 14 days after completion of each calendar quarter**

**Status: Report #2 complete**

This quarterly report has been prepared and submitted in accordance with Recommendation Item 2. Best efforts will be made to submit quarterly reports to RIA within two (2) weeks of the conclusion of each calendar quarter<sup>8</sup> until the conclusion of this program.

**Recommendation Item 3: Submit Joint Authority Water and Sewer System Act Draft to Oconee County Delegation**

**Target Date: August 29, 2025**

**Status: In Progress**

A draft version of the legislation was submitted to Senator Thomas Alexander (S.C. Senate District 1) on November 3, 2025. It is understood that the version was provided by the senator to the senate's legal counsel as there has been communication between him and OJRSA counsel during November and December.

Legal counsel has been working with the legislative draftsmen in the General Assembly, and anticipated the amended version of the Act to be introduced in the very near future.

**Recommendation Item 4: Adoption of Resolutions of Support**

**Target Date: October 13, 2025**

**Status: Partially Complete**

The following resolutions of support for wastewater system consolidation/Authority reorganization have been adopted by the following as of December 31, 2025:

- Seneca – August 26, 2025
- OJRSA – September 8, 2025
- Westminster – September 9, 2025
- Walhalla – September 16, 2025

<sup>7</sup> Facilitators are nonvoting members

<sup>8</sup> The end of March, June, September, and December of each year

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- West Union – December 9, 2025

Those remaining to approve the matter include:

- Oconee County – It is unknown if and when the County will consider the resolution. Copies have been submitted to the County during Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 of 2025, but no action has been taken as of this report.

**Recommendation Item 5: Initiate Collection System Technical Evaluation and Financial Valuation**

**Target Date: November 12, 2025**

**Status: To begin next quarter**

This task is anticipated to begin during the first quarter of 2026.

**Recommendation Item 6: Develop Communications Plan**

**Target Date: November 12, 2025**

**Status: Began in December 2025**

The first draft version of communications was presented during the December meeting. It was decided to wait until after new city and town councilmembers took their oath of office in early January before disseminating the memo.

**Recommendation Item 7: Consider Initial Commissioners for New Authority**

**Target Date: Within 60 days of approved changes to Act (likely July/August 2026)**

**Status: Contingent on legislative approval**

If the recommended amendments to the Act are approved by the South Carolina Legislature and signed into law by the Governor, then the list of possible candidates for the New Commission will be provided to the Delegation soon thereafter (assuming the proper filing and reconstitution of the Authority).

**Recommendation Item 8: Complete Technical Evaluation and Valuation of Collection Systems**

**Target Date: February 27, 2027**

**Status: Not started**

Recommendation Item 5 must occur before project can be completed.

**Recommendation Item 9: Develop Unified, Equitable Rate Structure**

**Target Date: May 12, 2027**

**Status: Not started**

Recommendation Item 8 must be completed prior to beginning this task.

**Recommendation Item 10: Execute Transfer of Wastewater Collection System Assets and Reconstitution Documents**

**Target Date: July 15, 2027**

**Status: Not started**

This task will begin much later in the process.

**Recommendation Item 11 (contingency): Abandon Consolidation and Reconstitution Plan**

**Target Date: August 16, 2027**

**Status: Not applicable at this time**

This contingency item will only apply if legislative amendments are not approved or if the Reconstitution Committee cannot reach consensus. That said, there are some questions from some of the entities regarding the proposed Board appointment process and voting allocations with the reduced number of

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members. The facilitators recognize that these issues are ones that could derail the process. As such, they are working to clarify the process/voting allocations and address other concerns from the entities as they arise to keep this effort moving forward. The importance of transparent and open communication has been conveyed to the committee as the facilitators feel this to be a key factor in successfully completing the reconstitution of the authority.

**Past Actions**

See previous submittals for previous actions performed by the Reconstitution Committee.