



**Westminster**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
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**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

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WESTMINSTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**January is National Blood Donor Month**

The Oconee County Public Library will host blood drives at each Oconee County Public Library location. A flyer for the drive in Westminster is attached, please use the QR code to make an appointment. The full schedule of the drives is:

~~Monday 1/8/24 10:00a-2:00p Salem~~  
~~Tuesday 1/16/24 10:00a-2:00p Walhalla~~  
~~Monday 1/22/24 10:00a-2:00p Seneca~~  
Monday 1/29/24 10:00a-2:00p Westminster

**Utility Bill Pay**

QS1 is the city's utility billing system software provider. Recently QS1 upgraded some of its software using a vendor named Xpress Bill Pay. Xpress Bill Pay is the only vendor QS1 has provided as the payment-collection vendor for their software. Over the last two weeks city staff has encountered numerous situations where customers are provided a "balance due" amount that is incorrect – causing confusion, frustrations and general angst. Staff has relayed these concerns many times to the two vendors. To date they have been unable to correct the situation. Ongoing conversations with the two vendors will continue as staff pushes and implores the two entities to correct the issues their products are causing the city organization and, more importantly, city utility customers.

City staff apologizes for the ranking inconvenience to our customers and looks now to our vendors to correct the issues as soon as possible.

**Oconee Economic Alliance (OEA)**

This week, the OEA released a South Carolina Department of Commerce County Rankings list of *Projects, Jobs and Investments for 2023*. Of note is Oconee County's ranking throughout the report which is attached.

A few specifics include:

- Announced 2023 industry projects for Oconee County resulted in the county's best year, over the past ten years, for new investment and was the second-best year for new jobs and projects.
- Project mix: 2 expansions and 2 new locates.
- Estimated impact: \$85,900,000 in new investment and 267 new jobs.

*In Westminster:*

Books for Less on highway 123 and Meyn America in the Westminster Tri-County Technical College Industrial Park.

**TreesUpstate Tree Planting**

TreesUpstate and the City have partnered together to plant 21 trees in the parking area and grounds of the Yousef Mefleh Memorial Fields and Owens Field behind West Oak Middle School. TreesUpstate will graciously supply the

trees. Volunteers are sought to spend a few hours Saturday, February 3, 2024 beginning at 9:00 am to help with the planting. Everything needed to volunteer will be provided including gloves and rakes. To register online please go to [www.treesupstate.org/volunteer](http://www.treesupstate.org/volunteer). A flyer for the event is attached.

### **TreesUpstate Tree Giveaway**

The City will host TreesUpstate tree giveaway on March 9, 2024 from 9:00 am – 11:00 am at City Hall. Anyone interested in a free tree (or two) may register at [www.treesupstate.org/freetrees](http://www.treesupstate.org/freetrees). Various species will be available including: Pawpaw, Pecan, Persimmon, Eastern Red Cedar, Red Maple, Pignut Hickory, Tulip Popular, Sweetbay Magnolia, Blackgum, Overcup Oak, White Oak, and Bald Cypress. An information flyer is attached.

### **WP Anderson Park Renovations and Enhancements**

This week, a request for proposals was issued for renovations and enhancements for WP Anderson Park. A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2024 at 1:00 pm and the bids are due on March 1, 2024 at 12:00 pm. The link to the documents is available here: <https://westminstersc.org/request-for-bids-anderson-park/>

### **City Council Planning Session**

This week the Council worked through two half-day planning sessions to set its priorities for the calendar year. A PowerPoint presentation was used to guide the discussions, it is attached. City Council will consider for adoption the priorities discussed at the planning sessions at a future City Council Meeting.

### **Police Chief Search**

The search for a new Police Chief continues. The position was advertised on the City's website and the Municipal Association of South Carolina's website. The deadline for application was January 16, 2024. Twelve applications were received. The vetting process is underway.

### **USDA-RD Water System Projects**

Two contractors are being utilized to install the water system improvements funded by the USDA-RD. Both contractors are on schedule. No changes from last week where the following was reported.

*Arrowood General Contracting* is responsible for a grouping of projects entitled Division 1.

- The project areas for Division 1 are: Dawn Drive; Dixon Rd; Phillip Lear; and Dr. Johns Rd.
- Dawn Drive is complete.
- Dixon road is complete and customers are beginning to hook up to the new line. We will be setting a deadline soon for all to be connected so the old line may be abandoned.
- They have finished installing pipe along Phillip Lear and have begun going south on Dr. Johns Rd toward Tabor Road. Once they reach the intersection of Tabor, they will come back to the intersection of Phillip Lear and begin installing pipe north on Dr. Johns Rd toward Campbell.
- Due to inclement weather this week, very little pipe was installed. However, they worked on filling sections of pipe already installed in preparation for pressure testing and bacteriological sampling.

*Payne, McGinn and Cummins* is responsible for a grouping of projects entitled Division 2.

- The project areas in Division 2 are: two sections of Highway 76; Welcome Church Rd to Berry Farm Rd; and Berry Farm Rd to Cleveland Pike Rd.
- PMC continues to install pipe on Welcome Church Rd and have installed approximately 2 miles so far.
- The two sections of line on 76 have been flooded and chlorinated. Both sections have been pressure tested and are ready for bacteriological sampling on Monday of next week. Connections are set to begin

in the spring on that section.

### Westminster Planning Commission

The Planning Commission met Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The agenda is attached.

### OJRSA

The most recent Operations & Planning Committee and Finance & Administration Committee meeting minutes are attached. Also attached are the minutes from the January 4, 2024 OJRSA Annual Meeting.

The OJRSA sponsored Central Basin Study is underway. Three meetings will be held to gather public input:

- February 8, 3:30-5:30 at the Walhalla Depot 211 S College St, Walhalla, SC 29691
- February 15, 5:30-7:30 at the Westminster Depot 129 E Main St, Westminster, SC 29693
- February 22, 5:30-7:30 at the Seneca City Hall Council Chambers 221 E. North 1st Street Seneca, SC 29678

More information about these meetings is forthcoming.

### PMPA

This week, PMPA General Manager Joel Ledbetter provided a news release concerning the settlement of litigation among eight of the PMPA members, it is attached.

### PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

February 5, 2024 at 4:00 pm OJRSA Board Meeting at OJRSA

February 6, 2024 Municipal Association Hometown Legislative Action Day in Columbia, SC

**February 13, 2024 at 4:00 pm City Council Budget Workshop No. 1 at Westminster Fire Department**

**February 13, 2024 at 6:00 pm City Council Meeting at Westminster Fire Department**

February 14, 2024 Operations & Planning Committee at OJRSA – *new date*

February 15, 2024 Central Basin Study Stakeholder Input Meeting – the Depot

**February 19, 2024 City Offices closed to observe President's Day**

February 19, 2024 at 6:00 pm Planning Commission at City Hall

February 20, 2024 at 9:00 am OJRSA Finance & Administration Committee at OJRSA – *new date*

February 21, 2024 at 8:00 am PMPA Legislative Breakfast at the SC Statehouse

February 22, 2024 at 10:00 am PMPA Board Meeting at PMPA

### Special Events Calendar

**February 2, 2024 at 8:30 am – Oconee County Chamber of Commerce Community Breakfast**

*Blue Ridge Electric Coop Community Room (registration through OC Chamber is required)*

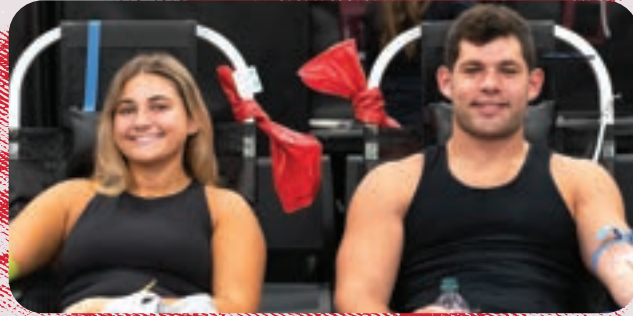
**February 3, 2024 at 9:00 am – TreesUpstate Tree Planting Event at Yousef Mefleh Memorial Fields**

*(see attached flyer)*

**March 9, 2024 Tree Giveaway sponsored by TreesUpstate at City Hall**

*(see attached flyer)*

# A New Year to **SAVE LIVES**



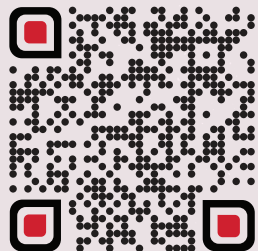
## OCPL Westminster Branch

112 West North Avenue  
Westminster, SC 29693

**01/29/2024 | 10:00 AM–02:00 PM**

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(sponsor code above)



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# **OCONEE ECONOMIC ALLIANCE**

## **2023 Announced SCDOC Projects**

*Projects, Jobs and Investments*

### **County Rankings: Total**

## 2023 SCDOC Announced Projects: Projects Ranking

Rank	County	Projects	Investment	Jobs
1	Charleston	14	\$ 94,386,426	932
2	Greenville	7	\$ 389,300,000	883
3	Richland	6	\$ 2,366,000,000	4,707
4	York	5	\$ 1,627,500,000	1,317
5	Oconee	4	\$ 85,900,000	267
5	Anderson	4	\$ 82,900,000	484
5	Laurens	4	\$ 580,600,000	548
5	Spartanburg	4	\$ 153,700,000	530
9	Lee	3	\$ 51,700,000	90
9	Lexington	3	\$ 132,000,000	169
11	Berkeley	2	\$ 34,200,000	93
11	Chester	2	\$ 364,300,000	480
11	Clarendon	2	\$ 36,370,000	250
11	Dorchester	2	\$ 59,900,000	59
11	Florence	2	\$ 836,000,000	530
11	Pickens	2	\$ 38,300,000	201
11	Sumter	2	\$ 565,900,000	600
18	Abbeville	1	\$ 10,450,000	95
18	Bamberg	1	\$ 286,000,000	30
18	Calhoun	1	\$ 46,000,000	30
18	Cherokee	1	\$ 96,000,000	260
18	Georgetown	1	\$ 32,700,000	50
18	Hampton	1	\$ 5,250,000	16
18	Lancaster	1	\$ 6,900,000	167
18	Marion	1	\$ 1,190,000	27
18	Newberry	1	\$ 12,700,000	30
18	Orangeburg	1	\$ 33,000,000	200
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16	Lexington	3	\$ 132,000,000	169
17	Lancaster	1	\$ 6,900,000	167
18	Abbeville	1	\$ 10,450,000	95
19	Berkeley	2	\$ 34,200,000	93
20	Lee	3	\$ 51,700,000	90
21	Dorchester	2	\$ 59,900,000	59
22	Georgetown	1	\$ 32,700,000	50
22	Bamberg	1	\$ 286,000,000	30
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26	Hampton	1	\$ 5,250,000	16
27	Williamsburg	1	\$ 1,680,000	19
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## 2023 SCDOC Announced Projects: \$ and Jobs Ranking

Ranking	County	Rank \$	Rank Jobs	Average Rank
1	Richland	1	1	1
2	York	2	2	2
3	Florence	3	7	5
3	Greenville	6	4	5
3	Laurens	4	6	5
3	Sumter	5	5	5
7	Chester	2	10	6
8	Charleston	12	3	8
9	Spartanburg	9	8	9
10	Oconee	13	11	12
10	Anderson	14	9	12
10	Cherokee	11	12	12
13	Lexington	10	16	13
14	Bamberg	8	22	15
15	Clarendon	19	13	16
15	Pickens	18	14	16
17	Dorchester	15	21	18
17	Lee	16	20	18
17	Orangeburg	21	15	18
20	Berkeley	20	19	20
20	Calhoun	17	22	20
22	Abbeville	24	18	21
22	Lancaster	25	17	21
24	Georgetown	22	22	22
25	Newberry	23	22	23
26	Hampton	26	28	27
27	Marion	28	26	27
28	Williamsburg	27	27	27

## 2023 SCDOC Announced Projects: All Three Combined Ranking

Rank	County	Project Rank	\$ Rank	Jobs Rank	Combined Rank
1	Richland	3	1	1	2
2	York	4	2	2	3
3	<i>Greenville</i>	2	6	4	4
4	<i>Laurens</i>	5	4	6	5
4	Charleston	1	12	3	5
5	Florence	11	3	7	7
5	Sumter	11	5	5	7
5	<i>Spartanburg</i>	5	9	8	7
9	Chester	11	2	10	8
9	<i>Anderson</i>	5	14	9	9
<b>11</b>	<b>Oconee</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>
12	Lexington	9	10	16	12
13	<i>Cherokee</i>	18	11	12	14
14	Clarendon	11	19	13	14
14	<i>Pickens</i>	11	18	14	14
16	Lee	9	16	20	15
17	Bamberg	18	8	22	16
17	Dorchester	11	15	21	16
19	Berkeley	11	20	19	17
20	Orangeburg	18	21	15	18
21	Calhoun	18	17	22	19
22	<i>Abbeville</i>	18	24	18	20
22	Lancaster	18	25	17	20
22	Georgetown	18	22	22	21
25	Newberry	18	23	22	21
26	Hampton	18	26	28	24
26	Marion	18	28	26	24
26	Williamsburg	18	27	27	24



# **OCONEE ECONOMIC ALLIANCE**

## **2023 Announced SCDOC Projects**

*Projects, Jobs and Investments*

**County Rankings: Per Capita**

## 2023 SCDOC Announced Projects: Projects Per Capita Ranking

Rank	County	Projects	Population	Projects per 10,000	
				10,000 People	People
1	Lee	3	16,557	1.7	1.812
2	Bamberg	1	13,311	1.3	0.751
3	Calhoun	1	14,145	1.4	0.707
4	Clarendon	2	31,163	3.1	0.642
5	Chester	2	32,171	3.2	0.622
6	Laurens	4	67,456	6.7	0.593
7	Hampton	1	18,890	1.9	0.529
8	Oconee	4	78,775	7.9	0.508
9	Abbeville	1	24,368	2.4	0.410
10	Marion	1	29,211	2.9	0.342
11	Charleston	14	409,840	41.0	0.342
12	Williamsburg	1	30,879	3.1	0.324
13	Newberry	1	37,918	3.8	0.264
14	Anderson	4	204,592	20.5	0.196
15	Sumter	2	105,199	10.5	0.190
16	Cherokee	1	56,200	5.6	0.178
17	York	5	282,987	28.3	0.177
18	Georgetown	1	63,594	6.4	0.157
19	Pickens	2	131,106	13.1	0.153
20	Spartanburg	5	330,119	33.0	0.151
21	Florence	2	137,015	13.7	0.146
22	Richland	6	416,161	41.6	0.144
23	Greenville	7	528,251	52.8	0.133
24	Dorchester	2	162,139	16.2	0.123
25	Orangeburg	1	84,159	8.4	0.119
26	Lancaster	1	97,611	9.8	0.102
27	Lexington	3	295,934	29.6	0.101
28	Berkeley	2	231,419	23.1	0.086

## 2023 SCDOC Announced Projects: Jobs Per Capita Ranking

Rank	County	Jobs	Population	Jobs per 10,000	
				10,000 People	People
1	Chester	480	32,171	3.2	149.2
2	Richland	4,707	416,161	41.6	113.1
3	<i>Laurens</i>	<i>548</i>	<i>67,456</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>81.2</i>
4	Clarendon	250	31,163	3.1	80.2
5	Sumter	600	105,199	10.5	57.0
6	Lee	90	16,557	1.7	54.4
7	York	1,317	282,987	28.3	46.5
8	<i>Cherokee</i>	<i>260</i>	<i>56,200</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>46.3</i>
9	<i>Abbeville</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>24,368</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>39.0</i>
10	Florence	530	137,015	13.7	38.7
<b>11</b>	<b>Oconee</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>78,775</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>33.9</b>
12	Orangeburg	200	84,159	8.4	23.8
13	<i>Anderson</i>	<i>484</i>	<i>204,592</i>	<i>20.5</i>	<i>23.7</i>
14	Charleston	932	409,840	41.0	22.7
15	Bamberg	30	13,311	1.3	22.5
16	Calhoun	30	14,145	1.4	21.2
17	Lancaster	167	97,611	9.8	17.1
18	<i>Greenville</i>	<i>883</i>	<i>528,251</i>	<i>52.8</i>	<i>16.7</i>
19	<i>Spartanburg</i>	<i>530</i>	<i>330,119</i>	<i>33.0</i>	<i>16.1</i>
20	<i>Pickens</i>	<i>201</i>	<i>131,106</i>	<i>13.1</i>	<i>15.3</i>
21	Marion	27	29,212	2.9	9.2
22	Hampton	16	18,890	1.9	8.5
23	Newberry	30	37,918	3.8	7.9
24	Georgetown	50	63,594	6.4	7.9
25	Williamsburg	19	30,879	3.1	6.2
26	Lexington	169	295,934	29.6	5.7
27	Berkeley	93	231,419	23.1	4.0
28	Dorchester	59	162,139	16.2	3.6

## 2023 SCDOC Announced Projects: Investment Per Capita Ranking

Rank	County	Investment	Population	Investment Per Capita
1	Chester	\$ 1,663,000,000	32,171	\$51,693
2	Bamberg	\$ 286,000,000	13,311	\$21,486
3	Laurens	\$ 580,600,000	67,456	\$8,607
4	Florence	\$ 836,000,000	137,015	\$6,102
5	York	\$ 1,627,500,000	282,987	\$5,751
6	Richland	\$ 2,366,000,000	416,161	\$5,685
7	Sumter	\$ 565,900,000	105,199	\$5,379
8	Calhoun	\$ 46,000,000	14,145	\$3,252
9	Lee	\$ 51,700,000	16,557	\$3,123
10	Cherokee	\$ 96,000,000	56,200	\$1,708
11	Clarendon	\$ 36,370,000	31,163	\$1,167
12	Oconee	\$ 85,900,000	78,775	\$1,090
13	Greenville	\$ 389,300,000	528,251	\$737
14	Georgetown	\$ 32,700,000	63,594	\$514
15	Spartanburg	\$ 153,700,000	330,119	\$466
16	Lexington	\$ 132,000,000	295,934	\$446
17	Abbeville	\$ 10,450,000	24,368	\$429
18	Anderson	\$ 82,900,000	204,592	\$405
19	Orangeburg	\$ 33,000,000	84,159	\$392
20	Dorchester	\$ 59,900,000	162,139	\$369
21	Newberry	\$ 12,700,000	37,918	\$335
22	Pickens	\$ 38,300,000	131,106	\$292
23	Hampton	\$ 5,250,000	18,890	\$278
24	Charleston	\$ 94,386,426	409,840	\$230
25	Berkeley	\$ 34,200,000	231,419	\$148
26	Lancaster	\$ 6,900,000	97,611	\$71
27	Williamsburg	\$ 1,680,000	30,879	\$54
28	Marion	\$ 1,190,000	29,212	\$41

## 2023 SCDOC Announced Projects: \$ and Jobs Per Capita Ranking

Ranking	County	Rank \$	Rank Jobs	Average Rank
1	Chester	1	1	1.00
2	Laurens	3	3	3.00
3	Richland	6	2	4.00
4	York	5	7	6.00
5	Sumter	7	5	6.00
6	Florence	4	10	7.00
7	Clarendon	11	4	7.50
7	Lee	9	6	7.50
9	Bamberg	2	15	8.50
10	Cherokee	10	8	9.00
<b>11</b>	<b>Oconee</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11.50</b>
12	Calhoun	8	16	12.00
13	Abbeville	17	9	13.00
14	Greenville	13	18	15.50
14	Anderson	18	13	15.50
14	Orangeburg	19	12	15.50
17	Spartanburg	15	19	17.00
18	Charleston	24	14	19.00
18	Georgetown	14	24	19.00
19	Lexington	16	26	21.00
19	Pickens	22	20	21.00
22	Lancaster	26	17	21.50
23	Newberry	21	23	22.00
24	Hampton	23	22	22.50
25	Williamsburg	27	19	23.00
26	Dorchester	20	28	24.00
27	Marion	28	21	24.50
28	Berkeley	25	27	26.00

## 2023 SCDOC Announced Projects: All Three Per Capita Ranking

Ranking	County	Rank Projects	Rank \$	Rank Jobs	Average Rank
1	Chester	5	1	1	2.33
2	Laurens	6	3	3	4.00
3	Lee	1	9	6	5.33
4	Clarendon	4	11	4	6.33
5	Bamberg	2	2	15	6.33
6	Sumter	15	7	5	9.00
6	Calhoun	3	8	16	9.00
8	Richland	21	6	2	9.67
8	York	17	5	7	9.67
<b>10</b>	<b>Oconee</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10.33</b>
11	Florence	20	4	10	11.33
11	Cherokee	16	10	8	11.33
13	Abbeville	9	17	9	11.67
14	Anderson	14	18	13	15.00
15	Charleston	11	24	14	16.33
16	Hampton	7	23	22	17.33
17	Greenville	22	13	18	17.67
18	Orangeburg	25	19	12	18.67
18	Georgetown	18	14	24	18.67
20	Newberry	13	21	23	19.00
21	Spartanburg	20	15	19	18.00
21	Williamsburg	12	27	19	19.33
23	Marion	10	28	21	19.67
24	Pickens	19	22	20	20.33
25	Lexington	27	16	26	23.00
25	Lancaster	26	26	17	23.00
27	Dorchester	23	20	28	23.67
28	Berkeley	28	25	27	26.67



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9am - 12:00pm

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**Annual Planning Workshop**

**Recapping 2023 and setting  
the stage for 2024**

Westminster, South Carolina



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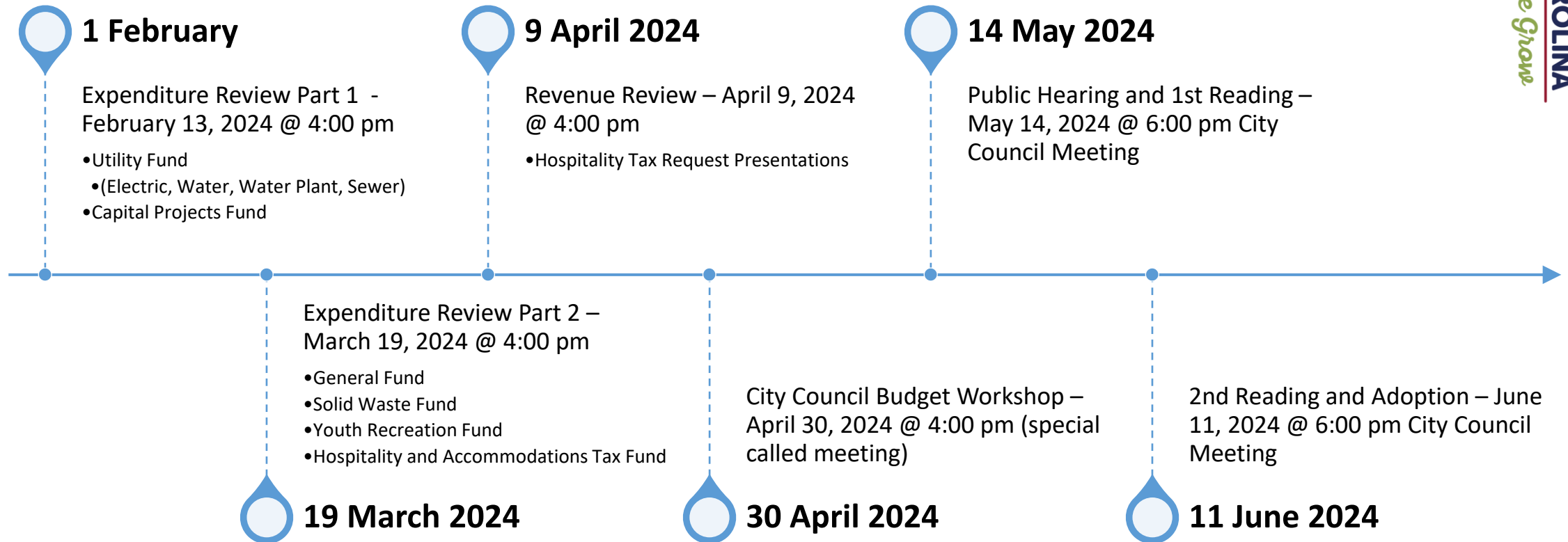
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# Agenda for today

- 1) Recap of 2023 City Council priorities
- 2) Break (2:00 pm – give or take)
- 3) Recap of FY2024 financial information
- 4) Break (3:00 pm – give or take)
- 5) Laying the groundwork for 2024
- 6) 4:15 pm conclude



# FY2024-25 Budget Schedule of events



# Recap of 2023

On January 12, 2023 City Council set a list of priorities for 2023.

- These priorities were divided into 4 categories...

1. Must Do

2. Should Do

3. Could Do

4. Others

# Recap of 2023 **Must Do**

1. Complete CIP (with estimates, timelines, and funding plan), pursue water improvement project, see SCIIP funding request through, implement sewer improvements with SCIIP if successful, and complete improvements to close out SCDHEC consent order.

*(secured state/federal grants for capital improvement projects; USDA-RD water improvements underway; secured \$5 million in SCIIP funds; continue to work on consent order)*

1. Close SCDHEC consent order by implementing sewer upgrades.

*(secured SCIIP funds – all for sewer improvements, identified additional problematic areas in the sewer collection system, continue developing funding plans, staff continues to assess the system and make minor improvements)*

1. Hall Road Recreation Project- recreation complex, rec trails grant, funding for ball fields, working on funding plan for gym, piece together plan and present to City Council.

*(secured \$5 million in state funding, application made for LWCF funds for Picnic Pavilion and accompanying amenities (possible \$1 million))*

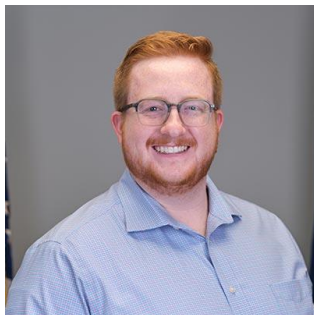
# Recap of 2023 **Must Do**

2. Main Street revitalization (both back and front sides), additional and upgraded parking, develop strategy for addressing dilapidation, streetscape Grey Street parking/underpass. Implement Downtown Master Plan.

*(completed downtown master plan, completed marketing study, used the master plan to secure \$750,000 in state CDBG funding for streetscape improvements and are in the process of securing ARC funds, implemented vacant building registry which includes downtown properties)*

2. Add assistant to City Administrator, address fire this year and plan for police; evaluate sufficiency of staffing in police and fire, share info with council for consideration and next steps; evaluate and address competitive pay in all departments particularly address CDL pay.

*(hired...*



*...increased police officer and firefighter pay to stay competitive with surrounding agencies, renegotiated fires service contract with Oconee County (secured additional funds, continue to monitor compensation trends for all positions)*



# Recap of 2023 **Should Do**

1. Old magistrate's office, develop plan for building, explore partnerships to renovate the building and utilize going forward.

*(developed a partnership with the Oconee County Chamber of Commerce to locate in the front office and maintain office hours; ongoing discussions about funding office improvements; developed a plan to renovate the building and City Hall, the cost is about \$1.8 million, no action taken, needs further discussion and evaluation.)*

2. Simpson Street fields, budget funding in FY 24 budget (scoreboard, dugouts, fencing, and bleachers).

*(dedicated Yousef Mefleh Memorial Fields in May 2023, dugouts, fencing were installed, still need funding for scoreboards, sound system, bathrooms, concessions.)*

3. Demo old fire bays on the back of City Hall

*(demo completed in March 2023; the area was made into a small green space/park, partnered with Lazy Daisy's who sponsored Arbor Day tree planning of four Ginkgo trees, received a grant from the state which supplied 13 small trees planted on the City Hall campus.)*

# Recap of 2023 Could Do (1 of 2)

1. For the 27-acre city-owned tract on Chauga River, evaluate prospects for property; conceptualize project/uses whether possible.

*(no action taken)*

2. Step up code enforcement on HWY 123 corridor, especially vacant properties; may include a vacant building registration program.

*(increased code enforcement, several properties clean/junk removed, Council adopted Vacant Building Registry in September 2023, there were 22 commercial properties and 72 residential properties identified as vacant; property owners have been notified and the registry system is underway)*

3. Implement Anderson Park project as awarded from the Community Development Block Grant funds and develop a plan for programming at the park to generate activity and bring the community together.

*(the project encountered a delay when no companies bid on the project in August 2023; a design consultant was hired, and the project will be re-bid by the end of January 2024)*

# Recap of 2023 Could Do (2 of 2)

3. Increase marketing and tourism promotion using multimedia messaging, commercials, etc.

*(new features were added to the city's new website)*

3. Riley Street property, develop redevelopment plan.

*(a proposal to sell the property was not approved by the City Council, the site has been cleaned)*

3. Inventory buildings (commercial), assess condition, and identify the highest and best use for each whether private or public.

*(this work is included in the Vacant Building Registry)*

# Recap of 2023 Others...( slide 1 of 3)

1. Cost-benefit (and feasibility) analysis of serving growth out of the town with water and sewer.
- ✓✓✓ 2. Develop plan for recruiting large retail, particularly clothing stores, groceries, and incentivizing their investment in Westminster; present to council for consideration.
- ✓✓✓ 3. Council/staff evaluate street lighting throughout the town, identify potential opportunities for upgrades (additional lights, LED...) Have council approve and incorporate in FY 2024 budget.
- ✓ 4. Improve current communication efforts to the public; identify new methods (digital sign, newsletter, etc.).
- ✓ 5. More sidewalks, staff to identify priority areas in consultation with City Council, estimate cost, identify funding.
- ✓ 6. Explore concepts for fitness trail, feasibility and implement as part of the Hall Road Project.
7. Evaluate feasibility of splash pad downtown to serve as a draw and amenity - estimate cost, determine funding source.
8. CATBUS route out to Westminster, explore and inform City Council.
- ✓ 9. Upgrade police station to meet current and future needs of department. Come up with approaches, estimate cost.

# Recap of 2023 Others...( slide 2 of 3)



10. Approach county and state agencies about concept of having regular office hours in Westminster by establishing a substation building, which would make the county and state more accessible to Westminster residents.

✓✓ 11. HWY 123 gateway, evaluate and conceptualize beautification improvements and sidewalks.

✓ 12. Housing for the displaced. As part of the discussion, engage state housing agency and participate in discussions and solutions; food for those in need/transition.

✓✓✓ 13. Improvement of city website.

✓ 14. Senior services-explore what City can do to make more readily and conveniently available to senior citizens of Westminster and surrounding area.

15. Old high school/LA building. Assess condition, possible uses, and related renovation and maintenance expenses (events, clinics, camps).

✓✓ 16. Speed limit signs, speed limit city wide unless otherwise specified and cross street signs; High School recognition signs for championships, west oak banners, and logo on water tanks (possible fundraising effort).

17. Mural, print a new one "Home of the West Oak Warriors."

18. Artwork on railroad underpasses.

# Recap of 2023 Others...(slide 3 of 3)

19. Develop a plan to recruit a business that will provide an outlet for teenagers or look at a public activity center for them or some alternative.

✓ 20. Public restrooms downtown-construct may also incorporate into the magistrate building renovation project.

✓✓ 21. Recreation department- redo parking barriers, additional parking at gym, tennis courts, redo re-evaluate and convert to pickle ball, landscape plan for Owens Stadium and Simpsonville Street fields.

✓✓ 22. Utility Department- 5 year plan for equipment and capital projects, ROW maintenance schedule plan, line truck and bucket truck, 2 ½ ton pickups and 1 ¼ ton, dump truck, pave area behind shop, walk behind sidewalks, dig trenches. Fence around community garden.

23. Recreation clinics for players, coaches and officials. Approach Clemson regarding it and high school coaches.

24. Explore other camp concepts, maybe one-day art, one-day baseball.

25. Community events continue with monthly offerings and step-up promotions and communication of event info, info about programs and tournaments.

✓✓✓ 26. Police Department- flock cameras- more of them; restore 2 frozen positions; sign on bonus for certified officers with 2 years of experience; 2 vehicle per year replacement schedule; Tasers (move from obsolete X25 and move to Tasers 7S); EZ street program.

✓✓✓ 27. Fire Department- 3 more firefighters; updated reporting software.

**Let's take a break**



# RECAP Summary of Approved FY2024 Budget

General Fund Totals	\$	2,914,572
Utility Totals	\$	8,301,415
Solid Waste Totals	\$	915,046
Fire Department 1% Totals	\$	13,609
Youth Recreation Fund	\$	579,319
Local Development Corp Totals	\$	47,031
Capital Project Fund/State ARP Totals	\$	14,530,684
County ARP Totals	\$	682,324
Hospitality Fund Totals	\$	484,314
State & Local Accom. Totals	\$	8,300
<b>All Funds Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>28,476,614</u></b>



## City-wide Summary RECAP (FY2023-2024)

The FY2024 Budget was a growth-oriented and reduced expenses to prepare for more future growth.

- Millage (tax) reduction – 3.5 mils
- Recreation Fees - increase (\$5/participant)
- Tap Fee increases
  - Water Tap Fee (outside city)
  - Sewer Tap Fee (outside City)
- Depot Rental fee increase
- Anderson Park fee increase
- Added a Anderson Park (as a department in GF) \$11,500

### Personnel

- 5% COLA
- 3.7% health insurance increase

### Rates

- Water Rate – no increase
- Electric Rate– no increase
- Sewer Rate – no increase
- Garbage Collection Fee - no increase



# RECAP Debt Service



	Actual	Budget	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
<b>Solid Waste Capital Lease</b>										
Garbage Truck <sup>1</sup>	\$30,677	\$0	\$0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Knuckleboom Truck <sup>2</sup>	\$29,704	\$0	\$0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2023 garbage truck <sup>3</sup>	\$ -	\$ 46,062.64	\$ 46,062.64	\$ 46,062.64	\$ 46,062.64	\$ 46,062.64	\$ 46,062.64	\$ 46,062.64	\$ 46,062.65	\$ -
<b>Utility Obligations</b>										
principal - revenue bonds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
interest - revenue bonds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ConserFund <sup>4</sup>	\$0	\$40,115	\$40,115	\$40,115	\$40,115	\$40,115	\$40,115	\$40,115	\$40,115	\$40,115
2022 Utility equipment lease <sup>5</sup>	\$79,332	\$78,166	\$77,001	\$75,835	\$74,669	\$73,503	\$39,506	\$38,878	\$ -	\$ -
Electric line truck <sup>6</sup>	\$ -	\$ 39,526.65	\$ 39,526.65	\$ 39,526.65	\$ 39,526.65	\$ 39,526.65	\$ 39,526.65	\$ 39,526.65	\$ 39,526.65	\$ -
<b>General Fund Obligations</b>										
Police/Fire vehicles <sup>7</sup>	\$ -	\$ 50,659.22	\$ 50,659.22	\$ 50,659.22	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fire SCBA's <sup>8</sup>	\$27,960.85	\$ 27,960.85	\$ 27,960.85	\$ 27,960.85	\$ 27,960.85	\$ 27,960.85	\$ 27,960.85	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Combined Obligations</b>										
2023 Vehicle/Equipment Lease <sup>9</sup>			\$121,800.61	\$121,800.61	\$121,800.61	\$121,800.61	\$121,800.63			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$167,674</b>	<b>\$282,491</b>	<b>\$281,325</b>	<b>\$280,159.20</b>	<b>\$228,334.22</b>	<b>\$227,168.45</b>	<b>\$193,170.69</b>	<b>\$164,582.53</b>	<b>\$125,704.22</b>	<b>\$40,114.92</b>

## RECAP Debt Service (FOOTNOTES)

Garbage Truck lease - \$284,460. 10 yr term @ 2.24%. May 2013-

<sup>1</sup> May 2023

Knuckleboom Truck lease - \$145,000. 5 yr term @ 2.5%. January 2018-January

<sup>2</sup> 2023

Garbage truck note- \$310,000. 7 year term @ 4.01% January 2024-January

<sup>3</sup> 2031

<sup>4</sup> ConservFund Loan - \$369,947.23. 10 yr term @ 1.5%. June 2023-June 2032

2022 utility equipment lease - \$503,000. Various terms, max 8 yrs @ 1.64%. Three (3) pickup trucks, one (1) brush hog, one (1) bucket

<sup>5</sup> truck.

Source: Westminster FY2020 Audit and FY2021 Audit (note5)

<sup>6</sup> Electric line truck- \$272,500. 7 year term @ 3.43% August 2023-August 2030

<sup>7</sup> Police/Fire vehicles- \$142,500. 2 year term @ 3.29% August 2023-August 2025

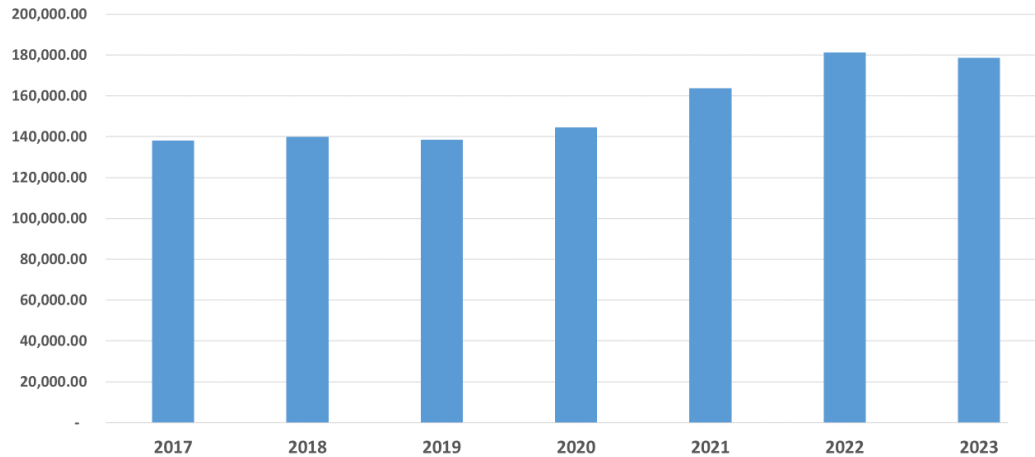
<sup>8</sup> SCBA's- \$174,406. 7 year term September 2022-September 2028

<sup>9</sup> 2023 Vehicle/Equipment lease- \$535,000. 5 year term @ 4.48% - September 2024-September 2028-

(2) police vehicles @ \$90,000 total, (1) public works vehicle @ \$44,045, (1) water pickup @ \$46,000, (1) sewer pickup @ \$55,000, (1) leaf truck @ \$277,000

# Hospitality tax, by the numbers

## Hospitality Tax Collections



# Hospitality tax, monthly collections

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	10,823.44	11,296.68	11,045.49	11,343.53	12,324.40	14,224.78	15,324.70
February	11,079.42	10,858.80	10,778.89	12,511.92	13,525.49	13,021.59	15,082.44
March	12,121.10	11,238.77	11,215.42	12,286.86	11,997.37	13,508.64	15,011.61
April	11,857.10	12,650.22	12,172.20	8,169.45	14,149.87	15,676.95	17,143.33
May	12,134.96	12,002.12	11,756.16	9,752.32	14,635.87	16,002.29	15,851.23
June	12,294.83	12,331.47	12,328.91	12,644.62	13,235.70	16,692.99	17,368.03
July	11,594.22	11,674.64	10,788.65	10,811.35	11,938.95	14,012.55	12,510.54
August	10,756.70	11,433.23	11,859.72	15,590.58	12,289.28	16,019.37	15,027.30
September	11,833.57	11,622.20	12,461.17	13,026.48	12,279.32	14,830.12	14,970.70
October	11,294.53	11,521.69	11,789.11	13,306.24	19,295.62	15,844.66	15,051.19
November	11,243.84	11,830.06	11,342.49	13,351.32	13,337.05	16,087.27	13,391.23
December	11,141.63	11,449.15	11,054.43	11,871.72	14,743.58	15,347.08	11,843.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>138,175.34</b>	<b>139,909.03</b>	<b>138,592.64</b>	<b>144,666.39</b>	<b>163,752.50</b>	<b>181,268.29</b>	<b>178,575.33</b>

Htax		recurring	fund balance	
Revenues	\$ 431,221	\$ 165,100	\$ 266,121	
		other	gf transfer out	yr transfer out
Expenditures	\$ 431,221	\$ 257,000	\$ 62,600	\$ 111,621



Gateway to the Mountain Lakes Region

## FY2021-2022

- Increase in projected revenue \$22,800
- Fund Balance appropriation of \$266,121
  - FY2020 fund balance \$593,297 (would leave a balance of \$327,176)
- Reduce transfer to GF from \$106,000 to \$62,600
  - Transfer is tied to eligible activities
- Transfer to Youth Recreation \$111,621
  - Transfer is tied to eligible activities

### Htax – major expenses

- \$25,000 for grant matches
- \$40,000 for community grants (current requests are \$69,800)
- \$50,000 lighting for old practice field
- \$100,000 capital projects
  - Lights at pool field
  - Dug outs
  - Playground equipment
    - Anderson Park
    - Pool property
    - Owens Field



Gateway to the Mountain Lakes Region



## FY2022-2023



Gateway to the Mountain Lakes Region

### Hospitality Tax

#### Hospitality Fund Totals

Expenditures	
Contractual Services	\$ 323,060
Capital Outlay	\$ 102,000
Other (Grants)	\$ 40,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 465,060</b>

Revenues	
Food & Beverage Tax	\$ 165,000
Fund Balance	\$ 300,060
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 465,060</b>

#### Highlights

- |   |           |                              |           |
|---|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| • Transfer to GF <sup>(1)</sup>               | \$104,100 | • Anderson Park Improvements | \$ 42,000 |
| • Transfer to Youth Recreation <sup>(1)</sup> | \$157,310 | • Hall Street Park – design  | \$ 50,000 |
| • Special Events Committee                    | \$ 15,000 | • Train Depot refresh        | \$ 10,000 |
| • Christmas Decorations                       | \$ 25,000 | • Local Agency Grants        | \$ 40,000 |

<sup>(1)</sup> tied to eligible activities

## FY2023-2024



### Hospitality Tax

#### Hospitality Fund Totals

Expenditures	
Contractual Services	\$ 352,314
Capital Outlay	\$ 92,000
Other (Grants)	\$ 40,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 484,314</b>

Revenues	
Misc. & Other	\$ 484,314
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 484,314</b>

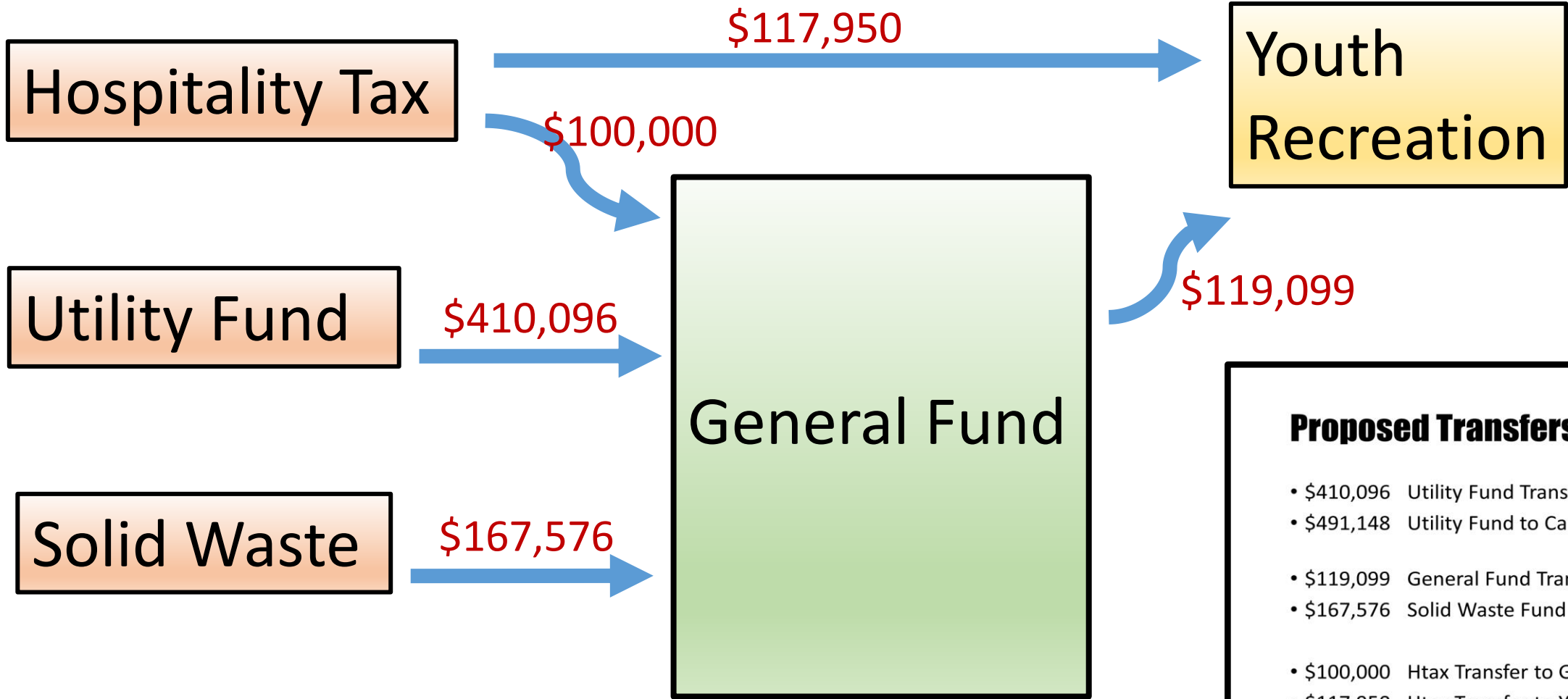
#### Highlights

- Income stream \$200,000
- Fund balance appropriation \$284,314

#### Highlights

- Transfer to GF<sup>(1)</sup> \$100,000
- Transfer to Youth Recreation<sup>(1)</sup> \$117,950
- Special Events Committee \$ 8,000
- Christmas Decorations \$ 25,000
- Downtown improvements \$ 62,290
- Simpson Road fields \$ 37,000
- Hall Road Recreation Complex \$ 50,000
- Local Agency Grants \$ 40,000

# Transfers (FY2023-2024 budget)



## Proposed Transfers - Summary

- \$410,096 Utility Fund Transfer to General Fund (5.0% g
- \$491,148 Utility Fund to Capital Projects Fund (SCIP m
- \$119,099 General Fund Transfer to Youth Recreation
- \$167,576 Solid Waste Fund Balance Transfer to Gene
- \$100,000 Htax Transfer to General Fund
- \$117,950 Htax Transfer to Youth Recreation

(1) FY2022 Audit shows a \$457,614 Cash and Cash Equivalents, unrestricted fund balance (FY2022 Audit, page 21)

**Let's take a break**



## Four things to think about

- State of the economy
- Anticipated construction activity
- Future capital needs
- Best interests of city residents



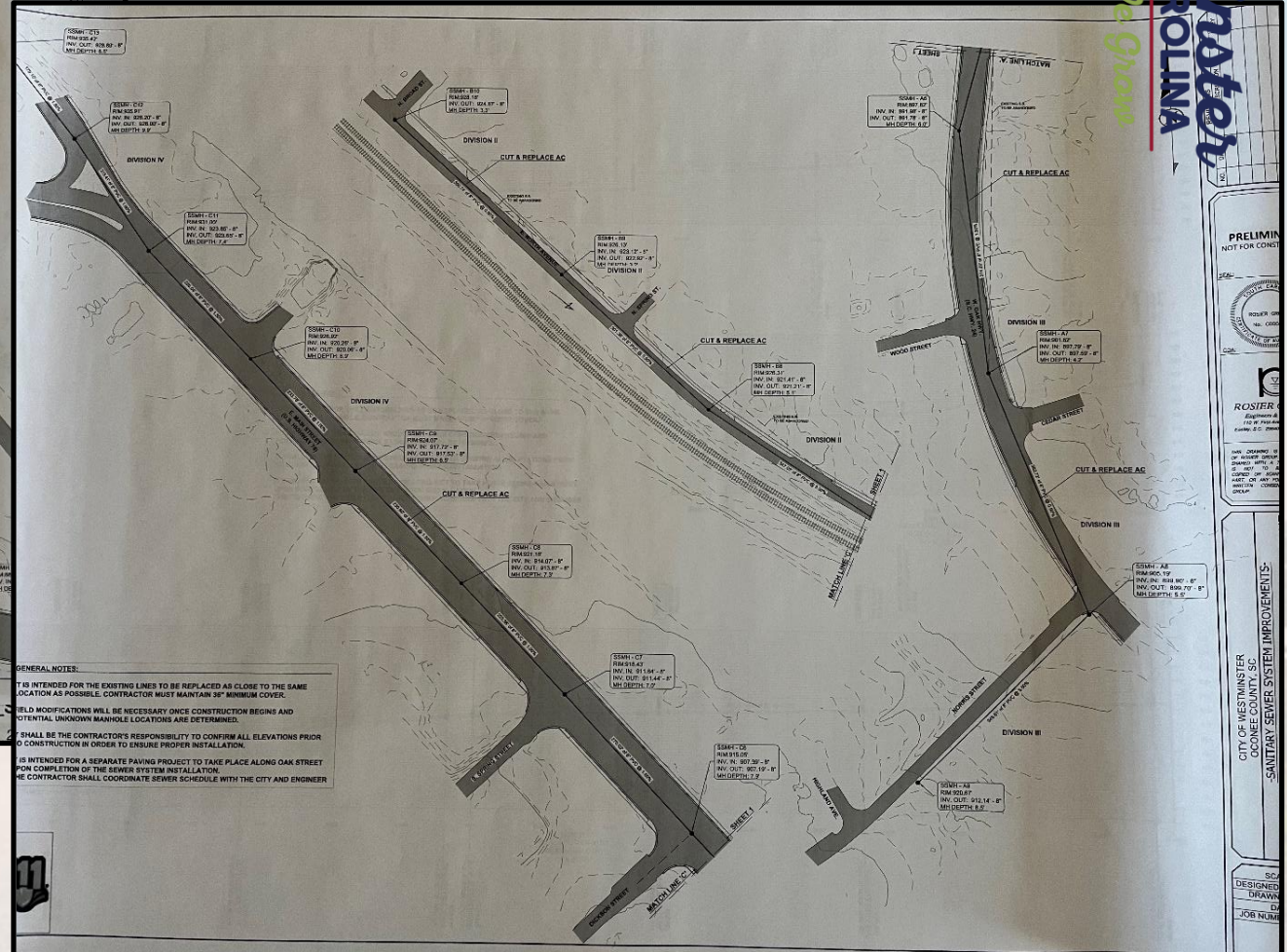
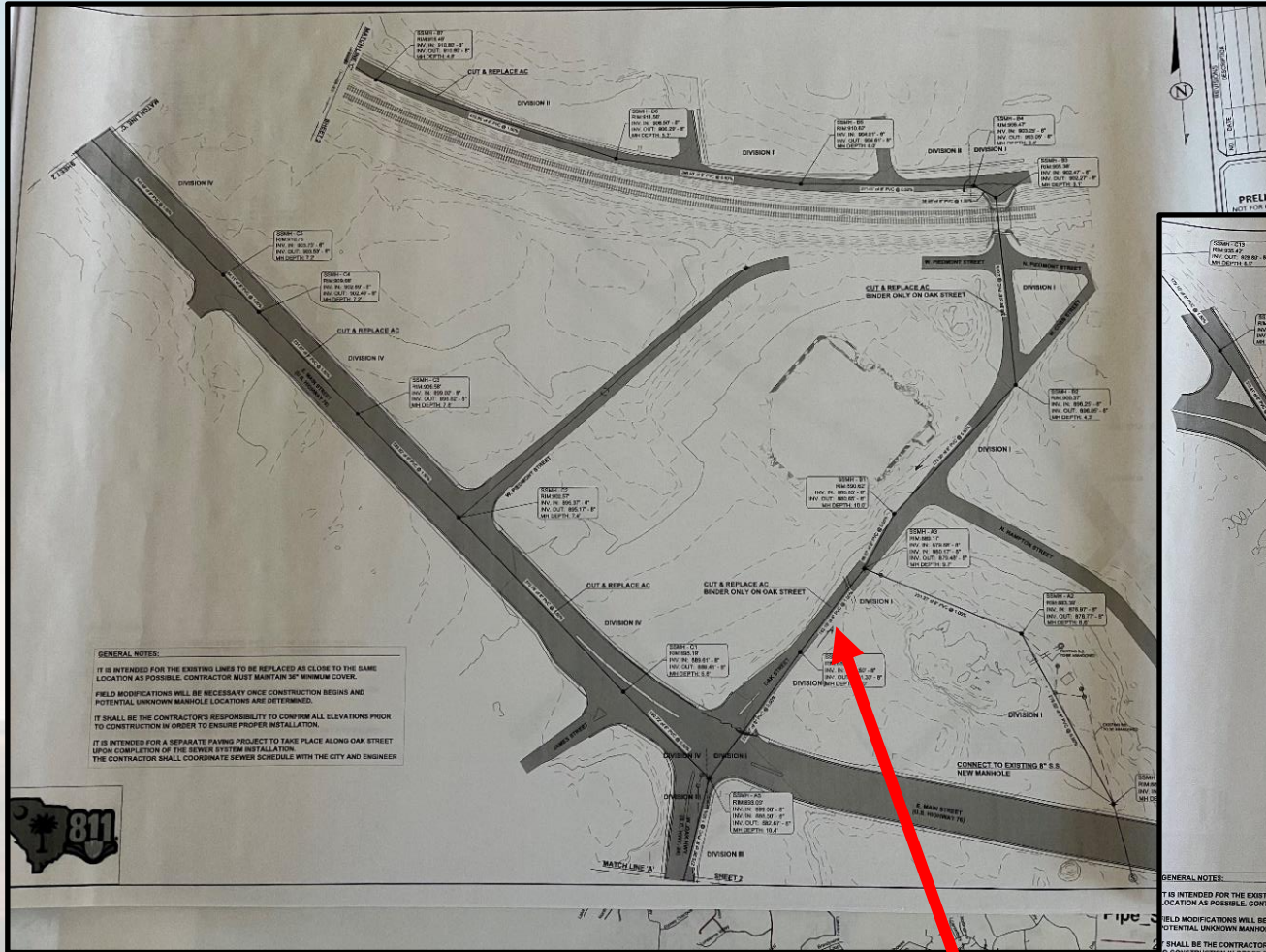
...laying the groundwork

...on the cusp

# On the Horizon – Oak Street area sewer



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CITY OF WESTMINSTER  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

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DESIGNED  
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# On the Horizon

- Hire new Police Chief
- O&M agreement for electric
- Electric system reliability improvements
- Westminster Recreation Complex
- Downtown Improvements
- TreesUpstate – tree planting at Yousef Fields
- OJRSA sewer planning study – governance study
- OJRSA central basin study
- PMPA next steps
  - Litigation is settled
  - Construct new agreements
- Annexations
  - Grow the tax base
  - Grow the population
- Attract commercial investment
- Oak Street sewer basin
- Yousef Mefleh Memorial Fields
- Downtown water and sewer improvements
- Future Land Use Map
- New Zoning Ordinance
- Vacant Building Registry implementation
- Code enforcement (how quick do we move)



# On the Horizon



Source of funds	Project	Grant	City Match	Total
<b>Funded - In progress</b>				
C-Funds	street repaving	\$ 760,000	\$ -	\$ 760,000
SC Energy Office	LED Lights in downtown	\$ 9,942	\$ 1,462	\$ 11,404
Oconee County Atax	wayfinding signage in downtown	\$ 6,500	\$ -	\$ 6,500
CDBG	Anderson Park	\$ 250,000	\$ 54,800	\$ 304,800
SC EMD	backup generators	\$ 257,634	\$ 28,626	\$ 286,260
SCIIP	sewer system improvements	\$ 3,929,180	\$ 982,295	\$ 4,911,475
USDA-RD	water system improvements	\$ 8,705,000	\$ -	\$ 8,705,000
SC Budget	Recreation Complex	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000
SCDPS	body-worn Camera	\$ 18,246	\$ -	\$ 18,246
SCDPS	hand-held radios	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000
<b>Funded - planning</b>				
CDBG	Main Street (Retreat to Lucky)	\$ 750,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 1,300,000
Federal earmark	water plant generator	\$ 1,429,000	\$ 285,800	\$ 1,714,800
<b>Not funded (source identified)</b>				
ARC	Grey Street improvements	\$ 298,331	\$ 298,331	\$ 596,662
RIA	Unity Tank improvements	\$ 428,274	\$ 224,230	\$ 652,504
LWCF	Pavillion for recreation complex	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 1,000,000
SC TAP	downtown streetscape	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 2,400,000
SC PARD	Hall Street parking safety rails	\$ 16,160	\$ 4,040	\$ 20,200
Federal earmark	City Hall rennovation	\$ 1,396,851	\$ 349,213	\$ 1,746,064
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 25,770,118</b>	<b>\$ 3,678,797</b>	<b>\$ 29,448,915.00</b>

# challenges

- Hospitality Tax limitations
  - Htax grants
  - Htax eligible projects – more needs than funds
- Setting aside grant matches in the upcoming budget(s)
- There are a lot of projects in the works – managing them well and not losing momentum
- Utility rate increases – there were none last year, expect some this year
- Competitive pay and benefits – retain and recruit employees (expected 11.7% PEBA increase)
- Special events
- Building permits and inspections
- Consent Order for sewer distribution system
- Building the tax base through economic development
- Differentiation (what our City offers)



# ...what to do?

- Riley Street property
  - residential
- Recreation improvements
  - Oak Street area sewer project
  - Maintenance on recreation facilities
  - Fundraiser events
  - How to market the city to prospective investors
  - Continue with equipment replacements (utilities, police/fire, recreation)
  - Increasing the tax base
    - Incentives
    - Recruitment
    - ...other?
  - Restructure USDA loan
- City Hall campus improvements
  - Council Chamber project
  - Police Station renovations
  - Oconee Chamber/Visit Oconee
- Mimosa Street – sidewalk rehabilitation
- Anderson Park – additional elements
- Matching funds for grants
- \$\$\$ water/sewer projects?
- State budget?
- In-fill development
  - commercial
- Leverage debt as a tool – utility borrowing
- Jump start revitalization
- Market downtown
- Sidewalks
- Special events
- Pay increases for employees
- Expecting 11.7% PEBA increase (state)
- Water system software (SCADA)

# It all comes down to...

***#1 - What is the most important?***

***#2 - What do we fund, at what amount?***



# Thank you.



# The End.

You may go home now 😊

**AGENDA**  
**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**City of Westminster**

**Monday, January 22, 2024**

**6:00PM**

**Regular Meeting**

**Westminster City Hall**  
**100 E. Windsor St,**  
**Westminster, SC 29693**

## **Westminster Planning Commission**

**January 22, 2024 Meeting**

**6:00pm- City Hall**

### **Swearing in of Planning Commission Members by Rebecca Overton, City Clerk:**

- Mr. Jarrod Brucke, completing the term ending in 2025.
- Mrs. Sandra Powell, completing the term ending in 2026.
- Mr. Ben Lewis, completing the term ending in 2027.
- Mrs. Lacey Watkins Moore, completing the term ending in 2028.

### **Call to Order**

### **Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Certification of Quorum**

### **Comments from Staff**

- Discussion of required Planning Commission member annual training.
- Opportunity for HWY 123 Masterplan through SCAPA's Community Planning Assistance Program

### **Routine Business**

#### **Item #1: Consideration of Minutes from November 20, 2023**

### **New Business (moved)**

#### **Item #2: Consideration of 2024 Planning Commission Meeting Schedule**

#### **Item #3: Public Hearing and Consideration of Zoning Amendment Application #2024-001:**

*Applicant requests to rezone two parcels located off Darlene Lane and one located at 104 Pritchard Street (TMS# 530-10-04-031, 530-10-04-028, and 530-10-04-027) from R25 to GR. Properties adjacent to the Darlene Ln parcels (TMS # 530-10-04-028, and 530-10-04-027) are currently zoned for GR. The parcel located on Pritchard St is not adjacent to any other GR.*

*The property owner has indicated to staff that he would place mobile homes or small homes on the property. He owns property with additional mobile homes in the area. He would qualify as a mobile home park (three or more homes operating in the same area with any additional mobile homes).*

*The Proposal would support the Comprehensive Plan's objective for additional affordable housing.*

## **Old Business**

**Item #4: Future Land Use Map Quadrant 1 Workshop (Materials to be provided at meeting)**

**Adjourn**



**City of Westminster**  
**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**November 20, 2023, 6:00 pm**  
**Westminster City Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. In attendance were Sandra Powell, Ben Lewis, Jarrod Brucke, and Truman Holbrooks

Kevin Bronson, City Administrator  
Assistant to the City Administrator, Regan Osbon  
City Clerk, Rebecca Overton

**Approval of Minutes**

Upon a motion by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Holbrooks, the motion to approve the October 30, 2023, meeting minutes passed unanimously.

**Comments from Commission**

Commissioner Larry Dellinger (not in attendance) notified Mr. Osbon that he would not seek reappointment to the commission. Mr. Osbon relayed that message to the Commission.

**Future Land Use Map Quadrant 1 Review**

Mr. Osbon reminded the Board that over the past year they had been updating and reviewing the Future Land Use Map which is part of the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Osbon advised the Board to review Quadrant 1 and divide it into three additional districts of low, medium, and high-density areas. He added that over the next few months the Board would go over the map by section and identify what they would want groups of parcels to look like for future growth.

The Commission requested to have a map overlaid with wetlands and topographical features as guidelines of necessary greenspace.

The Board reviewed the Quadrant 1 areas and made recommendations that will be documented in an updated map.

**Comments from Staff**

Mr. Osbon informed the Board that future meeting would include discussion on the future land use map and deciding on zoning classifications.

**Adjourn**

Upon a motion by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mrs. Powell, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.

(Minutes prepared by Rebecca Overton)

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Sandra Powell, Chairperson

**2024 Planning Commission Meeting Schedule- Proposed**

- I. January 22, 2024**
- II. February 26, 2024 (Potential Staff Conflict)**
  - a. Alternative: February 8 (Thursday)
- III. March 18, 2024**
- IV. April 15, 2024**
- V. May 20, 2024**
- VI. June 17, 2024**
- VII. July 15, 2024**
- VIII. August 19, 2024**
- IX. September: No Meeting.**
  - a. Staff Conflict
- X. October 21, 2024**
- XI. November 18, 2024**
- XII. December: No Meeting.**
  - a. Holiday

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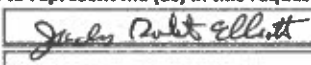


### ZONING AMENDMENT APPLICATION

Code Compliance and Development Office  
100 E Windsor St, Westminster, SC 29693-0399  
864-647-3200 x 105 [www.westminstersc.org](http://www.westminstersc.org)

**Notes and Instructions:**

Zoning amendments should be consistent with the comprehensive plan. A pre-application meeting prior to submission of a zoning amendment application is recommended. The form below must be fully executed and signed by the property owner(s) and submission of the required information and application fee paid before the scheduling of a public hearing.

APPLICATION & PUBLIC NOTICE INFORMATION			
APPLICATION DATE:	ZA		
PUBLIC HEARING DATE:	Jan 22, 2024	RECEIVED BY:	Reagan Osborn-D
PROPERTY POSTED DATE:		FEE:	Paid \$75 - 70
PUBLICATION DATE:		RECEIPT #:	
SUBJECT PROPERTY INFORMATION			
STREET ADDRESS:	Dahlens Lane	TMS/PIN #:	
DEED BOOK/PAGE #:		PLAT BOOK/PAGE#:	
SUBDIVISION NAME:	N/A	BLOCK:	N/A
		LOT:	N/A
		AREA SQ. FT.	29,587
CURRENT ZONING:	RAG MF		
PROPOSED ZONING:	GR		
OWNER(S) OF RECORD			
OWNER(S) NAME:	Jordan Robert Elliott		
MAILING ADDRESS:	353 Hopkins Road Townville, SC 29689	PHYSICAL ADDRESS:	
HOME PHONE:	864.985.4444	WORK PHONE:	Same
		CELL PHONE:	Same
EMAIL:	bobelliott997@gmail.com		
<p>I (We) certify that the information submitted is true and accurate; there are no recorded deed restrictions or restrictive covenants that apply to this property which are contrary to, conflict with, or prohibit the permitted activity being requested.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I (We) appoint the below named person as my (our) agent to represent me (us) in this request for zoning amendment.</p>			
DATE:	10-03-2023	 _____ OWNER(S) SIGNATURE	
OWNER(S) AGENT/DESIGNEE			
AGENT NAME:			
MAILING ADDRESS:		PHYSICAL ADDRESS:	
HOME PHONE:		WORK PHONE:	
		CELL PHONE:	
EMAIL:			
DATE:		AGENT/DESIGNEE SIGNATURE: _____	

DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST (Answer all questions under this section)

A. Describe the existing uses of the subject property and the existing site improvements, buildings, and activities:

Land is vacant at this time

B. Describe the proposed uses of the subject property and the proposed site improvements, buildings, and activities:

Proposed use of property would be GR which would allow for more consistency of the applicants property

C. Describe the existing land use and zoning district classification of all abutting properties:

Open land, undeveloped, Adjoining properties are zoned R2S & GR

D. Describe how the existing conditions have changed making the request valid:

I am attempting to make the proposed zoning change so that my property has as few zoning classifications as needed.

E. Describe how the proposed amendment will answer the changes of conditions:

This zoning classification change would allow the applicants property to have one zoning classification.

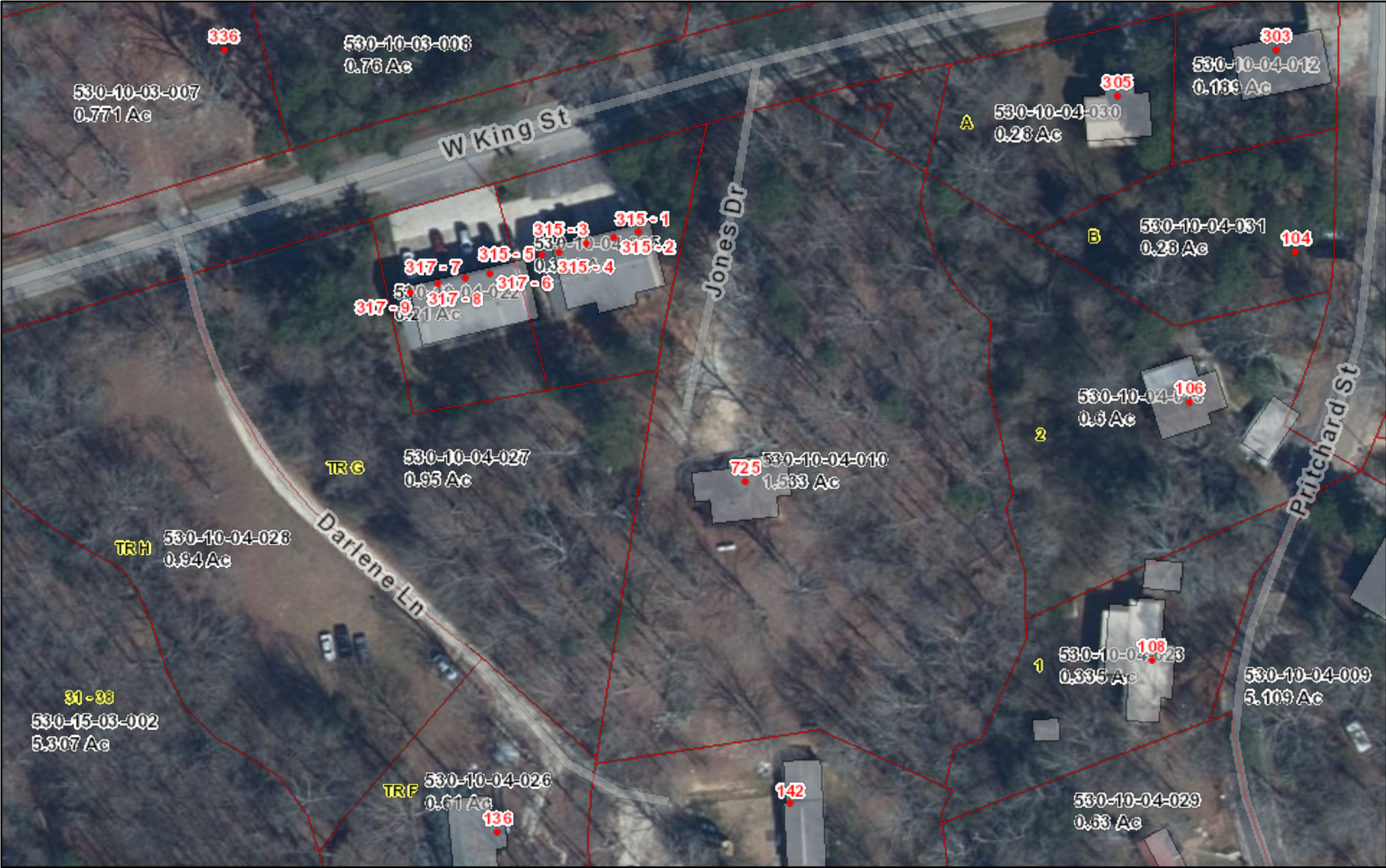
F. Describe how the proposed amendment furthers the objectives of the comprehensive plan:

The requested zoning change would help eliminate a single piece of property having more than one zoning classification.

SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

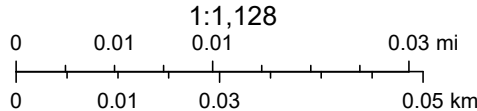
<input type="checkbox"/> PRE-APPLICATION CONFERENCE Date: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> SITE PLAN -- (1"=20' Scale or larger) showing boundaries, buildings, site-improvements with setbacks for each.	<input type="checkbox"/> ELEVATIONS if new construction or addition.
<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION ANALYSIS, if requested.	<input type="checkbox"/> CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN, if request.	<input type="checkbox"/> ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, if requested.
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: _____		

# Property Map Zoning Application 2024-001



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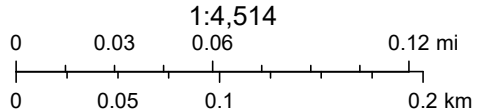
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# Property Map Zoning Application 2024-001



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## OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY

### Operations & Planning Committee

January 17, 2024

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

Commissioners that were present:

- Seat 1 (Seneca): Bob Faires, III (Committee Chairman)
- Seat 3 (Seneca): Scott McLane
- Seat 6 (Walhalla): Scott Parris
- 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:

- Tricia Chassen, Director of Entitlements, Forestar Group, Inc.

**A) Call to Order** - Mr. Faires called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

**B) Public Session** – None.

**C) Presentation and Discussion Items:**

- 1. Request for Variance for Cascade Point Subdivision from Increased Capacity Fees That Took Effect on January 1, 2024** – Ms. Chassen explained that Forestar has two projects in Seneca: Seneca Falls (which is fully permitted and currently under construction) and Cascade Point (which they need a letter from the OJRSA to submit to the state for the construction permit). Ms. Chassen said her team has been in contact with Mr. Eleazer for the past year-and-a-half regarding these projects. The quote for sewer impact fees for Seneca Falls was received in August for Seneca Falls and has been paid. The quote for sewer impact fees for Cascade Point was just received on December 14, 2023, and there was no mention at that time that new fees would be taking place on January 1, 2024. Then on December 22, 2023, the OJRSA sent an email to the engineer informing him of the rate increase, but he was on vacation at that time. Ms. Chassen said she did not find out about the increase until January 2, 2024. She requested a variance for the increase on the fees for Cascade Point which would be valued at approximately \$90,000.

Mr. Faires said this would be grandfathering the fees on an existing project and asked if there was any precedence on this. Mr. Eleazer replied that there is no precedence, and there is nothing in the policy that states that the fees are based on when a project begins the review period. The fees are based on when the customer applies for a sewer permit. Mr. Dial asked if they applied for the permit before the new fees were enacted. The Director replied that the OJRSA has not received a permit application yet.

Mr. Dial asked if there were more situations like this. Mr. Eleazer replied that there probably are a few out there, with some having been in the county building permitting system for a long time. Mr. Faires said that there are many projects that are discussed and even applied for but never move forward. The Director spoke of a subdivision he is thinking about voiding in Oconee County's system due to inactivity. The OJRSA received engineer drawings for this project which required some revisions, and then the project just stalled. Mr. Eleazer asked if a project like this moves forward in the future, would the OJRSA grandfather the impact fee for them as well?

Mr. Faires said this situation is a little bit different in that the developer is moving forward. He asked Ms. Chassen when Forestar would be applying for the construction permit. Ms. Chassen said she could get a check cut on Tuesday to submit with the application. Mr. Eleazer said that this committee is just the first step in the process, and if the committee approved this variance, the full board would still have to approve it.

Ms. Chassen added that she wouldn't be asking for this variance if it weren't for the fact that she just received the quote less than a month ago. Mr. Parris stated that it wasn't a secret that OJRSA's impact fees were going up. It has been well-publicized: discussed in meetings for months, Oconee County was involved, Economic Development was involved, and the media has spoken about it. Ms. Chassen said that normally rates increase at the beginning of a fiscal year, so she probably wasn't as diligent as she should have been to know about the increase happening at the beginning of the calendar year.

Mr. Faires stated that this situation is a little different, and he feels it should be brought before the full board to get other opinions on it. Mr. Dial agreed and added that if there are other projects possibly in the waiting, the OJRSA needs to come up with something fair for everyone. Mr. Faires added that there needs to be some kind of line, because the OJRSA has not been secretive about the rate increase.

Mr. Parris said developers get their permits in place before they start to move dirt. Mr. Eleazer added that developers cannot apply for the SCDHEC construction permit for the utility system until they receive an approval letter from the OJRSA (which they do not get until they pay the fee for the entire subdivision and obtain the OJRSA permit for capacity).

Ms. Chassen asked if the other projects have gotten to the point of receiving quotes from the OJRSA for the impact fees. Mr. Eleazer replied that one received their quote several months ago. He said that another project was going to be completed in a couple of phases where they were going to build a sewer line to the property; however, the OJRSA has not received the drawings for the project yet.

Mr. Dial asked for the projects that are in the review phase, are they further along in the process? The Director said that the OJRSA approves a project once a Member City approves it and submits a letter that they will accept, own, and operate the system, and then the OJRSA will do a final review to make sure any revisions comply with the OJRSA's requirements.

Mr. Eleazer spoke about Seneca using the Citizenserve permit management system and then asked if the project was within Seneca's city limits. Mr. Faires wasn't certain, and Ms. Chassen said she is not certain if it was annexed, as that was being handled by her predecessor; however, it is located in Oconee County. Mr. Eleazer said the whole process is being reconfigured and refined, and the OJRSA is using the work done with Seneca's Citizenserve to refine the process for all other areas in Oconee County. Mr. Eleazer asked if Walhalla used Citizenserve, and Mr. Parris said they haven't for three (3) or more years.

Mr. Eleazer said the developers in the unincorporated areas of Oconee County must go through Oconee County for the subdivision process. Then when they start to build homes, they apply for a building permit for each home. Once the Member City sends the OJRSA the paperwork for the home, it is essentially rubber-stamped by the OJRSA, because the subdivision wastewater flow was already permitted and paid for in full. The Director reminded the committee that as soon as the



subdivision permit application gets to SCDHEC and is approved, the OJRSA is bound to receive flow from the project and the allocated flow amount is deducted from the plant capacity.

Mr. Dial said he sees Ms. Chassen's side and can also see Mr. Parris' side to this discussion. He said this discussion should be brought to the February 5, 2024 board meeting. Mr. Faires agreed and said that the OJRSA needs to make sure a precedent isn't being set that will come back to bite the OJRSA. Mr. Eleazer said it wouldn't be a precedent, but rather a variance, as each of these are to be handled individually on a case-by-case basis. A precedence would require a change in the policy. Mr. Parris asked if more people would bring requests for this variance in the future; Mr. Eleazer didn't think so, as this situation is somewhat unique, at least as of this time.

Mr. Faires asked if Ms. Chassen could go ahead and pay the fees that she was quoted now, but if the board doesn't approve the variance, she would have to pay the difference at that time. Mr. Eleazer said that this would be a risk; if he gave them the approval letter and then the additional fees were not paid, he cannot ask for the letter back from SCDHEC. Mr. Parris said the letter shouldn't be sent until after the board meeting. Mr. Eleazer said if the developer wants to move on the project quickly, they could pay the full amount now and get a refund later (if the board approved the variance). Ms. Chassen said she would have to get her management's approval for the extra impact fee costs.

Mr. Faires said to put this discussion on the February 5, 2024 board meeting agenda, along with the request to approve or deny. Mr. Dial agreed.

Mr. Dial told Ms. Chassen that the board meeting will be on February 5, 2024, and she said she would attend. Mr. Eleazer stated he would put this discussion on the board meeting agenda with the same wording as it is on today's agenda. Ms. Chassen thanked everyone for their consideration.

- 2. Update on Current Projects (Exhibit A)** – The updated projects list was distributed to the committee *(made a part of these minutes)*. Mr. Eleazer reported that the pilot hole for the lake bore between I-85 exits 2 & 1 has been completed. The OJRSA expected the contractor to be pulling the pipe under the lake today, but this work has been postponed for a couple days. Mr. Dial asked if there were any issues doing the bore; Mr. Eleazer didn't know of any except for some rock and sand they encountered; however, this was expected.

Mr. Eleazer said there will be a monthly progress meeting next week for Sewer South, and hopefully the OJRSA will find out when the pump station construction will take place. There was some delay with getting equipment for the station, but it is unknown whether that has pushed the project out for completion.

The feasibility study is moving forward. W.K. Dickson is analyzing the data received from the Member Cities. One-on-one meetings with the stakeholders should be scheduled soon.

The public meetings are scheduled for the Central Oconee County Sewer Basin study; one will be held in each of the Member Cities later this month and early next month. There will be a survey on the OJRSA website, and there will be public notices, press releases, information on social media, and possibly radio ads to reach as many citizens as possible so they can provide input for the study. The goal is to complete both these studies mid-summer 2024.

- 3. As Suggested by Commissioner Kevin Bronson, Establish the Regular Inflow/Infiltration and Compliance Meetings with Member Cities and Other Satellite Sewer Systems Prior to Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings** – Mr. Parris asked if this was done when Mr. Bob Winchester was the Executive Director of the OJRSA. Mr. Eleazer replied yes and added that it is still a policy that the Member Cities are supposed to provide the OJRSA with a monthly report on their progress with eliminating inflow and infiltration (I&I); however, the cities stopped sending this information before he (Mr. Eleazer) began working at the OJRSA.

Mr. Eleazer said it is different now, as Ms. Angie Mettlen and the attorney, Mr. Michael Traynham, said the OJRSA needs to identify contributors to the I&I situation that affects the OJRSA as well as impose the Member Cities and satellite systems to comply with the OJRSA's regulations.

The OJRSA will have to show the work is being done by the upstream systems to get out from under the Consent Order in the future.

Mr. Eleazer stated that he would like to have the meetings with all the cities at one time, as he plans to have Ms. Mettlen and Mr. Traynham attend the first one. That way everyone will hear the information the same. In addition, it will save on the time involved for the engineer, Mr. Traynham, Ms. Allison McCullough (OJRSA Regulatory Services Coordinator), and Mr. Eleazer.

Mr. Faires asked if the first one should be for 2pm before the February 5, 2024 board meeting. Mr. Eleazer said that would be good, and it didn't have to be monthly before every board meeting. The information from these meetings will be part of the 6-month reporting process to SCDHEC which occurs in May and November. Mr. Eleazer asked who should attend the meeting: utility people and/or board members. Mr. Faires said it should be utility people. Mr. Dial asked if the OJRSA wanted a quorum. Mr. Eleazer replied that the attorney and Ms. Mettlen felt there were pros and cons to having these as public meetings. Mr. Faires said the operations folks from the utilities should attend, as they are the ones who need to comply. Mr. Eleazer said the administration folks would have to approve the financing for the work, so he sees the benefits of having administrative members attend as well; however, that would certainly lend itself to being a public meeting. Mr. Dial replied that would be the Cities' councils to do that. Mr. Eleazer stated that the utility people will have to report back to their respective administrations.

Mr. Eleazer said that even though this is a public meeting, it is really a meeting for the Member Cities. Although they will be thinking about the OJRSA, they will be looking more at things from their respective City's perspective. Mr. Eleazer stated that a quorum will be expected, and the meeting will have to be advertised. Mr. Faires and Mr. Dial didn't think so; however, Mr. Eleazer explained how if there was a quorum, not just for the full board but for either of the committees, standing committees, or Executive Committee, it would be a quorum. There was additional discussion about going into an Executive Session during the meeting. Mr. Eleazer didn't know if this would be eligible for Executive Session privileges under the law. The Director also said he didn't know if Mr. Traynham would speak in an Executive Session to provide legal advice to the Member Cities as he is not their attorney.

It was decided that Mr. Eleazer would check with Mr. Traynham about the legality of going into an Executive Session for this meeting, and the meeting would be held sometime between the February and March board meetings.

Mr. Faires suggested it be held as part of the next O&P Committee meeting. He said to have it on the agenda and invite those who should attend.

- 4. Discuss Operation and Maintenance of Sewer South Assets Not Owned by the OJRSA** – Mr. Eleazer said he asked the Oconee County Councilmembers attending the Board and Annual Members' meetings earlier this month who intended to own the line at Exit 4 for Sewer South. Mr. Hart's reply was that the county was paying for it and implied they (the county) would own it.

Mr. Eleazer said he has been working with the engineers for the extension towards Exit 4 and said the drawings stated the line was going to be served by the OJRSA. He posed the question that if Oconee County intends to own the line, is it in the OJRSA's best interest to contractually operate and maintain that line. Mr. Eleazer does not feel it is in the best interest of the OJRSA and feels the OJRSA should own the assets. The OJRSA is a wastewater utility, Oconee County is not. The OJRSA should have oversight on how the system is designed and constructed in order that it is a viable wastewater system and not like the line put in the ground for Sanctuary Pointe (Sewer South Phase II, the one that is currently being constructed based on a design by Oconee County).

The Director went on to explain that the line being installed to Exit 1, that the grant was applied for, is a line that Oconee County had Davis & Floyd design for them. The OJRSA did not have oversight on this design. In the 2015 feasibility study, the sewer was being built in multiple phases to get to multiple points including the Village of Fair Play, Exit 2, Exit 1, the Welcome Center,

Sanctuary Pointe, Exit 4, and other locations in the general area. The intent, at that time, was to get it to Sanctuary Pointe to allow development first.

Mr. Dial said he understood that Sanctuary Pointe isn't being considered anymore, and the Corps of Engineers will not grant a permit anymore. Mr. Eleazer replied that he believed the lease option expired.

Mr. Eleazer said Oconee County had applied with the Rural Infrastructure Authority (RIA) for a state grant to begin building the system in phases, and they put in a grant application in March 2018. They were hoping to build it in phases while getting the money from the state, but they were denied the grant. Ms. Bonnie Ammons at the RIA contacted the OJRSA in August 2018 saying they had a partner grant from the federal government, and the OJRSA had to have an application turned in within four (4) weeks of her call. Mr. Parris and Mr. Eleazer then attended a meeting and found out that the OJRSA was the only organization that could apply for the grant, which is what got the OJRSA in the retail sewer business. The OJRSA submitted the grant application to build the system, but at the same time, the OJRSA took a feasibility study and turned it into a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) to apply for the grant. It was less than four (4) weeks from finding out there was a grant to filing a grant application with a PER for the project. There was no time to re-engineer what Davis & Floyd's proposal was in the 2015 report. That is why a line has been built that very few can connect to.

Mr. Dial asked if people cannot connect because the line is pressurized. Mr. Eleazer replied that is correct; two-thirds (2/3) of the pipe is pressurized force main.

The Director said this is his concern about having a system that is designed and run by Oconee County: Systems not conducive to being a viable wastewater system will be all over Oconee County. Wastewater systems are not meant to be operated solely for economic development purposes, and the OJRSA's Vision Statement says the OJRSA supports economic development; however, part of having a viable, self-sustaining wastewater utility can't depend on industrial users alone. There would need to be other substantial development to make a pump station a viable option to send wastewater to the treatment plant. An engineer assessed the existing pump station and force main to the treatment plant and said that the OJRSA needs seven to ten (7-10) gallons per minute on average, twenty-four (24) hours per day, to have a pump station pumping water that wouldn't go septic in the pipe. This flow comes from residential and commercial users in addition to industrial.

Mr. Dial said he hears all the time that sewer is needed from Clemson to Seneca, and the Cities' infrastructure is over forty (40) years old, and the public feels the money would've been better spent addressing this. Mr. Faires said it is actually Clemson to Westminster. He added that the public is not dumb and knows what is going on.

Mr. Parris said there are nine (9) miles of force main coming from the Golden Corner Commerce Park pump station that no one can tie to. He said Mr. Bob Winchester (previous OJRSA executive director) fought against this for years with Mr. Moulder (who was Oconee County Administrator at the time), and Mr. Moulder finally said the county was just going to do it, and it was built and needs hundreds of thousands of gallons of flow to get it here to the treatment plant. It is a constant problem.

Mr. Dial asked if the asset that wouldn't be owned by the OJRSA would be the waste treatment plant at the Welcome Center. Mr. Eleazer said no; the OJRSA will own that, but there is so much that needs to be considered and has to do with the sewer feasibility study. It has been determined that the OJRSA will own that line and we understood that the OJRSA cannot give it away. OJRSA is in the retail business now, which was done at the request of Oconee County. There are many facets of this that must be considered: 1) Is it in the OJRSA's interest to be a contract operator for Oconee County? The OJRSA is not staffed for that right now, so additional staffing would be required. Besides, no one has asked if the OJRSA is willing to be the contract operator. Maybe Oconee County is thinking about Anderson County doing it. 2) The OJRSA is now in the retail business and needs customers on that system. The OJRSA has one line, and if Oconee County has all the customers

around it when they run their sewer system. How will the OJRSA ever be able to pay for what will be needed with a very limited ability to have enough customers on the line?

The Director said currently the OJRSA is a contract operator, as the OJRSA marks lines during the day and maintains the Golden Corner Commerce Park Pump Station after hours and then bills Oconee County for the expenses. However, when the OJRSA is in the business to provide sewer down there, this won't be an option anymore; the OJRSA won't be able to respond to customer's calls after hours; this will have to be done during normal hours. The OJRSA will need additional staffing. The board elected to take on this endeavor when we decided to fulfill Oconee County's request and get into the retail sewer business.

He added the complexity of this is that the OJRSA was created for treatment for the Member Cities and was designed where each city cannot subsidize another system's operations. If users are added in southern Oconee, and especially on assets that the OJRSA doesn't own, capacity is being taken away from the Member Cities and the OJRSA's new retail system. That poses the question: What will the OJRSA do about capacity if capacity is being taken away from the users on these systems? Mr. Eleazer said when it comes time, unless the OJRSA owns the lines that are being installed, he will go to the board every time that there is a request from Oconee County to send a letter that the OJRSA is willing to operate their system. Since they are connecting to the OJRSA's system, Mr. Eleazer would have to generate this letter each time there is a line extension, or they (the county) won't be able to get a construction permit. Mr. Dial replied that OJRSA attorney, Larry Brandt, had said the OJRSA doesn't have to do anything about allowing them to connect unless the board feels it needs to.

Mr. Eleazer continued by saying there is a lot to think about, including a capacity component and staffing component. He had other questions: What is the OJRSA going to operate down there? Will it be built to something the OJRSA would want to run? Will it be pump station-centric like what the initial design was that you have very few opportunities for users to connect to? There is so much to this that needs to be ironed out, and there were discussions between Oconee County and Anderson County that totally bypassed the OJRSA. What will be done with the feasibility study done last year by Weston & Sampson? There is also a component about not going into the agricultural areas down there.

Mr. Faires said he would think there should be a simplistic approach where if the OJRSA does not own it, the OJRSA doesn't operate or maintain it. Oconee County is conflating that if they paid for something, they should own it. They don't really want to operate a sewer system. Mr. Parris agreed and said they don't want to be in this business. Mr. Faires said those who think they want to be in this business don't understand it. Mr. Faires said Oconee County wanted sewer there for economic development. They don't want to operate the sewer system; they want economic development, but because they are sitting in the seat where they are paying for the sewer instead of the developers paying for it. He added that this situation of Oconee County owning the system but expecting the OJRSA to operate it doesn't work, and he's not sure how to get this across to Oconee County.

Mr. Eleazer explained the capacity component: Oconee County asked for the OJRSA not to increase capacity fees, because it's difficult to recruit industrial users. Mr. Parris said they don't want to see the flip side where if the OJRSA doesn't increase capacity fees to maintain some capacity in the plant, they won't have any capacity to bring in. Mr. Eleazer said, speculatively, that the OJRSA agreed to allow them to connect to the system. Nobody is yet on the system. The construction permit was signed, and Oconee County is going to own and operate that line. If someone builds in there that is 100,000 gallons per day wastewater discharge, the OJRSA is not charging them. The current rate is \$15.25 per gallon and not the whole \$24.50 per gallon that was recommended by Jason Gillespie. Even if they paid \$20.00 per gallon, who is going to pick up the extra \$4.50 per gallon? It will fall back on the existing users who are on the systems, all of which are on the sewers operated and maintained by your customers (those of the Member Cities), unless there is an

agreement with Oconee County to help with capital funding. This is important, because the capacity can be eaten up and not funded in full by those that are causing the growth to happen.

Mr. Dial asked if Oconee County would have to take their maintenance personnel and drive regularly to Exits 1, 2, 3, & 4, or will they want to turn that over to the communities near Fair Play. Mr. Eleazer and Mr. Parris said it would be their option. Mr. Parris mentioned Pioneer Rural Water. Mr. Eleazer said Pioneer is part of the feasibility study. Mr. Parris said he wasn't sure if Pioneer would want it. Mr. Eleazer said he informed Ms. Katherine Amidon that Pioneer is chartered for wastewater collection but cannot treat it by statute. Mr. Faires said this is something to go to their board about. Mr. Eleazer said this is why it's important for Oconee County to attend some of these I&I and compliance meetings to know what the OJRSA's expectations are if they are going to be a utility. If the OJRSA has issues with their system, it's Oconee County that is accountable for it and not who they are contracting it out to. They will be subject to the same sewer use regulations as everyone else is.

Mr. Faires said with all the money Oconee County put down there, there is not one customer yet. Yet if they had put half that money between Clemson and Westminster, there would be customers all over the place. Mr. Faires said you wouldn't know where Clemson and Westminster started and ended. Mr. Parris agreed and said instant customers.

Mr. Eleazer added that Chairman Ramey asked that this item be on discussion for both committee meetings this month.

Mr. Faires said his opinion is that if the OJRSA doesn't own it, the OJRSA doesn't operate it. Mr. Parris agreed and said how attitudes are and how things are trending that the OJRSA is continually being left out of the loop.

Mr. Faires said he understood the capital oversight where the OJRSA had to obtain the funds, but if Oconee County wants to get in the sewer business, then they should have the responsibility to operate and maintain the lines.

Mr. Parris said they would also have to establish their own utility with the state. Mr. Eleazer said he had Oconee County get a satellite sewer system already with SCDHEC for Golden Corner Pump Station and force main when they decided they wanted to own it and not transfer it to the OJRSA.

Mr. Faires said this is being logical with utility operations. The OJRSA doesn't contract with Clemson to operate their water system or with Blue Ridge Co-Op. Now if they need assistance, the OJRSA helps, and vice versa. The OJRSA owns and operates its own assets. He said there will be confusion if the OJRSA operates and maintains someone else's system, as it will be asked who will pay for it? The OJRSA would say that Oconee County owns it and should pay for it, but Oconee County would say that the OJRSA operates and maintains it and should pay for it. Mr. Parris said, if Oconee County owns the line and the OJRSA does not operate and maintain it, the most logical step would be for Oconee County to contract with Jacaab, Blue Granite, Carolina Water, or other similar entity.

The Director said at a previous utility that he worked for, they contracted out just the operation and maintenance of pump stations. They ended up getting in trouble with SCDHEC because the stations were not being operated and maintained up to SCDHEC's expectations. They fired the contractor and brought that work back in-house. Mr. Faires went on to state, again, how there would be chaos with the owner and the contractor saying the other is responsible for paying for the expenses, and he does not feel that the OJRSA should be in the middle of that. He asked how would the OJRSA hold Oconee County accountable for something it is operating and maintaining? Mr. Dial agreed and said it would be like Oconee County running a rental car lot, and the OJRSA rents a car that breaks down, Oconee County would be responsible for paying for the repair.

Mr. Parris said, along with that line of thinking, the OJRSA currently operates and maintains the lift station and asked if the OJRSA should back out of that. Mr. Faires said yes if they don't want the OJRSA to own the station. Mr. Eleazer said he would caution against that, because back in 2017, Councilman Glenn Hart, Councilwoman Edda Cammick, and possibly Mr. Moulder (who was the

county administrator at that time) had initially requested the OJRSA take ownership of the pump station. Mr. Eleazer said he was unsure when or why that changed and they wanted to keep it as an asset. He said he cautioned against backing out of operating and maintaining that station, because it is the link between the retail line the OJRSA is now installing and the treatment plant. Without that control, the OJRSA runs the risk of not being able to control the flow from the line to the treatment plant. Mr. Faires said he doesn't disagree with keeping it operating, but if the station falls into disrepair, Oconee County should be responsible for bringing it back into operating condition.

Mr. Parris said he remembered a discussion where Councilman Wayne McCall was talking about mothballing the pump station or keeping it up. Mr. Eleazer replied that was a meeting in the County Council's meeting room, and OJRSA's Chris Carter attended; he said that Mr. McCall said he would take an excavator and dig all the pipes out of the ground saying it was a waste of money.

Mr. Eleazer said that if Oconee County wants to be in the business, they need to be in the business. Mr. Faires agreed and said they don't need to be leaning on the OJRSA and added that he doesn't feel the County has thought it through about the operating side. Mr. Dial said the paper reported from a council meeting yesterday that had to do with sewer and the \$25 million bond issued by the county.

The Director added there is an imminent request for the line to go to Exit 4 (Oconee Manufacturing Center site owned by Blue Ridge Electric), and he asked what the OJRSA should do with that when it won't be owned by the OJRSA. Mr. Parris replied to refer them to Oconee County. Mr. Eleazer said he will still have to send a letter to construct it. Mr. Parris agreed with that but added that Oconee County will be looked at as the developer. They will have to approve it and then come to the OJRSA. Mr. Eleazer said that, just like developments in the Member Cities, the capacity goes against the treatment plant. Mr. Parris said that is where the impact fees come into play, and they will have to pay for that before the letter is written. Mr. Eleazer said it will likely be a zero-flow line. Mr. Parris asked how they do a design for a zero-flow line. Mr. Eleazer said there are calculations for sizing the pipes and assets. Mr. Parris said the OJRSA will have to go by the design, and SCDHEC would require a design calculation for it anyway. Mr. Eleazer asked if the County would have to pay the impact fees on the maximum capacity of the line before we would generate the letter? Mr. Parris said yes; that would be the only way the OJRSA could stay ahead of growth if the funds are there. If the OJRSA has the funds in place, plans can be made for that capacity and subsequent rate increases later.

Mr. Parris added that he feels the fees need to go up. He spoke about some of Walhalla's needs that they don't have the funding for and said the OJRSA doesn't need to be in the same situation. Mr. Parris also stated that Mr. Jamie Gilbert of Oconee Economic Alliance was complaining about the higher impact fees, but if Oconee County has an issue, they need to address it on the County's economic development side. Oconee County will see the big benefit of this in tax revenue and people moving in with new housing and jobs; the OJRSA will not get that benefit.

Mr. Eleazer said that if Oconee County pays for the line in full, then all the customers' fees will be paid as they connect to that line. Mr. Parris said that will be Oconee County's responsibility to recoup that money from the customers and will not be the OJRSA's problem. Oconee County can write that into their agreement with the customer; that is their prerogative. He added that although the County will fuss at paying the fees, they would also fuss if there is a moratorium on connections; if they're going to be mad, the OJRSA may as well get paid for the capacity, and then Oconee County can use the capacity.

Mr. Eleazer added that the \$24.50 per gallon that was mentioned was the cost that Jason Gillespie proposed almost a year ago now, and the costs have not gone down. Mr. Faires asked if that cost was for a new plant. Mr. Eleazer initially replied yes - but then changed it to no saying the number was for a plant expansion and included 25% for conveyance expenses (for upgrading pipes and pump stations to get the flow to the plant). Mr. Eleazer said that Lawrence Flynn mentioned a

client of his who intended to expand their facility by 10 million gallons per day and the lowest bid came in at \$350 million, or \$35.00 per gallon. Mr. Faires said the water plant got a quote for \$10.00 per gallon some years ago. Mr. Eleazer said that the OJRSA was at \$8.00-\$9.00 per gallon back in 2018. Mr. Parris said they spent \$5.00 per gallon three (3) years ago, and the same work now costs \$10.00 per gallon.

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

**E) Executive Director’s Discussion and Compliance Concerns – Mr. Eleazer replied on the following:**

- 1. Environmental and Regulatory Compliance –** There were two (2) overflows during the past rain event. They were in a side-by-side manhole in the southern part of Westminster and was approximately 9,000 gallons that spilled. It was defined as an “Act of God” weather event for a two-to-five (2-5)-year storm event. There was 3.49” of rain in a 12-hour period measured at the treatment plant (more rain in Walhalla). There was some discussion about the NOAA/National Weather Service website, and the committee members asked Mr. Eleazer to send them the website information.

There were some operational issues at the plant during this event. Water was backed up near the Coneross Pump Station, and shutting down the station was considered to protect the equipment; however, the water didn’t end up getting that high. The 6-million-gallon storage pond was getting full, and there was concern about the dam washing away. SCDHEC was notified of what was going on and that the basins were all full (storing as much as possible on site), and the OJRSA had to modify the treatment process. The aerators were shut off to allow settling of the solids in the basins, but the OJRSA was able to continue disinfection. The OJRSA was able to collect samples to show that E. Coli was still in compliance with the NPDES permit. SCDHEC felt the OJRSA did all they could, and the OJRSA received notification the next day that there was no other action required.

- 2. Capital Contribution In Lieu of Payment of Impact Fees –** The OJRSA board, in its discretion, has the ability to waive the variance of someone paying an impact fee in lieu of a capital contribution (such as installing or upsizing a line or pump station). There is a developer who may make this request soon. The contribution would be to replace the Seneca Creek force main which would help the OJRSA for two reasons: 1) The Seneca Creek force main is in the Consent Order, because of numerous breaks in the line over the years, and 2) By replacing the 10” line with a 16” line, it will allow the OJRSA some additional capacity for growth along the Highway 123 corridor.

The cost estimate, including construction, for this work is approximately \$4 million, which is substantially more than the OJRSA would receive for the impact fee for his project. Mr. Eleazer recommends the board approve this, as the developer cannot move forward with his project without this, and the OJRSA would have to find the funds to replace this line to get out from under the Consent Order if the developer doesn’t do it.

Mr. Eleazer added that the developer may have a second project and asked if the variance would apply to both projects. He explained about the need for the OJRSA to replace the Millbrook Pump Station, but does not feel the developer should have to pay for that, as it is well beyond its useful life and prone to flooding and other issues. We will be needing to replace it whether someone connects upstream or not.

- 3. Miscellaneous (If Any) – None.**

**F) Committee Members’ Discussion – None.**

**G) Upcoming Meetings:**

- 1. Finance & Administrative Committee –** Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
- 2. Board of Commissioners –** Monday, February 5, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
- 3. Operations & Planning Committee –** Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

*Mr. Faires said he cannot attend the February 21, 2024 O&P meeting, as he'll be in a meeting in Columbia. It was agreed to change the date to February 14, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.*

*Mr. Dial noted that the date for the Board Meeting is incorrectly stated as February 4, 2024 which is a Sunday. The date should be February 5, 2024.*

**H) Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Notification of the meeting was distributed on January 5, 2024 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, SCDHEC, [www.ojrsa.org](http://www.ojrsa.org), and posted at the OJRSA Administration Building.





## Operations & Planning Committee Meeting

OJRSA Operations & Administration Building

Lamar Bailes Board Room

January 17, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

### Agenda

- A. Call to Order** – Bob Faires, 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. Request for variance for Cascade Point subdivision from increased capacity fees that took effect on January 1, 2024 - Tricia Chassen, Forestar Group, Inc. Greenville Division
  - 2. Update on current projects (Exhibit A) – Chris Eleazer, Director
  - 3. As suggested by Commissioner Kevin Bronson, establish the regular inflow/infiltration and compliance meetings with Member Cities and other satellite sewer systems prior to regularly scheduled Board meetings – Chris Eleazer, Director
  - 4. Discuss operation and maintenance of Sewer South assets not owned by the OJRSA – Chris Eleazer, Director
- D. Action Items to Recommend to the Board for Consideration**
  - None
- E. Executive Director’s Discussion and Compliance Concerns** – Chris Eleazer, Director
  - 1. Environmental and regulatory compliance
  - 2. Capital contribution in lieu of payment of impact fees
  - 3. Miscellaneous *(if any)*
- F. Committee Members’ Discussion** – Bob Faires, Committee Chair  
Discussion can be related to matters addressed in this meeting or for future consideration by this or another Committee. Voting is not permitted during this session.
- G. Upcoming Meetings** *All meetings to be held in the Lamar Bailes Board Room unless noted otherwise.*
  - 1. Finance & Administration Committee – January 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
  - 2. Board of Commissioners – February 4, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
  - 3. Operations & Planning Committee – February 21, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.
- H. Adjourn**



### Operations & Planning Committee Sign-in Sheet

Date: Jan 17, 2024 Time: 8:30am Location: WWTP Board Room

NAME (Print)	POSITION/TITLE	ORGANIZATION
<u>Tricia Chassen</u>	<u>Dir. of Entitlement</u>	<u>Forestar</u>

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	O&M PROJECT MILESTONES												
	O&M Project (Project Number (if applicable); PM) <b><u>CANNOT CARRY OVER TO NEXT FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT BUDGET APPROVAL</u></b>	% Complete	Anticipated Completion	PO/Contract Amount (\$)	Bids/RFQ/etc. Issue/Advertised	Req/Contract Signed	Started Work	Completed	Obligated/ Spent (\$)	Budget Remaining (\$)	GL Code (XXXXX = get from Office Mgr)	Comp. Performing (and Project Mgr)	
FY 2023 O&M Fund Projects Consent Order Engineering and Assessment Tasks	Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Sewer Use Regulation Revision and Adoption (CE)	100%	6/30/2023	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/26/2022	9/11/2023	0	0	N/A	Michael Traynham OJRSA Counsel	
	Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Biannual Report (CE)	100%	11/9/2023	0	N/A	N/A	11/3/2023	11/9/2023	0	0	N/A	Chris Eleazer OJRSA	
	CCTV for CMOM/Consent Order YEAR 2 (#2024-04; KL)	100%	12/15/2023	117,010	7/31/2023	10/11/2023	10/11/2023	12/4/2023	0	117,010	ConSys: Prof Svcs 601-02430	David Blizzard Blizzard Consulting	
	Engineering Projects WKD TO#10 (PS Evals: CON/PERK/MART/CHOE) (KL, CE)	100%	8/30/2023	5,106	9/28/2022	12/19/2022	1/17/2023	10/6/2023	5,106	0	ConSys: Prof Svcs 601-02430	WK Dickson Joe Swaim	
	Engineering Projects WKD TO#11 (COLSYS Eval of FY 2023 CCTV/SSES) (KL, CE)	100%	8/30/2023	4,580	9/28/2022	1/3/2023	1/17/2023	8/11/2023	4,580	0	ConSys: Prof Svcs 601-02430	WK Dickson Joe Swaim	
	Engineering Projects WKD TO#9 (COLSYS Inspect Report/Recommend) (KL, CE)	100%	8/30/2023	18,590	9/28/2022	1/3/2023	1/17/2023	8/1/2023	8,555	10,035	ConSys: Prof Svcs 601-02430	WK Dickson Joe Swaim	
	GIS Improvements -- Easement Importation (CE)	70%	12/1/2023	13,200	N/A	9/12/2023	10/3/2023		3,468	9,732	Admin: Admin Svcs 501-02420	Jason Gillespie Weston & Sampson	
	Hydraulic Model Update (CE)	100%	1/30/2023	45,000	2017 Project Continued	2017 Project Continued	8/1/2022	7/14/2023	31,600	13,400	ConSys: Prof Svcs 601-02430	Will Nading GMC	
	Install Fence and Gate at GCCP PS (MD)	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	Contr Svcs: Bldg Grnd 1201-02550	Jamie Gilbert OEA	
	Install Radar Level Indicators and Repair Pipes on Digesters (MD)	50%	TBD	TBD	1/3/2024	1/3/2024			0	0	WRF: R&M 701-03000	Mark Dain OJRSA	
	NPDES Permit Renewal Phase 2 (JM, KL)	75%	6/30/2024	17,350	4/19/2022	8/22/2022	7/1/2022		4,500	12,850	WRF: Prof Svcs 701-02430	Goldie Associates Amy Anderson	
	PAA Study Phase 3 (30 day full scale test) (KL, JM)	100%	2/30/2023	20,750	4/1/2022	8/2/2023	8/2/2023	12/15/2023	8,000	12,750	WRF: Prof Svcs 701-02430	Goldie Associates Bob Schmitt	
	Paving Around Solids Pad and Dewatering Building (JM)	0%	TBD	TBD	ON HOLD - HIGH BIDS				0	0	WRF: Bldgs Grnds 701-02550	TBD	
	Install Bypass Replace 3-way Valve at Millbrook PS (MD)	0%	2/2/2024	14,745	9/29/2023	10/5/2023			0	14,745	ConSys: Millbrook PS 601-05100	Cove Utilities Jeff Caffary	
	Replace/Paint Walkway Handrails (JM)	0%	5/31/2024	12,500	N/A	N/A			371	12,129	WRF: Bldgs Grnds 701-02550	Johnny McCall OJRSA	
	Seneca Creek Pump Station and Force Main Replacement Design (#2023-05; CE, KL)	95%	6/1/2023	307,500	Took over from SL&W	8/17/2022	8/16/2022		267,675	39,825	O&M CIP: ConSys 1401-06071	GMC Will Nading	
	Streambank & Easement Repairs (KL)	30%	TBD	40,000	N/A	N/A	7/3/2023		13,657	26,343	Consys: Grav & FM 601-05230	OJRSA ConSys Michael McClain	
	Transformer/Switchgear Cleaning and Inspection at Pump Stations (MD)	100%	12/15/2023	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	ConSys: Prof Svcs 601-02430	Instel Stewart Reynolds	
Transformer/Switchgear Cleaning and Inspection at WRF (MD)	100%	12/15/2023	8,000	N/A	N/A	12/6/2023	12/6/2023	8,500	(500)	WRF: Prof Svcs 701-02430	Instel Stewart Reynolds		
Utility Water Engineering Assessment (JM, KL)	3%	5/31/2024	TBD	11/17/2023				0	0	WRF: Prof Svcs 701-02430	TBD		
624,331				TOTAL FUNDS OBLIGATED/ACTUAL TO DATE:					<b>356,012</b>	<b>-268,319</b>	TOTAL AWARDED BUDGET REMAINING		

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O&M Project (Project Number (if applicable); PM) <b><u>CANNOT CARRY OVER TO NEXT FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT BUDGET APPROVAL</u></b>	Notes
<b>Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Sewer Use Regulation Revision and Adoption (CE)</b>	7/10: Presented to OJRSA Board for consideration. Plan to approve for public notice at 8/7 Board meeting. 8/7: Board approved for public notice. Hearing scheduled for 9/11. 9/11: Board approved after receiving no public comments. <b>COMPLETE.</b>
<b>Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Biannual Report (CE)</b>	<b>DUE TO DHEC EVERY SIX MONTHS.</b> Reports submitted: 11/14/2021, 5/9/2022, 11/10/2022, 5/9/2023, 11/9/2023. <b>Next due 5/10/2024.</b>
<b>CCTV for CMOM/Consent Order YEAR 2 (#2024-04; KL)</b>	10/11: Mobilized and began work. 10/16: Has completed 4 line segments, very little sediment and issues found so far. 11/13: Have 2 segments left to CCTV then finished. 11/17: Completed field work, still owes evaluation and CCTV footage. 12/15: <b>COMPLETE.</b>
<b>Engineering Projects WKD TO#10 (PS Evals: CON/PERK/MART/CHOE) (KL, CE)</b>	<b>For SCIIP Match. CONTINUATION OF FY 2023 PROJECT (Spent FY 2023: \$64,894 of \$70,000).</b> 9/5: KL and MD reviewing. 9/15: KL sent comments to WK Dickson. 10/6: Received report. KL confirmed it is complete. <b>COMPLETE.</b>
<b>Engineering Projects WKD TO#11 (COLSYS Eval of FY 2023 CCTV/SSES) (KL, CE)</b>	<b>For SCIIP Match. CONTINUATION OF FY 2023 PROJECT (Spent FY 2023: \$36,920 of \$41,500).</b> 8/11: <b>COMPLETE.</b>
<b>Engineering Projects WKD TO#9 (COLSYS Inspect Report/Recommend) (KL, CE)</b>	<b>For SCIIP Match. CONTINUATION OF FY 2023 PROJECT (Spent FY 2023: \$30,410 OF \$49,000).</b> 9/5: <b>COMPLETE.</b> This was used to go out for bid that was awarded to Tugaloo.
<b>GIS Improvements -- Easement Importation (CE)</b>	12/15: Working with L Brandt's office to locate missing easements (if they are indeed missing, otherwise no easements exist for several sewers within system)
<b>Hydraulic Model Update (CE)</b>	FY 2023 project that was finalized in early FY 2024. 6/8: Received draft report. 7/14: <b>COMPLETE</b>
<b>Install Fence and Gate at GCCP PS (MD)</b>	9/29: J Gilbert mentioned at OEA meeting they will be installing. 10/3: Emailed J Gilbert and Kyle. JG responded and said they're taking care of it and no assistance is needed from OJRSA. Considered <b>COMPLETE.</b>
<b>Install Radar Level Indicators and Repair Pipes on Digesters (MD)</b>	10/10: Still have not heard anything from sales rep. 11/13: Still waiting. Have repaired pipes. 12/15: Negotiating prices, expect to order next week. 1/2: Got quote today.
<b>NPDES Permit Renewal Phase 2 (JM, KL)</b>	<b>Continued from Phase 1 FY 2023.</b> 11/2/15: Waiting for biosolids results to come back from lab. 1/2/2024: Goldie will need to send all info to DHEC by 2/1. Still waiting on solids info from Pace Analytical.
<b>PAA Study Phase 3 (30 day full scale test) (KL, JM)</b>	<b>CONTINUATION OF FY 2023 PROJECT (Spent FY 2023: \$29,250).</b> 11/13: Goldie having to now do toxicity. Should be finished by end of month. 12/15: <b>COMPLETE.</b> Passed all criteria. Goal is to have it included in next NPDES permit.
<b>Paving Around Solids Pad and Dewatering Building (JM)</b>	9/19: Still waiting on 3rd quote. 10/3: KL spoke with King Asphalt. They've bought up many of the companies that did this type of work. 10/16: Spoke with King, waiting to hear from Doug. 11/13: King finally showed up. Came in substantially over budget. <b>ON HOLD.</b>
<b>Install Bypass Replace 3-way Valve at Millbrook PS (MD)</b>	10/3: Got back quote, it's within budget. Now will work on scheduling. MD gathering parts. 10/5: Authorized Cove to perform work. 10/16: Waiting on parts. 11/13: Still waiting on parts. 12/15: Scheduled for 1/24/2024.
<b>Replace/Paint Walkway Handrails (JM)</b>	10/16: Buying paint this week and Sherwin Williams rep coming out to train on prep and mixing epoxy. 11/13: Scheduling person to come out. We have all paint. 1/2: Sherwin Williams said we will have to wait until temps are above 60.
<b>Seneca Creek Pump Station and Force Main Replacement Design (#2023-05; CE, KL)</b>	Continued from FY 2023. FY 2024: \$120,000. 1/2: Railroad encroachment on Board agenda for consideration. 1/4: Board approved. 1/10: Executed by Director. GMC provided budget amount to OJRSA for railroad bore--\$350-375k
<b>Streambank &amp; Easement Repairs (KL)</b>	8/17: Repaired 3 creek crossings. 10/3: Repaired 2 creek banks (5 total) 11/13: Repaired 3 more creek crossings (8 total) 12/15: Purchased pipe and rock for crossings.
<b>Transformer/Switchgear Cleaning and Inspection at Pump Stations (MD)</b>	8/17: Need to schedule. 9/5: MD called Instel to set up schedule 10/3: Scheduled for 12/6-7. 12/15: Not needed because all transformers are owned by Blue Ridge Electric Co-op and it is their responsibility to maintain these, not ours.
<b>Transformer/Switchgear Cleaning and Inspection at WRF (MD)</b>	8/17: Need to schedule. 9/5: MD called Instel to set up schedule 10/3: Scheduled for 12/6-7. 12/6: <b>COMPLETE.</b> Will need to budget to correct deficiencies found during inspection.
<b>Utility Water Engineering Assessment (JM, KL)</b>	11/13: KL just sent draft to CE today to review. 12/22: Date responses to RFP due. 1/2: Received 5. Will have a recommendation to O&P this month and to Board in Feb.

FY2024 Restricted Fund Projects

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		RESTRICTED FUND PROJECT MILESTONES											
Restricted Fund Projects (Project Number (if applicable); Project Manager)		% Complete	Anticipated Completion	PO/Contract Amount (\$)	Bids/RFQ/etc. Issue/Advertised	PO/Contract Signed	Started Work	Completed	Obligated/ Spent (\$)	Budget Remaining (\$)	GL Code (XXXXX = get from Office Mgr)	Comp. Performing (and Project Mgr)	
FY 2024 Restricted Funds Capital Projects	Projects may carry across budget years	Central Oconee County Sewer Basin Study (CE)	10%	6/3/2024	317,800	N/A	8/9/2023	9/12/2023		82,610	235,190	PROJ & CONT 1501-09007	Weston & Sampson Kip Gearhart
	Consent Order Projects 2022 CONSTRUCTION Possible SCIIP MATCH (#2024-02; CE, KL)	40%	2/1/2024	351,291	7/28/2023	10/17/2023	12/4/2023		95,438	255,853	PROJ & CONT 1501-09008	Tugaloo Pipeline Ed Hare	
	Consent Order Projects 2023 ENGINEERING (WKD TO#13) SCIIP MATCH (#2021-01; CE, KL)	9%	8/13/2025	398,000	N/A	9/15/2023	10/3/2023		75,546	354,189	PROJ & CONT 1501-09009	WK Dickson Joe Swaim	
	Consent Order Projects 2023 CONSTRUCTION SCIIP PROJECT (#20XX-XX; CE, KL)	0%	8/13/2025	TBD	TBD				0	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-TBD	TBD	
	Dewatering Equipment Replacement ENGINEERING SCIIP MATCH (#2024-06; KL)	0%	TBD	73,200	9/15/2023	12/19/2023			0	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-09011	KCI Technologies Tom Vollmar	
	Dewatering Equipment Replacement CONSTRUCTION SCIIP PROJECT (#2024-XX; KL)	0%	TBD	TBD	TBD				0	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-TBD	TBD	
	Exit 4 "Project Tiger" Pump Station/Sewer ENGINEERING (Oconee County #TBD; CE)	75%	TBD	N/A Oconee Co Proj	N/A Oconee Co Proj	N/A Oconee Co Proj	N/A Oconee Co Proj		0	0	TBD	Thomas & Hutton Lee Brackett	
	Flat Rock PS Replacement ENGINEERING/ CONST SVCS SCIIP MATCH (#2022-03; CE)	60%	9/30/2024	177,800	2/14/2022	7/5/2025	7/1/2022		107,017	73,123	PROJ & CONT 1501-09005	KCI Technologies Tom Vollmar	
	Flat Rock PS Replacement CONSTRUCTION (#2024-03; CE) SCIIP PROJECT	3%	9/30/2024	1,293,500	6/7/2023	8/29/2023			34,200	1,259,300	PROJ & CONT 1501-09005	Cove Utilities Jeff Caffery	
	Regional Sewer Feasibility Study RIA GRANT (#2024-01; CE)	10%	11/29/2024	100,000	5/26/2023	10/10/2023	11/8/2023		14,017	85,984	PROJ & CONT 1501-09010	WK Dickson Angie Mettlen	
	Sewer South Phase II ENGINEERING/ CONSTRUCTION/INSPECT SVCS (CE)	35%	6/30/2024	480,850	N/A	5/4/2023	5/4/2023		179,077	359,736	SSF: CIP 1401-06050	Davis & Floyd John Reynolds	
	Sewer South Phase II CONSTRUCTION (CE)	35%	6/30/2024	11,843,452	9/27/2022	3/23/2023	6/1/2023		4,858,714	6,984,738	SSF: CIP 1401-06050	Kevin Moorhead Moorhead Construct	
	Thickener Sludge Pump (P-113), Including Install (MD)	100%	5/30/2023	29,571	8/1/2022	12/13/2023	6/29/2023	8/4/2023	37,949	(8,378)	PROJ & CONT 1501-09002	Greenstone Drew Goldie	
		0%							0	0			
	0%							0	0				
				15,065,464	TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS OBLIGATED/ACTUAL TO DATE:				5,484,567	-9,599,736	TOTAL AWARDED BUDGET REMAINING		

Restricted Fund Projects (Project Number (if applicable); Project Manager)	Notes
<b>Central Oconee County Sewer Basin Study (CE)</b>	To continue under #2022-01 (Southern Oconee/Western Anderson Sewer Master Plan). 10/16: Stakeholder scheduled for today. 11/8: Stakeholder meeting today. 12/15: Consultant working to schedule stakeholder meetings for 2024 Q1.
<b>Consent Order Projects 2022 CONSTRUCTION Possible SCIP Match (#2024-02; CE, KL)</b>	Carryover from FY 2023. 10/3: Pre-con scheduled for 10/17, contract to be signed at that time. 12/11: Began making repairs on Martin Creek gravity sewer. 1/2: Martin Creek gravity progressing well. On schedule.
<b>Consent Order Projects 2023 ENGINEERING (WKD TO#13) SCIP MATCH (#2021-01; CE, KL)</b>	10/3: Kickoff meeting held. 12/8: Received plans from WK Dickson. CE, KL, MM need to review these. 1/2: Still need to review.
<b>Consent Order Projects 2023 CONSTRUCTION SCIP PROJECT (#20XX-XX; CE, KL)</b>	8/17: To be bid upon design (WKD TO#13). 10/3: Anticipated bidding to begin 5/2024 and construction to begin around 8/2024.
<b>Dewatering Equipment Replacement ENGINEERING SCIP MATCH (#2024-06; KL)</b>	12/6: Received draft contract from KCI. 12/8: CE & KL reviewed draft contract and found it to be satisfactory, forwarded to L Brandt for his review. 12/15: Still waiting for L Brandt to review. 12/18: LB approved. 1/2: Waiting on KCI to set up kickoff.
<b>Dewatering Equipment Replacement CONSTRUCTION SCIP PROJECT (#2024-XX; KL)</b>	<b>FY 2024 O&amp;P Fund project "Dewatering Equipment Assessment FOR EVENTUAL SCIP PROJECT" must be completed first.</b>
<b>Exit 4 "Project Tiger" Pump Station/Sewer ENGINEERING (Oconee County #TBD; CE)</b>	9/19: Sent comments back to T&H. Revisions necessary. 11/27: Spoke with L Brackett about changes and he had a few questions for M Dain. 12/19: Received updated drawings w/ request for letter to go to DHEC. Responded that I will need Board approval for this.
<b>Flat Rock PS Replacement ENGINEERING/ CONST SVCS SCIP MATCH (#2022-03; CE)</b>	6/2: Received approval from Nate Foutch (SC RIA) to advertise. KCI plans to have pre-bid 6/27. 6/7: Advertised w/ SCBO, put on OJRSA website. Bid opening 7/18. 8/29: Pre-con mtg held with Cove Utilities.
<b>Flat Rock PS Replacement CONSTRUCTION (#2024-03; CE) SCIP PROJECT</b>	8/15: Received approval to proceed from RIA. 8/29: Signed contract, Notice to Proceed, conducted pre-con meeting. 9/19: Construction not to start until 1/2024. 11/13: Scheduled to begin construction in 3/2024 due to electrical/genset.
<b>Regional Sewer Feasibility Study RIA GRANT (#2024-01; CE)</b>	11/8: Stakeholder meetings today. 12/15: RFI to cities, county, OJRSA due today. 1/2: Meetings set up for later this month.
<b>Sewer South Phase II ENGINEERING/ CONSTRUCTION/INSPECT SVCS (CE)</b>	<i>Also see Sewer South Phase II Construction for additional information.</i> 10/6: County approved additional \$6,350 to survey access road. Contract total increased by this amount.
<b>Sewer South Phase II CONSTRUCTION (CE)</b>	8/29: Progress meeting: No issues. On schedule. Pay App #1 signed and check cut. 9/12: Pay App #2 processed. 10/9: Pay App #3 processed. 11/13: Pay App #4 processed. 11/29: Progress meeting held.
<b>Thickener Sludge Pump (P-113), Including Install (MD)</b>	<i>Carryover from FY 2023. Some costs may have been paid during previous FY.</i> 9/15: <b>COMPLETE.</b>



## OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY

### Finance & Administration Committee

January 23, 2024

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

Commissioners that were present:

- Seat 5 (Walhalla): Celia Myers, Chair
- Seat 2 (Seneca): Scott Moulder
- Seat 4 (Seneca At-Large): Marty McKee
- Seat 8 (Westminster): Kevin Bronson

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:

- Norm Cannada, Seneca Daily Journal

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

**B) Public Session** – None.

**C) Presentation & Discussion Items:**

**1. Update on Current Projects (Exhibit A)** – Mr. Eleazer distributed the projects list to the committee (*made a part of these minutes*) and reported on the following:

Sewer South Project - The lake bore for the Sewer South project has been delayed a week. The contractor discovered they needed an additional one hundred feet (100') of pipe. The pipe was acquired, but they still need someone to weld it together to make one long pipe. A welder is lined up for the end of this week or first part of next week.

Mr. Eleazer reported that the contractor also started work on the pump stations recently, so yesterday he applied for temporary power from Blue Ridge Electric for the pump station sites and received the 911 addresses for both of them.

In addition, the contractor started digging at the Welcome Center for the new wetwell and encountered a concrete box buried there. They are not sure if it was an old septic tank or part of an old treatment plant, but they do not believe it is an issue. Everything is still going according to schedule.

CCTV Work – Mr. Moulder asked if the CCTV work has been going well and the status of the findings. Mr. Eleazer said it has been going well. He reported that the first time around (in 2023), there were a lot of findings, which they are putting together the packet for that work right now. This work will be paid for with SCIIP grant funds.

The 30" and 36" pipe from the treatment plant to where the lines from Walhalla and Westminster converge is currently being done and looks better than the engineer expected. There was a lot of grit in the lines, and it was initially thought it was from the concrete pipe, but it is now thought that it was just a collection dirt and other debris from forty (40) years of not cleaning the line.

Mr. Moulder asked if the packets they are putting together for last year's camera work will include repair recommendations and estimates. Mr. Eleazer replied yes. He stated that he, Kyle Lindsay (OJRSA Operations Director), and Michael McClain (OJRSA Conveyance Supervisor) reviewed the packet last week and found one or two line replacements (from manhole to manhole), several point repairs (dig and replace up to 40' section of pipe), and a considerable amount of it slip lined (cured-in-place pipe). There will be a lot of the cured-in-place pipe repairs on the line at the southern part of Westminster going to the Choestoea pump station where there is an abundance of vitrified clay pipe (VCP). He added that the OJRSA hopes to get as much of this work done as possible with the SCIIP money. Mr. McKee asked if the sock worked on all types of pipe. Mr. Eleazer replied yes.

Mr. Moulder asked what stream banks will be repaired and specifically asked about Cross Creek. Mr. Eleazer replied that most of the areas where we've seen erosion at Cross Creek are outside of OJRSA's easements. The OJRSA offered to repair the part that is inside the easement, but it isn't that much. He added that he spoke to Mr. Al Shadwick about doing some work around the Perkins Pump Station to shore it up. Mr. Moulder said the pipe is showing from where it eroded at one particular location near golf course hole #5. Mr. Eleazer replied that he believed this is a Seneca line.

Flooding – The Director said he and Kyle Lindsay spoke about this yesterday and decided to speak to Scott Krein with Oconee County Emergency Management to see if there is something they can do to reach out to the owner of the dam. The OJRSA believes they did not open the spillway during the last rain event, and the water backed up and led to considerable flooding. Mr. Moulder said Seneca has an agreement with them that requires them to open the spillway when there is a significant rainfall forecasted. Mr. Eleazer said he felt the flooding was much worse than the rainfall that was actually received and was almost as bad as the 100-year rainfall event the OJRSA had a few years ago that flooded the Coneross Pump Station. Mr. Moulder said they also need to dredge the reservoir, as there is so much silt in it that it doesn't have the capacity.

- 2. Discuss Operation and Maintenance of Sewer South Assets Not Owned by the OJRSA** – The Director reported that Chairman Ramey asked this to be added to the agenda for discussion for each committee and said that the O&P Committee discussed this at length and wanted to collectively discuss it at the February board meeting. He added that he and Chairman Ramey will be attending the County Council special public meeting tonight.

Ms. Myers said Mr. Eleazer shared concerns at the Annual Members Meeting about maintaining assets not owned by the OJRSA and asked if he had anything had changed since the meeting. Mr. Eleazer replied that he still had the same concerns, that the OJRSA would have to staff appropriately to do it, but that the OJRSA has not formally or informally been asked to do it. The OJRSA is making some assumptions at this time.

Mr. Moulder asked if this was regarding additional assets being built or the original agreement with the line from the Golden Corner Commerce Park to the treatment plant. Mr. Eleazer said there was some discussion at the O&P meeting about Phases 3 & 4, what the OJRSA is doing now is Phase 2, and what was done for the Golden Corner was Phase 1. This discussion is about expansion. Mr. Moulder asked if the OJRSA was still maintaining Phase 1 at no cost to the OJRSA and if the OJRSA was more concerned about adding the additional assets and how the current staff could manage and maintain it. Mr. Eleazer said yes. He added that the OJRSA currently performs Phase 1 (operating and exercising the Golden Corner Pump Station, checking the air release valves, and cleaning the pipeline between the pump station and the plant) typically every Monday after work



hours, plus 811 locating requests being done during business hours. Oconee County owns this pump station and the OJRSA will continue to operate it just like any other asset.

The question is, if there is going to be several other miles of pipeline put in with the \$25 million bond, who is going to operate and maintain it? The question stemmed from a Weston & Sampson study that was presented to Oconee County Council on January 17, 2023 and was finalized in May 2023. There were questions about what Oconee County was going to do with the scope of that money, and Ms. Amanda Brock answered that question at a committee meeting a few months ago when she stated all the money would be spent on the I-85 corridor and not utilized in the areas served by the Member Cities.

Mr. Moulder asked if it is being assumed that the OJRSA would be asked to operate and maintain this. Mr. Eleazer replied yes. The Director stated he asked OJRSA attorney, Larry Brandt, at the last board meeting about the agreement with Oconee County for being a contract operator for the existing system. The understanding at the time was that any asset beyond that would be owned, operated, and maintained by the OJRSA. This is what the OJRSA is trying to figure out now.

Mr. Moulder asked if the OJRSA was developing a management strategy regarding the number of people needed and other specifics. Mr. Eleazer said no, because it isn't even known if all the lines would be installed at one time or in multiple phases; it could be another eighteen (18) to thirty (30) months just for the design and construction aspect. Mr. Moulder then said the OJRSA has time to ramp up to what is needed then, but the question still needs to be answered on what the expectation is.

Mr. McKee added that, at the Annual Members' Meeting, Oconee Councilman, Glenn Hart, was quick to say that Oconee County would own the assets. Mr. Eleazer spoke about "Project Tiger," a project he has been reviewing the design on with Oconee County's engineer, Thomas & Hutton. This project would get sewer to the Oconee Manufacturing Park near I-85 Exit 4. This site will have a pump station and a small force main, but the bulk of it will be gravity sewer to allow for connections. It was assumed all this time that the OJRSA was going to own this pipeline, which is why Oconee County was being asked at the Annual Members' Meeting who was going to own it.

Mr. Eleazer also said there are more questions than just who is going to operate and maintain these assets that need to be thought through. A bigger component is how it could affect the Member Cities. If the OJRSA owned the assets down there, the OJRSA would be the retail provider down that way; however, if another entity is a retail provider (whether the OJRSA is the contract operator or not), that will affect capacity at the treatment plant that serve the Member Cities. He asked, "What will be the total impact of this project?"

Ms. Myers asked if the Director had heard anything from Ms. Brock yet or had the chance to talk with her. Mr. Eleazer replied he has not, and Mr. Mize spoke at the board meeting about trying to get County Council and the OJRSA together to have another meeting, but the OJRSA hasn't heard back from them yet.

Mr. Moulder asked if there was anything the Director needed the committee to act on; Mr. Eleazer replied that he was just looking for feedback and thoughts. Ms. Myers said that considering the OJRSA is having issues on how to raise money to expand the plant and considering raising impact fees, she is not inclined for the OJRSA to accept a whole lot more responsibility at this time.

Mr. Bronson agreed and added that if their plans are anticipated to take capacity away from the Member Cities, they should be told "no." The OJRSA has its own issues with the plant capacity, and as part of smart due diligence, Oconee County should've come to the board early on instead of the OJRSA begging them to the table. It has been a nonsensical path to get here and they seem to want to slip in the side. If they are installing a sewer line that will take capacity away from the Member Cities, they should be told no. The OJRSA already has an issue on when this plant will need to be upgraded. These agreements need to be set up front, and the OJRSA board needs to have a chance to review it and then decide whether to approve it or not.

Mr. Eleazer said he was approached by Thomas & Hutton around Christmastime to provide them a letter that the OJRSA would treat the flow associated with the project in order to submit a SCDHEC Construction Permit Application. If the OJRSA owned the assets, he could see generating a letter saying the OJRSA would treat flow from its own project; however, he told Thomas & Hutton that if the OJRSA is not going to own the assets, he would have to take any request for treatment of flow to the board for approval. The Director said that, while there was discussion about this item during the O&P Committee meeting, Mr. Parris said to find out what the maximum capacity of that pipeline is and charge them the impact fee on that maximum flow. He said he pulled the amount of flow (around 300,000 gallons per day) but has not done the impact fee calculations yet.

The Committee members all agreed that there will be lots of discussions about this in the future.

#### **D) Committee Action Items:**

- 1. Review December and Fiscal Year-to-Date Financial Reports (Exhibit B).** *(Note: Agenda inaccurately specified January reports.)* – Mr. Bronson asked why the Member Cities' user fees were not being shown individually. Mr. Eleazer said the OJRSA could but would have to change it in the Publiq accounting system. Mr. Eleazer asked Ms. Stephens if this was also broken down in Publiq, and Ms. Stephens replied no; that the Director had asked her to combine them together as a user fee line item. Mr. Bronson said he would still like to see it broken down. Ms. Myers suggested an additional form knowing how Publiq is not easy to manipulate. Mr. Eleazer said he or Ms. Stephens would provide a spreadsheet breaking it down monthly in the future.

Mr. Eleazer also reported that the OJRSA received the first reimbursement from the EDA. The OJRSA must hit certain percentages of project completion in order to get the reimbursements. He said these funds will be sent back to Oconee County, as they are the third party who paid for the party. OJRSA auditor, Jason White, instructed Ms. Stephens to make a separate GL line item expense to account for the reimbursements to Oconee County.

***Mr. Bronson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moulder, to approve the December 2023 Financial Reports as presented. The motion carried.***

#### **E) Action Items to Recommend to the Board:**

- 1. Approve Minor Revision to the Procurement & Property Disposal Policy to Address Policy Adopted by Board on January 4, 2024 (Exhibit C)** – Mr. Eleazer said the policy was adopted by the board, but he suggested the portion about the analytical services be removed. Mr. Parris gave a background of why that was put in place and suggested a disclaimer being added to all agreements requiring OJRSA's approval prior to disclosing information, so that will now be part of the new Procurement Policy.

***Mr. Bronson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Moulder, to recommend that the board approve the minor revision to the Procurement & Property Disposal Policy as presented. The motion carried.***

- 2. Approve One Additional 4-Inch Private Sewer Connection or a Credit Up to the Amount for Such Connections Based on the OJRSA Schedule of Fees for Oconee County Parcel 337-00-01-002 as Part of the Compensation for an Additional Easement Width Needed for the Sewer South Phase 2 Project** – The Director reported there are two (2) parcels along Highway 59 that the contractor needs additional width to the sewer easement due to a 20" diameter Pioneer Water line that was not marked during the planning and survey for the project. For the OJRSA to get around the pipe and some Blue Ridge Electric poles, the easement must be set back further from the roadway.

This was discussed with the property owners, engineer, and OJRSA attorney, Mr. Larry Brandt, and one of the owners requested an additional tap due to the large size of his parcel. A similar situation happened a couple years ago when an owner on a large parcel requested additional connections, and the OJRSA gave them the additional tap at that time. Approval today would require the full board to approve it in February, and a resolution would be attached to the easement agreement.

Mr. Bronson asked if all they were asking for was an additional tap and no other compensation. Mr. Eleazer replied there had to be other monetary compensation per the EDA. Mr. Bronson asked what the compensation was and also the value of the tap. Mr. Eleazer said the compensation is being worked up now based on the square footage of the easement. The OJRSA needs approximately seven feet (7') more width. It is still in design following the meeting with the property owners. Davis and Floyd is working with the property owners to minimize the footprint.

As far as the tap, Mr. Eleazer said he would have to look up what the current fee is. He said it will be considerable to make taps in the future, as the line is deep (fifteen to twenty feet (15-20') deep), so it would have to be tied into a manhole. The contractor will install the tap as they lay the pipe. There would be no current connection and they would stub out the pipe now for future use.

The Director added that this would not waive the impact fees. Ms. Myers asked if this request for approval isn't premature if the amount is not known. Mr. Bronson said he would like to know how much the cost would be before approving. Mr. Moulder and Mr. McKee agreed. Mr. Bronson said he is not inclined to say yes without knowing the value being given away.

Mr. Bronson suggested bringing this back to next month's meeting with the value. Mr. Eleazer replied that time is of the essence and that this would affect how much they asked for the easement. Mr. Moulder said that land is appraised at around \$5,000-\$8,000 per acre, and the cost would be based on an appraisal. Ms. Myers asked if Mr. Eleazer would have the cost by the February board meeting; Mr. Eleazer replied he hoped to have the proposal by then.

Mr. Moulder said he would be willing to install the extra tap if it had been done for others in the past and as long as they pay the impact fee. Mr. Bronson said he was not willing to give away something without knowing the value. Ms. Myers suggested this be brought to the board in February with the information. Mr. Moulder stated that if the grant is paying for this project, there is no loss to the OJRSA. Mr. Bronson said this should be forwarded to the board for discussion without recommendation from this committee.

***Mr. Bronson made a motion, seconded by Mr. McKee, to forward this discussion to the full board without recommendation to further discuss and approve or deny. The motion carried.***

**3. Approve for Public Notice the OJRSA Retail Sewer System Fees and Rates (Exhibit D)** – The Director reported on an email from Darryl Parker of Willdan to Ms. Amanda Brock and himself dated December 4, 2023 which included the recommended rates for the monthly retail sewer base fees plus volumetric usage. Mr. Bronson asked how it compared to the Member Cities' rates. Mr. Eleazer handed out a prepared spreadsheet (*made a part of these minutes*) showing the rates in comparison to the Member Cities and other local entities. Mr. Bronson asked for this spreadsheet to be emailed, as the City of Westminster researches these rates annually and it would save them some work. Mr. Eleazer replied he would email it out to the committee.

Mr. Eleazer stated the rates include what Mr. Parker estimated that Pioneer Rural Water would charge per account. Mr. Bronson asked if this would be incorporated into the Schedule of Fees and be revisited annually. Mr. Eleazer replied yes. Mr. Moulder said this was a good first rate and should be re-evaluated annually.

Mr. Moulder asked if this was just for information or if an action from the committee was required. Mr. Eleazer said it's for information, but approval is needed for a one-month public notice for a public hearing at the March board meeting.

***Mr. Moulder made a motion, seconded by Mr. McKee, to accept the rate as presented and give to the full board for approval of public notice. The motion carried.***

**F) Executive Director's Report and Discussion** – Mr. Eleazer reported on the following:

**1. Capital Contribution in Lieu of Payment of Impact Fees** – A couple of projects have been discussed for several years. One project is linked to the replacement of the Seneca Creek Pump Station force main, which is listed on the Consent Order for replacement, and the developer is considering replacing the line in lieu of his impact fee. Currently the pipe is a ten-inch (10") pipe and will be

replaced with a sixteen-inch (16") pipe which will gain some capacity for future growth. The design on this line replacement is complete, and the OJRSA has all the permits needed except for the executed railroad easement agreement which was just sent to them yesterday.

The Impact Fee Policy allows for a capital contribution equal to, or in excess, of what would be paid in impact fees in lieu of the impact fee. It is estimated that the cost will be \$4,000,000 to do the project which is equivalent to the impact fees for 1700-1900 homes. This discussion may come up soon and is worth considering.

**2. Miscellaneous (If Any):**

Goodwyn, Mills, & Cawood (GMC) Notification – The same developer (as just spoken about) requested one of the projects be run through the upstream Millbrook Pump Station. This station is beyond its useful life and floods whenever there is rain. The OJRSA and Seneca Light & Water would like this to happen to get flow through that station as opposed to a new pump station being installed and a force main running down Highway 123 to Wells Highway that no one can connect to. This project may be eligible for up to \$1,000,000 in RIA funding. GMC did a study at the developer's request, and the cost estimate for the project, including engineering, administration, and construction, is approximately \$1,600,000.

Plant Process – The OJRSA is currently receiving sludge from ReWa in order to help the biological process due to the rainfall and flooding washing out the biological process out of the plant. Around 9 million gallons per day flowed from the plant during the rainfall with 13-15 million gallons stored. The ammonia limits were creeping up, and with the cold weather and water, the bacteria quit reproducing. Hopefully the plant will be back to normal process soon.

**G) Committee Members' Discussion** – Mr. Bronson said he would like to revisit the bylaws for in-person meeting attendance. He said he has several conflicts coming up this year where he won't be able to attend the board meeting in person but could do a Zoom or phone call. He would like to have the board reconsider the policy where they can attend through Zoom or the phone but cannot vote. Mr. Eleazer said he will email what the policy says about the attendance to all board members and have it on the board agenda for discussion.

**H) Upcoming Meetings:**

- 1. Board of Commissioners** – Monday, February 5, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
- 2. Operations & Planning Committee** – Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. *(date of meeting changed by committee)*
- 3. Finance & Administration Committee** – Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Bronson stated he could not attend the February 27, 2024 F&A Committee meeting. The committee decided to move the date to February 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Eleazer said the O&P Committee decided to have the compliance meeting with the Member Cities and satellite sewer systems during the next O&P meeting on February 14, 2024.

**I) Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Notification of the meeting was distributed on January 5, 2024 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, SCDHEC, [www.ojrsa.org](http://www.ojrsa.org), and posted at the OJRSA Administration Building.



## Finance & Administration Committee Meeting

OJRSA Operations & Administration Building

Lamar Bailes Board Room

January 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

### Agenda

- A. Call to Order** – Celia Myers, Committee Chair
- B. Public Session** – Receive comments relating to topics on this agenda. Session is limited to a maximum of 30 minutes with no more than 5 minutes per speaker.
- C. Presentation and Discussion Items** *[May include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up for discussion]*
1. Update on current projects (Exhibit A) – Chris Eleazer, Director
  2. Discuss operation and maintenance of Sewer South assets not owned by the OJRSA – Chris Eleazer, Director
- D. Committee Action Items**
- Review January and Fiscal Year-to-Date Financial Reports (Exhibit B) – Chris Eleazer, Director and Lynn Stephens, OJRSA Secretary/Treasurer and Office Manager
- E. Action Items to Recommend to the Board**
1. Approve minor revision to the Procurement & Property Disposal Policy to address policy adopted by Board on January 4, 2024 (Exhibit C) – Chris Eleazer, Director
  2. Approve one additional 4-inch private sewer connection or a credit up to the amount for such connections based on the OJRSA Schedule of Fees for Oconee County Parcel 337-00-01-002 as part of the compensation for an additional easement width needed for the Sewer South Phase 2 Project – Chris Eleazer, Director
  3. Approve for public notice the OJRSA retail sewer system fees and rates (Exhibit D) – Chris Eleazer, Director
- F. Executive Director's Report and Discussion** – Chris Eleazer, Director
1. Capital contribution in lieu of payment of impact fees
  2. Miscellaneous *(if any)*
- G. Committee Members' Discussion** – Committee Chair  
Discussion can be related to matters addressed in this meeting or for future consideration by this Committee. Voting is not permitted during this session.
- H. Upcoming Meetings** *All meetings to be held in the Lamar Bailes Board Room unless noted otherwise.*
- Board of Commissioners – February 5, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
  - Operations & Planning Committee – February 14, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. *Date of meeting changed by Committee*
  - Finance & Administration Committee – February 27, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
- I. Adjourn**



**Finance & Administration Committee Sign-in Sheet**

Date: 1/23/24    Time: 9am    Location: WWTP Board Room

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FY2024 O&M Fund Projects

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	O&M PROJECT MILESTONES											
	O&M Project (Project Number (if applicable); PM) <b><u>CANNOT CARRY OVER TO NEXT FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT BUDGET APPROVAL</u></b>	% Complete	Anticipated Completion	PO/Contract Amount (\$)	Bids/RFQ/etc. Issue/Advertised	Req/Contract Signed	Started Work	Completed	Obligated/ Spent (\$)	Budget Remaining (\$)	GL Code (XXXXX = get from Office Mgr)	Comp. Performing (and Project Mgr)
FY 2023 O&M Fund Projects Consent Order Engineering and Assessment Tasks	Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Sewer Use Regulation Revision and Adoption (CE)	100%	6/30/2023	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/26/2022	9/11/2023	0	0	N/A	Michael Traynham OJRSA Counsel
	Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Biannual Report (CE)	100%	11/9/2023	0	N/A	N/A	11/3/2023	11/9/2023	0	0	N/A	Chris Eleazer OJRSA
	CCTV for CMOM/Consent Order YEAR 2 (#2024-04; KL)	100%	12/15/2023	117,010	7/31/2023	10/11/2023	10/11/2023	12/4/2023	0	117,010	ConSys: Prof Svcs 601-02430	David Blizzard Blizzard Consulting
	Engineering Projects WKD TO#10 (PS Evals: CON/PERK/MART/CHOE) (KL, CE)	100%	8/30/2023	5,106	9/28/2022	12/19/2022	1/17/2023	10/6/2023	5,106	0	ConSys: Prof Svcs 601-02430	WK Dickson Joe Swaim
	Engineering Projects WKD TO#11 (COLSYS Eval of FY 2023 CCTV/SSES) (KL, CE)	100%	8/30/2023	4,580	9/28/2022	1/3/2023	1/17/2023	8/11/2023	4,580	0	ConSys: Prof Svcs 601-02430	WK Dickson Joe Swaim
	Engineering Projects WKD TO#9 (COLSYS Inspect Report/Recommend) (KL, CE)	100%	8/30/2023	18,590	9/28/2022	1/3/2023	1/17/2023	8/1/2023	8,555	10,035	ConSys: Prof Svcs 601-02430	WK Dickson Joe Swaim
	GIS Improvements -- Easement Importation (CE)	80%	12/1/2023	13,200	N/A	9/12/2023	10/3/2023		3,468	9,732	Admin: Admin Svcs 501-02420	Jason Gillespie Weston & Sampson
	Hydraulic Model Update (CE)	100%	1/30/2023	45,000	2017 Project Continued	2017 Project Continued	8/1/2022	7/14/2023	31,600	13,400	ConSys: Prof Svcs 601-02430	Will Nading GMC
	Install Fence and Gate at GCCP PS (MD)	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	Contr Svcs: Bldg Grnd 1201-02550	Jamie Gilbert OEA
	Install Radar Level Indicators and Repair Pipes on Digesters (MD)	100%	2/1/2024	TBD	1/3/2024	1/3/2024	1/3/2024		0	0	WRF: R&M 701-03000	Mark Dain OJRSA
	NPDES Permit Renewal Phase 2 (JM, KL)	90%	6/30/2024	17,350	4/19/2022	8/22/2022	7/1/2022		4,500	12,850	WRF: Prof Svcs 701-02430	Goldie Associates Amy Anderson
	PAA Study Phase 3 (30 day full scale test) (KL, JM)	100%	2/30/2023	20,750	4/1/2022	8/2/2023	8/2/2023	12/15/2023	8,000	12,750	WRF: Prof Svcs 701-02430	Goldie Associates Bob Schmitt
	Paving Around Solids Pad and Dewatering Building (JM)	0%	TBD	TBD	ON HOLD - HIGH BIDS	ON HOLD - HIGH BIDS	ON HOLD - HIGH BIDS	ON HOLD - HIGH BIDS	0	0	WRF: Bldgs Grnds 701-02550	TBD
	Install Bypass Replace 3-way Valve at Millbrook PS (MD)	0%	2/2/2024	14,745	9/29/2023	10/5/2023			0	14,745	ConSys: Millbrook PS 601-05100	Cove Utilities Jeff Caffary
	Replace/Paint Walkway Handrails (JM)	0%	5/31/2024	12,500	N/A	N/A			371	12,129	WRF: Bldgs Grnds 701-02550	Johnny McCall OJRSA
	Seneca Creek Pump Station and Force Main Replacement Design (#2023-05; CE, KL)	95%	6/1/2023	339,400	Took over from SL&W	8/17/2022	8/16/2022		299,575	39,825	O&M CIP: ConSys 1401-06071	GMC Will Nading
	Streambank & Easement Repairs (KL)	45%	6/30/2024	40,000	N/A	N/A	7/3/2023		14,227	25,773	Consys: Grav & FM 601-05230	OJRSA ConSys Michael McClain
	Transformer/Switchgear Cleaning and Inspection at Pump Stations (MD)	100%	12/15/2023	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	ConSys: Prof Svcs 601-02430	Instel Stewart Reynolds
Transformer/Switchgear Cleaning and Inspection at WRF (MD)	100%	12/15/2023	8,000	N/A	N/A	12/6/2023	12/6/2023	8,500	(500)	WRF: Prof Svcs 701-02430	Instel Stewart Reynolds	
Utility Water Engineering Assessment (JM, KL)	6%	5/31/2024	TBD	11/17/2023				0	0	WRF: Prof Svcs 701-02430	TBD	
656,231				TOTAL FUNDS OBLIGATED/ACTUAL TO DATE:				388,482	-267,749	TOTAL AWARDED BUDGET REMAINING		

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O&M Project (Project Number (if applicable); PM) <b><u>CANNOT CARRY OVER TO NEXT FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT BUDGET APPROVAL</u></b>	Notes
<b>Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Sewer Use Regulation Revision and Adoption (CE)</b>	7/10: Presented to OJRSA Board for consideration. Plan to approve for public notice at 8/7 Board meeting. 8/7: Board approved for public notice. Hearing scheduled for 9/11. 9/11: Board approved after receiving no public comments. <b>COMPLETE.</b>
<b>Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Biannual Report (CE)</b>	<b>DUE TO DHEC EVERY SIX MONTHS.</b> Reports submitted: 11/14/2021, 5/9/2022, 11/10/2022, 5/9/2023, 11/9/2023. <b>Next due 5/10/2024.</b>
<b>CCTV for CMOM/Consent Order YEAR 2 (#2024-04; KL)</b>	10/11: Mobilized and began work. 10/16: Has completed 4 line segments, very little sediment and issues found so far. 11/13: Have 2 segments left to CCTV then finished. 11/17: Completed field work, still owes evaluation and CCTV footage. 12/15: <b>COMPLETE.</b>
<b>Engineering Projects WKD TO#10 (PS Evals: CON/PERK/MART/CHOE) (KL, CE)</b>	<b>For SCIIP Match. CONTINUATION OF FY 2023 PROJECT (Spent FY 2023: \$64,894 of \$70,000).</b> 9/5: KL and MD reviewing. 9/15: KL sent comments to WK Dickson. 10/6: Received report. KL confirmed it is complete. <b>COMPLETE.</b>
<b>Engineering Projects WKD TO#11 (COLSYS Eval of FY 2023 CCTV/SSES) (KL, CE)</b>	<b>For SCIIP Match. CONTINUATION OF FY 2023 PROJECT (Spent FY 2023: \$36,920 of \$41,500).</b> 8/11: <b>COMPLETE.</b>
<b>Engineering Projects WKD TO#9 (COLSYS Inspect Report/Recommend) (KL, CE)</b>	<b>For SCIIP Match. CONTINUATION OF FY 2023 PROJECT (Spent FY 2023: \$30,410 OF \$49,000).</b> 9/5: <b>COMPLETE.</b> This was used to go out for bid that was awarded to Tugaloo.
<b>GIS Improvements -- Easement Importation (CE)</b>	12/15: Working with L Brandt's office to locate missing easements (if they are indeed missing, otherwise no easements exist for several sewers within system)
<b>Hydraulic Model Update (CE)</b>	FY 2023 project that was finalized in early FY 2024. 6/8: Received draft report. 7/14: <b>COMPLETE</b>
<b>Install Fence and Gate at GCCP PS (MD)</b>	9/29: J Gilbert mentioned at OEA meeting they will be installing. 10/3: Emailed J Gilbert and Kyle. JG responded and said they're taking care of it and no assistance is needed from OJRSA. Considered <b>COMPLETE.</b>
<b>Install Radar Level Indicators and Repair Pipes on Digesters (MD)</b>	10/10: Still have not heard anything from sales rep. 11/13: Still waiting. Have repaired pipes. 12/15: Negotiating prices, expect to order next week. 1/2: Got quote today. 1/16: Equipment has arrived from Clearwater.
<b>NPDES Permit Renewal Phase 2 (JM, KL)</b>	<b>Continued from Phase 1 FY 2023.</b> 1/2/2024: Goldie will need to send all info to DHEC by 2/1. Still waiting on solids info from Pace Analytical. 1/16: KL going over to Goldie to enter info into ePermitting once OJRSA approves of draft.
<b>PAA Study Phase 3 (30 day full scale test) (KL, JM)</b>	<b>CONTINUATION OF FY 2023 PROJECT (Spent FY 2023: \$29,250).</b> 11/13: Goldie having to now do toxicity. Should be finished by end of month. 12/15: <b>COMPLETE.</b> Passed all criteria. Goal is to have it included in next NPDES permit.
<b>Paving Around Solids Pad and Dewatering Building (JM)</b>	9/19: Still waiting on 3rd quote. 10/3: KL spoke with King Asphalt. They've bought up many of the companies that did this type of work. 10/16: Spoke with King, waiting to hear from Doug. 11/13: King finally showed up. Came in substantially over budget. <b>ON HOLD.</b>
<b>Install Bypass Replace 3-way Valve at Millbrook PS (MD)</b>	10/3: Got back quote, it's within budget. Now will work on scheduling. MD gathering parts. 10/5: Authorized Cove to perform work. 10/16: Waiting on parts. 11/13: Still waiting on parts. 12/15: Scheduled for 1/24/2024.
<b>Replace/Paint Walkway Handrails (JM)</b>	10/16: Buying paint this week and Sherwin Williams rep coming out to train on prep and mixing epoxy. 11/13: Scheduling person to come out. We have all paint. 1/2: Sherwin Williams said we will have to wait until temps are above 60.
<b>Seneca Creek Pump Station and Force Main Replacement Design (#2023-05; CE, KL)</b>	Continued from FY 2023. FY 2024: \$120,000. 1/10: Executed by Director. GMC provided budget amount to OJRSA for railroad bore--\$350-375k 1/16: Paid railroad license fee & risk fee.
<b>Streambank &amp; Easement Repairs (KL)</b>	8/17: Repaired 3 creek crossings. 10/3: Repaired 2 creek banks (5 total) 11/13: Repaired 3 more creek crossings (8 total) 12/15: Purchased pipe and rock for crossings. 1/16: Repaired at MH 451.
<b>Transformer/Switchgear Cleaning and Inspection at Pump Stations (MD)</b>	8/17: Need to schedule. 9/5: MD called Instel to set up schedule 10/3: Scheduled for 12/6-7. 12/15: Not needed because all transformers are owned by Blue Ridge Electric Co-op and it is their responsibility to maintain these, not ours.
<b>Transformer/Switchgear Cleaning and Inspection at WRF (MD)</b>	8/17: Need to schedule. 9/5: MD called Instel to set up schedule 10/3: Scheduled for 12/6-7. 12/6: <b>COMPLETE.</b> Will need to budget to correct deficiencies found during inspection.
<b>Utility Water Engineering Assessment (JM, KL)</b>	11/13: KL just sent draft to CE today to review. 12/22: Date responses to RFP due. 1/2: Received 5. Will have a recommendation to O&P this month and to Board in Feb. 1/16: KL said his review team selected Weston & Sampson.



		RESTRICTED FUND PROJECT MILESTONES											
		Restricted Fund Projects (Project Number (if applicable); Project Manager)	% Complete	Anticipated Completion	PO/Contract Amount (\$)	Bids/RFQ/etc. Issue/Advertised	PO/Contract Signed	Started Work	Completed	Obligated/ Spent (\$)	Budget Remaining (\$)	GL Code (XXXXX = get from Office Mgr)	Comp. Performing (and Project Mgr)
FY 2024 Restricted Funds Capital Projects	Projects may carry across budget years	Central Oconee County Sewer Basin Study (CE)	10%	6/3/2024	317,800	N/A	8/9/2023	9/12/2023		82,610	235,190	PROJ & CONT 1501-09007	Weston & Sampson Kip Gearhart
		Consent Order Projects 2022 CONSTRUCTION Possible SCIIP Match (#2024-02; CE, KL)	50%	2/1/2024	351,291	7/28/2023	10/17/2023	12/4/2023		95,438	255,853	PROJ & CONT 1501-09008	Tugaloo Pipeline Ed Hare
		Consent Order Projects 2023 ENGINEERING (WKD TO#13) SCIIP MATCH (#2021-01; CE, KL)	15%	8/13/2025	398,000	N/A	9/15/2023	10/3/2023		75,546	354,189	PROJ & CONT 1501-09009	WK Dickson Joe Swaim
		Consent Order Projects 2023 CONSTRUCTION SCIIP PROJECT (#20XX-XX; CE, KL)	0%	8/13/2025	TBD	TBD				0	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-TBD	TBD
		Dewatering Equipment Replacement ENGINEERING SCIIP MATCH (#2024-06; KL)	8%	PHASE I 5/31/2024	73,200	9/15/2023	12/19/2023	1/11/2024		0	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-09011	KCI Technologies Tom Vollmar
		Dewatering Equipment Replacement CONSTRUCTION SCIIP PROJECT (#2024-XX; KL)	0%	TBD	TBD	MUST	COMPLETE	ENGINEERING	FIRST	0	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-TBD	TBD
		Exit 4 "Project Tiger" Pump Station/Sewer ENGINEERING (Oconee County #TBD; CE)	75%	TBD	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ				0	0	TBD	Thomas & Hutton Lee Brackett
		Flat Rock PS Replacement ENGINEERING/ CONST SVCS SCIIP MATCH (#2022-03; CE)	60%	9/30/2024	177,800	2/14/2022	7/5/2025	7/1/2022		107,017	73,123	PROJ & CONT 1501-09005	KCI Technologies Tom Vollmar
		Flat Rock PS Replacement CONSTRUCTION (#2024-03; CE) SCIIP PROJECT	3%	9/30/2024	1,293,500	6/7/2023	8/29/2023			34,200	1,259,300	PROJ & CONT 1501-09005	Cove Utilities Jeff Caffery
		Regional Sewer Feasibility Study RIA GRANT (#2024-01; CE)	10%	11/29/2024	100,000	5/26/2023	10/10/2023	11/8/2023		14,017	85,984	PROJ & CONT 1501-09010	WK Dickson Angie Mettlen
		Sewer South Phase II ENGINEERING/ CONSTRUCTION/INSPECT SVCS (CE)	35%	6/30/2024	480,850	N/A	5/4/2023	5/4/2023		179,077	359,736	SSF: CIP 1401-06050	Davis & Floyd John Reynolds
		Sewer South Phase II CONSTRUCTION (CE)	40%	6/30/2024	11,843,452	9/27/2022	3/23/2023	6/1/2023		4,858,714	6,984,738	SSF: CIP 1401-06050	Kevin Moorhead Moorhead Construct
		Thickener Sludge Pump (P-113), Including Install (MD)	100%	5/30/2023	29,571	8/1/2022	12/13/2023	6/29/2023	8/4/2023	37,949	(8,378)	PROJ & CONT 1501-09002	Greenstone Drew Goldie
			0%							0	0		
		0%							0	0			
				15,065,464	TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS OBLIGATED/ACTUAL TO DATE:				5,484,567	-9,599,736	TOTAL AWARDED BUDGET REMAINING		

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Restricted Fund Projects (Project Number (if applicable); Project Manager)	Notes
<b>Central Oconee County Sewer Basin Study (CE)</b>	To continue under #2022-01 (Southern Oconee/Western Anderson Sewer Master Plan). 10/16: Stakeholder scheduled for today. 11/8: Stakeholder meeting today. 12/15: Consultant working to schedule stakeholder meetings for 2024 Q1.
<b>Consent Order Projects 2022 CONSTRUCTION Possible SCIIP Match (#2024-02; CE, KL)</b>	Carryover from FY 2023. 12/11: Began making repairs on Martin Creek gravity sewer. 1/2: Martin Creek gravity progressing well. On schedule. 1/16: Still working on east side of system. Weather has impacted project.
<b>Consent Order Projects 2023 ENGINEERING (WKD TO#13) SCIIP MATCH (#2021-01; CE, KL)</b>	10/3: Kickoff meeting held. 12/8: Received plans from WK Dickson. CE, KL, MM need to review these. 1/2: Still need to review. 1/12: Provided comments to J Swaim.
<b>Consent Order Projects 2023 CONSTRUCTION SCIIP PROJECT (#20XX-XX; CE, KL)</b>	8/17: To be bid upon design (WKD TO#13). 10/3: Anticipated bidding to begin 5/2024 and construction to begin around 8/2024.
<b>Dewatering Equipment Replacement ENGINEERING SCIIP MATCH (#2024-06; KL)</b>	1/2: Waiting on KCI to set up kickoff. 1/11: Kickoff meeting held. Gathering data. 1/16: Letter to RIA sent requesting CMAR approval.
<b>Dewatering Equipment Replacement CONSTRUCTION SCIIP PROJECT (#2024-XX; KL)</b>	<b>FY 2024 O&amp;P Fund project "Dewatering Equipment Assessment FOR EVENTUAL SCIIP PROJECT" must be completed first.</b>
<b>Exit 4 "Project Tiger" Pump Station/Sewer ENGINEERING (Oconee County #TBD; CE)</b>	9/19: Sent comments back to T&H. Revisions necessary. 11/27: Spoke with L Brackett about changes and he had a few questions for M Dain. 12/19: Received updated drawings w/ request for letter to go to DHEC. Responded that I will need Board approval for this.
<b>Flat Rock PS Replacement ENGINEERING/ CONST SVCS SCIIP MATCH (#2022-03; CE)</b>	6/2: Received approval from Nate Foutch (SC RIA) to advertise. KCI plans to have pre-bid 6/27. 6/7: Advertised w/ SCBO, put on OJRSA website. Bid opening 7/18. 8/29: Pre-con mtg held with Cove Utilities.
<b>Flat Rock PS Replacement CONSTRUCTION (#2024-03; CE) SCIIP PROJECT</b>	8/15: Received approval to proceed from RIA. 8/29: Signed contract, Notice to Proceed, conducted pre-con meeting. 9/19: Construction not to start until 1/2024. 11/13: Scheduled to begin construction in 3/2024 due to electrical/genset.
<b>Regional Sewer Feasibility Study RIA GRANT (#2024-01; CE)</b>	11/8: Stakeholder meetings today. 12/15: RFI to cities, county, OJRSA due today. 1/2: Meetings set up for later this month.
<b>Sewer South Phase II ENGINEERING/ CONSTRUCTION/INSPECT SVCS (CE)</b>	<i>Also see Sewer South Phase II Construction for additional information.</i> 10/6: County approved additional \$6,350 to survey access road. Contract total increased by this amount.
<b>Sewer South Phase II CONSTRUCTION (CE)</b>	1/11: Met with two property owners where additional easement acquisition is necessary. 1/17: Beginning to pull pipe under lake.
<b>Thickener Sludge Pump (P-113), Including Install (MD)</b>	<i>Carryover from FY 2023. Some costs may have been paid during previous FY.</i> 9/15: <b>COMPLETE.</b>

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### Revenue Report

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#### Level 4 Summary for December 2023

Accounts	Budget Appropriation	Supplemental Appropriation	Adjusted Budget	Current Pd Revenue	Curr Pct	Year To Date Revenue	YTD Pct	Budget Balance
010 OJRSA FUND								
004 REVENUE								
00401 REVENUE								
01770 CONNECTION FEES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$2,025.41	0	(\$2,025.41)
01790 UNRESTRICTED INTEREST	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,577.13	63	\$56,655.15	2266	(\$54,155.15)
01800 SALE OF ASSETS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$13,275.00	0	(\$13,275.00)
01830 HAULED WASTE SVCES	\$273,159.00	\$0.00	\$273,159.00	\$14,278.00	5	\$106,937.10	39	\$166,221.90
01840 OTHER REVENUE	\$16,750.00	\$0.00	\$16,750.00	\$3,813.30	23	\$23,849.28	142	(\$7,099.28)
01880 CAPACITY FEES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$4,500.00	0	(\$4,500.00)
01910 USER FEES	\$5,662,336.00	\$0.00	\$5,662,336.00	\$559,447.19	10	\$3,001,296.54	53	\$2,661,039.46
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$5,954,745.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,954,745.00</b>	<b>\$579,115.62</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$3,208,538.48</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>\$2,746,206.52</b>
00801 PRETREATMENT								
01850 INDUSTRIES	\$175,932.00	\$0.00	\$175,932.00	\$13,875.18	8	\$88,998.63	51	\$86,933.37
<b>Total Pretreatment</b>	<b>\$175,932.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$175,932.00</b>	<b>\$13,875.18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$88,998.63</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>\$86,933.37</b>
01101 IMPACT FEES								
01780 RESTRICTED INTEREST	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$2,164.73	155	\$58,228.00	4159	(\$56,828.00)
01880 CAPACITY FEES	\$290,000.00	\$0.00	\$290,000.00	\$23,373.93	8	\$749,217.25	258	(\$459,217.25)
01930 UNUSED CAPACITY FEES	\$120,000.00	\$0.00	\$120,000.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$120,000.00
<b>Total Impact Fees</b>	<b>\$411,400.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$411,400.00</b>	<b>\$25,538.66</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$807,445.25</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>(\$396,045.25)</b>
01201 CONTRACT OPERATIONS								
01900 INTERGOV. REIMBURSEMENT	\$39,616.00	\$0.00	\$39,616.00	\$0.00	0	\$13,660.24	34	\$25,955.76
<b>Total Contract Operations</b>	<b>\$39,616.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$39,616.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$13,660.24</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>\$25,955.76</b>
01301 RETAIL SERVICES								
01780 RESTRICTED INTEREST	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$13,228.07	0	(\$13,228.07)
01821 GRANTS - SEWER SOUTH	\$6,659,875.00	\$0.00	\$6,659,875.00	\$564,241.99	8	\$3,643,316.99	55	\$3,016,558.01
01900 INTERGOV. REIMBURSEMENT	\$6,730,302.00	\$0.00	\$6,730,302.00	\$125,174.63	2	\$126,374.63	2	\$6,603,927.37
<b>Total Retail Services</b>	<b>\$13,390,177.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$13,390,177.00</b>	<b>\$689,416.62</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$3,782,919.69</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>\$9,607,257.31</b>
01501 CONTINGENCY FUND								
01780 RESTRICTED INTEREST	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$300.00
01840 OTHER REVENUE	\$9,799,975.00	\$0.00	\$9,799,975.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$9,799,975.00
<b>Total Contingency Fund</b>	<b>\$9,800,275.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$9,800,275.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$9,800,275.00</b>
<b>Total REVENUE Total</b>	<b>\$29,772,145.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$29,772,145.00</b>	<b>\$1,307,946.08</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$7,901,562.29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>\$21,870,582.71</b>
<b>OJRSA FUND</b>	<b>\$29,772,145.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$29,772,145.00</b>	<b>\$1,307,946.08</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$7,901,562.29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>\$21,870,582.71</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$29,772,145.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$29,772,145.00</b>	<b>\$1,307,946.08</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$7,901,562.29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>\$21,870,582.71</b>

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 005 EXPENSES  
 00501 ADMINISTRATION

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010 OJRSA FUND									
005 EXPENSES									
00501 ADMINISTRATION									
01140 100% DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	\$1,178,823.00	\$0.00	\$1,178,823.00	8	\$589,411.50	50	\$0.00	\$589,411.50	50
01300 PAYROLL: SALARIES	\$1,110,027.00	\$0.00	\$1,110,027.00	7	\$476,174.87	43	\$0.00	\$633,852.13	57
01310 OVERTIME	\$33,582.00	\$0.00	\$33,582.00	6	\$9,350.00	28	\$0.00	\$24,232.00	72
01350 PAYROLL: FICA/MEDICARE WH	\$93,139.00	\$0.00	\$93,139.00	7	\$39,038.41	42	\$0.00	\$54,100.59	58
01380 PAYROLL: RETIREMENT	\$212,254.00	\$0.00	\$212,254.00	6	\$86,919.27	41	\$0.00	\$125,334.73	59
02200 COMMISSIONER EXPENSES	\$13,680.00	\$0.00	\$13,680.00	7	\$6,120.00	45	\$0.00	\$7,560.00	55
02220 GROUP INSURANCE	\$189,671.00	\$0.00	\$189,671.00	16	\$98,669.63	52	\$0.00	\$91,001.37	48
02240 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	\$23,400.00	\$0.00	\$23,400.00	0	\$17,954.00	77	\$0.00	\$5,446.00	23
02250 INSURANCE-PROPERTY/GENERAL	\$73,065.00	\$0.00	\$73,065.00	0	\$1,564.69	2	\$0.00	\$71,500.31	98
02260 EMPLOYEE WELLNESS	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00	3	\$1,389.61	58	\$0.00	\$1,010.39	42
02270 UNIFORMS	\$28,130.00	\$0.00	\$28,130.00	14	\$11,181.21	40	\$0.00	\$16,948.79	60
02280 TRAVEL & POV MILEAGE	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	0	\$165.00	66	\$0.00	\$85.00	34
02290 AGENCY MEMBERSHIPS	\$11,665.00	\$0.00	\$11,665.00	0	\$800.00	7	\$0.00	\$10,865.00	93
02300 LICENSES/CERTIFS/MEMBERSHIPS	\$4,655.00	\$0.00	\$4,655.00	3	\$1,280.00	27	\$0.00	\$3,375.00	73
02310 SEMINARS/WKSHOPS & TRAINING	\$29,220.00	\$0.00	\$29,220.00	1	\$7,848.14	27	\$0.00	\$21,371.86	73
02320 EVENTS & MEETING EXPENSES	\$3,800.00	\$0.00	\$3,800.00	16	\$2,008.06	53	\$0.00	\$1,791.94	47
02340 PUBLIC RELATIONS & ADVERTISING	\$9,600.00	\$0.00	\$9,600.00	8	\$6,125.94	64	\$0.00	\$3,474.06	36
02360 MAILING/SHIPPING	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	1	\$87.55	15	\$0.00	\$512.45	85
02370 SAFETY EQUIPMENT	\$32,060.00	\$0.00	\$32,060.00	4	\$20,197.57	63	\$0.00	\$11,862.43	37
02380 OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$69,242.00	\$0.00	\$69,242.00	1	\$15,158.66	22	\$51.80	\$54,031.54	78
02390 JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
02410 TECHNOLOGY: PHONES/INTERNET/TV	\$17,724.00	\$0.00	\$17,724.00	4	\$6,934.48	39	\$0.00	\$10,789.52	61
02420 ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	\$186,070.00	\$0.00	\$186,070.00	7	\$110,844.75	60	\$0.00	\$75,225.25	40
02440 O&M CONTINGENCY	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$60,000.00	100
02520 FUEL: VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	\$37,000.00	\$0.00	\$37,000.00	6	\$14,640.10	40	\$0.00	\$22,359.90	60
02530 R&M: VEHICLES/TRAILERS/EQUIP	\$34,500.00	\$0.00	\$34,500.00	4	\$16,886.64	49	\$782.90	\$16,830.46	49
02560 FEES & PENALTIES	\$7,685.00	\$0.00	\$7,685.00	(33)	\$3,537.98	46	\$0.00	\$4,147.02	54
02590 ROLLING STOCK & EQUIPMENT	\$36,750.00	\$0.00	\$36,750.00	0	\$29,441.00	80	\$0.00	\$7,309.00	20
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$3,498,992.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,498,992.00</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$1,573,729.06</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>\$834.70</b>	<b>\$1,924,428.24</b>	<b>55</b>
00601 CONVEYANCE SYSTEM									
02400 SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$17,000.00	\$0.00	\$17,000.00	4	\$2,881.99	17	\$154.28	\$13,963.73	82
02401 MAINTENANCE TOOLS & SUPPLIES	\$13,000.00	\$0.00	\$13,000.00	3	\$5,272.91	41	(\$6.32)	\$7,733.41	59
02411 TECHNOLOGY: SCADA	\$20,500.00	\$0.00	\$20,500.00	57	\$11,629.88	57	\$0.00	\$8,870.12	43
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$177,408.00	\$0.00	\$177,408.00	74	\$180,374.65	102	\$0.00	(\$2,966.65)	(2)
02450 CHEMICALS: SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE	\$20,593.00	\$0.00	\$20,593.00	24	\$11,325.04	55	\$0.00	\$9,267.96	45
02455 CHEMICALS: HERBICIDE/PESTICIDE	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	0	\$731.22	49	\$0.00	\$768.78	51
02490 ELECTRICITY	\$261,977.00	\$0.00	\$261,977.00	7	\$119,615.55	46	\$0.00	\$142,361.45	54
02500 WATER	\$8,950.00	\$0.00	\$8,950.00	6	\$4,809.88	54	\$0.00	\$4,140.12	46
02521 FUEL: GENERATORS	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	100
02540 EQUIPMENT RENTALS	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	0	\$133.94	3	\$0.00	\$4,866.06	97

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02550 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$16,500.00	\$0.00	\$16,500.00	1	\$619.98	4	(\$222.04)	\$16,102.06	98
02590 ROLLING STOCK & EQUIPMENT	\$244,884.00	\$0.00	\$244,884.00	0	\$200,955.12	82	\$0.00	\$43,928.88	18
04000 FLOW MONITOR STAS	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$600.00	100
05000 PUMP STATIONS	\$178,600.00	\$0.00	\$178,600.00	3	\$15,848.74	9	\$0.00	\$162,751.26	91
05010 PUMP STATIONS: CANE PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$214.63	0	\$0.00	(\$214.63)	0
05030 PUMP STATIONS: CONERROSS PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$16.97	0	\$56.86	(\$73.83)	0
05050 PUMP STATIONS: DAVIS CRK 1 PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$753.78	0	\$0.00	(\$753.78)	0
05060 PUMP STATIONS: DAVIS CRK 2 PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	(\$4,800.31)	0	\$0.00	\$4,800.31	0
05070 PUMP STATIONS: FLAT ROCK PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	(\$1,021.83)	0	\$0.00	\$1,021.83	0
05090 PUMP STATIONS: ISS PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$94.45	0	\$0.00	(\$94.45)	0
05100 PUMP STATIONS: MARTIN CREEK PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$2,028.96	0	\$0.00	(\$2,028.96)	0
05110 PUMP STATIONS: MILLBROOK PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$9,616.65	0	\$0.00	(\$9,616.65)	0
05120 PUMP STATIONS: PELHAM CREEK PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$510.24	0	(\$510.24)	\$0.00	0
05130 PUMP STATIONS: PERKINS PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$13,023.47	0	\$0.00	(\$13,023.47)	0
05150 PUMP STATIONS: SPEEDS PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$8.46	0	\$0.00	(\$8.46)	0
05230 GRAVITY SEWER & FORCE MAINS	\$76,000.00	\$0.00	\$76,000.00	11	\$24,162.51	32	\$15.79	\$51,821.70	68
<b>Total Conveyance System</b>	<b>\$1,049,012.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,049,012.00</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>\$598,806.88</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>(\$511.67)</b>	<b>\$450,716.79</b>	<b>43</b>
00701 WRF OPERATIONS									
02400 SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	(1)	\$110.27	1	\$70.98	\$7,818.75	98
02411 TECHNOLOGY: SCADA	\$13,500.00	\$0.00	\$13,500.00	15	\$4,016.31	30	\$0.00	\$9,483.69	70
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$217,790.00	\$0.00	\$217,790.00	8	\$13,206.60	6	\$0.00	\$204,583.40	94
02451 CHEMICALS: CHLORINE	\$60,242.00	\$0.00	\$60,242.00	0	\$9,810.41	16	\$0.00	\$50,431.59	84
02452 CHEMICALS: POLYMER	\$66,450.00	\$0.00	\$66,450.00	8	\$24,763.76	37	\$0.00	\$41,686.24	63
02454 CHEMICALS: SODIUM BISULFITE	\$21,474.00	\$0.00	\$21,474.00	0	\$11,462.84	53	\$0.00	\$10,011.16	47
02457 CHEMICALS: OTHER	\$8,500.00	\$0.00	\$8,500.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$8,500.00	100
02470 GARBAGE	\$2,024.00	\$0.00	\$2,024.00	1	\$148.50	7	\$0.00	\$1,875.50	93
02480 NATURAL GAS	\$2,520.00	\$0.00	\$2,520.00	5	\$336.06	13	\$0.00	\$2,183.94	87
02490 ELECTRICITY	\$336,000.00	\$0.00	\$336,000.00	7	\$149,826.37	45	\$0.00	\$186,173.63	55
02500 WATER	\$2,835.00	\$0.00	\$2,835.00	5	\$3,947.04	139	\$0.00	(\$1,112.04)	(39)
02510 SLUDGE DISPOSAL	\$344,658.00	\$0.00	\$344,658.00	4	\$96,459.70	28	\$0.00	\$248,198.30	72
02521 FUEL: GENERATORS	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	100
02540 EQUIPMENT RENTALS	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	0	\$2,229.14	45	\$0.00	\$2,770.86	55
02550 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$51,900.00	\$0.00	\$51,900.00	1	\$4,922.51	9	\$102.70	\$46,874.79	90
03000 WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY	\$90,800.00	\$0.00	\$90,800.00	9	\$50,262.29	55	\$0.00	\$40,537.71	45
<b>Total Wrf Operations</b>	<b>\$1,235,693.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,235,693.00</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$371,501.80</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>\$173.68</b>	<b>\$864,017.52</b>	<b>70</b>
00801 PRETREATMENT									
01300 PAYROLL: SALARIES	\$73,892.00	\$0.00	\$73,892.00	8	\$37,528.30	51	\$0.00	\$36,363.70	49
01380 PAYROLL: RETIREMENT	\$13,714.00	\$0.00	\$13,714.00	8	\$6,855.74	50	\$0.00	\$6,858.26	50
02220 GROUP INSURANCE	\$7,325.00	\$0.00	\$7,325.00	17	\$3,680.40	50	\$0.00	\$3,644.60	50
02300 LICENSES/CERTIFS/MEMBERSHIPS	\$425.00	\$0.00	\$425.00	0	\$185.00	44	\$0.00	\$240.00	56
02310 SEMINARS/WKSHOPS & TRAINING	\$1,660.00	\$0.00	\$1,660.00	0	\$120.00	7	\$0.00	\$1,540.00	93
02380 OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$4,920.00	\$0.00	\$4,920.00	0	\$3,681.60	75	\$0.00	\$1,238.40	25

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00801 PRETREATMENT**

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02410 TECHNOLOGY: PHONES/INTERNET/TV	\$660.00	\$0.00	\$660.00	0	\$267.06	40	\$0.00	\$392.94	60
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$44,014.00	\$0.00	\$44,014.00	6	\$9,527.00	22	\$0.00	\$34,487.00	78
<b>Total Pretreatment</b>	<b>\$146,610.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$146,610.00</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>\$61,845.10</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$84,764.90</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>00901 LABORATORY</b>									
02400 SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$6,100.00	\$0.00	\$6,100.00	9	\$4,482.06	73	\$0.00	\$1,617.94	27
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$35,110.00	\$0.00	\$35,110.00	3	\$15,467.40	44	\$0.00	\$19,642.60	56
02456 CHEMICALS: LABORATORY	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00	3	\$3,059.49	68	\$0.00	\$1,440.51	32
<b>Total Laboratory</b>	<b>\$45,710.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$45,710.00</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$23,008.95</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$22,701.05</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>01201 CONTRACT OPERATIONS</b>									
02411 TECHNOLOGY: SCADA	\$625.00	\$0.00	\$625.00	100	\$623.40	100	\$0.00	\$1.60	0
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$12,095.00	\$0.00	\$12,095.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$12,095.00	100
02500 WATER	\$1,365.00	\$0.00	\$1,365.00	0	\$366.49	27	\$0.00	\$998.51	73
02521 FUEL: GENERATORS	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$500.00	100
02550 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	100
05170 PUMP STATIONS: GCCP-PS	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	\$10,500.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$10,500.00	100
<b>Total Contract Operations</b>	<b>\$30,585.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$30,585.00</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$989.89</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$29,595.11</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>01301 RETAIL SERVICES</b>									
02411 TECHNOLOGY: SCADA	\$1,230.00	\$0.00	\$1,230.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$1,230.00	100
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	1	\$497.50	2	\$0.00	\$24,502.50	98
02490 ELECTRICITY	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	100
02500 WATER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$70.76	0	\$0.00	(\$70.76)	0
05000 PUMP STATIONS	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$500.00	100
06050 SEWER SOUTH PHASE II	\$13,361,447.00	\$0.00	\$13,361,447.00	0	\$3,738,351.82	28	\$0.00	\$9,623,095.18	72
<b>Total Retail Services</b>	<b>\$13,390,177.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$13,390,177.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$3,738,920.08</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$9,651,256.92</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>01401 CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>									
06050 SEWER SOUTH PHASE II	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$124,977.13	0	\$0.00	(\$124,977.13)	0
06060 CONVEYANCE SYSTEM	\$120,000.00	\$0.00	\$120,000.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$120,000.00	100
06070 FLAT ROCK PS REPLACEMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	0
06071 SENECA PS & FM UPGRADE/SPEEDS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$79,769.84	0	\$0.00	(\$79,769.84)	0
<b>Total Capital Projects</b>	<b>\$120,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$120,000.00</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>\$204,746.97</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$84,746.97)</b>	<b>(71)</b>
<b>01501 CONTINGENCY FUND</b>									
00002 CONTINGENCY EXPENSES	\$10,810,825.00	\$0.00	\$10,810,825.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$10,810,825.00	100
06070 FLAT ROCK PS REPLACEMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$3,000.00	0	\$0.00	(\$3,000.00)	0
09002 P-113 SLUDGE PUMP REPLACEMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$8,375.00	0	\$0.00	(\$8,375.00)	0
09005 FLAT ROCK PS UPGRADE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$44,760.00	0	\$0.00	(\$44,760.00)	0
09007 CENTRAL OCONEE SWR MASTER PLAI	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$46,850.00	0	\$0.00	(\$46,850.00)	0
09008 CONSENT ORDER PROJECTS 2022 CO	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$68,726.79	0	\$0.00	(\$68,726.79)	0
09009 COLLECTION SYSTEM REHAB	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$71,675.00	0	\$0.00	(\$71,675.00)	0
09010 REG SEWER FEASIBILITY STUDY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$7,831.25	0	\$0.00	(\$7,831.25)	0
<b>Total Contingency Fund</b>	<b>\$10,810,825.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$10,810,825.00</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$251,218.04</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$10,559,606.96</b>	<b>98</b>

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Total EXPENSES	\$30,327,604.00	\$0.00	\$30,327,604.00	2	\$6,824,766.77	23	\$496.71	\$23,502,340.52	77
Total OJRSA FUND	\$30,327,604.00	\$0.00	\$30,327,604.00	2	\$6,824,766.77	23	\$496.71	\$23,502,340.52	77
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$30,327,604.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$30,327,604.00</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$6,824,766.77</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>\$496.71</b>	<b>\$23,502,340.52</b>	<b>77</b>

Year To Date  
 Total

Grand Total

\$14,726,329.06

**OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy**  
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if such failure is unreasonable.

3. **Demonstration of Responsibility:** The prospective contractor may demonstrate the availability of necessary financing, equipment, facilities, expertise, and personnel by submitting upon request:
    - a. Evidence that such contractor possesses such necessary items;
    - b. Acceptable plans to subcontract for such necessary items; or
    - c. Documented commitment from, or explicit arrangement with, a satisfactory source to provide the necessary items.
  4. **Justification for Contract Award:** Before awarding a contract, the Procurement Officer must be satisfied that the prospective contractor is responsible.
  5. **Written Determination of Non-responsibility:** If a Bidder or Offeror who otherwise would have been awarded a contract is found non-responsible, a written determination of non-responsibility setting forth the basis of the finding shall be prepared by the Procurement Officer. A copy of the determination shall be sent promptly to the non-Responsible Bidder or Offeror. The final determination shall be made part of the Procurement file.
- Q. **Negotiations After Unsuccessful Competitive Sealed Bidding:** When bids received pursuant to an RFB are considered unreasonable by OJRSA and exceed available funds or were not independently reached in open competition, and it is determined in writing by the Procurement Officer or his/her Designee that time or other circumstances will not permit the delay required to re-solicit competitive sealed bids, a contract may be negotiated pursuant to this Section, provided that the lowest base bid does not exceed available funds by an amount greater than ten percent (10%) of the budget established for that portion of the work. However, each Responsible and Responsive Bidder who submitted a bid under the original request for bids must be notified of the determination and given a reasonable opportunity to negotiate. The negotiated price must be lower than the lowest bid received under the original solicitation. OJRSA may change the scope of the work to reduce the cost to be within the established Construction budget.
- R. When the lowest base bid received pursuant to an RFB exceeds approved available funds and OJRSA is able to identify additional funds for the project, in the amount of the difference between the lowest base bid and the approved available funds for the project, OJRSA, in its discretion, may elect to accept the bid.
- R.S. **Confidentiality: RFBs for analytical laboratory services shall include a statement requiring bidders to adhere to confidentiality standards as determined and set forth in the RFB by the OJRSA Executive Director.\*\***

### **5.1.3 Cooperative Contracts**

- A. The State of South Carolina enters into a variety of contracts with manufacturers and/or dealers utilized by the state and local governments at all levels. The Procurement Officer or his/her Designee may procure without competitive bids equipment, Supplies, or Services which are under current state contract. These commodities may include, but are not limited to, vehicles, tractors, backhoes, janitorial supplies, office supplies, traffic control equipment, and fuel.
- B. The United States of America General Services Administration (GSA) contract holders make their products available to state and local governments for the same prices charged to federal government agencies. Purchasing may procure without competitive bids, equipment or supplies under contract with GSA, also referred to as Federal Supply Schedules.
- C. Various support agencies and organizations, such as the Municipal Association of South Carolina, Sourcewell, and National Association of Counties have made available to local governments cooperative Procurement programs. The programs are generally the result of a thorough competitive bidding process at the state or national level which fully satisfies the OJRSA's Procurement requirements.
- D. The Procurement Officer or his/her Designee may utilize such cooperative Procurement programs as needed.
- E. Third-party participants claiming pre-negotiated prices and/or Procurement approval by government parties as stated within this Section shall provide written documentation of such approval.

### **5.1.4 Competitive Fixed Price Bidding**

- A. **Conditions for Use:** When the Procurement Officer determines in writing that the use of competitive sealed

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**\*\* Requires that a solicitation contain a condition that laboratories will not share data with industries without prior approval of the OJRSA.**



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- parties, such as the Member Cities; and
2. Written justification is given for why it is in the best interest of OJRSA and the public that the item should be leased rather than purchased.
- B. Likewise, OJRSA may purchase, acquire from, use, or sell Personal Property to another governmental body upon Board approval provided such sale is at or near fair market value. OJRSA may also participate in cooperative purchasing with any other governmental body in accordance with SC Code §11-35-4810 et seq., and may also share personnel, facilities, material, equipment, or other items with another governmental body through an intergovernmental agreement specifying the obligations, rights, and duties of the parties.

**REVISION HISTORY**

This and previous editions of the *OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy* must be maintained in accordance with the *OJRSA Records Retention Policy*.

Table 2: OJRSA Procurement and Fiscal Policy revision history

Revision Number	Date	Description of Changes
N/A	07/02/1979	Adoption of Procurement Policy by Oconee County Sewer Commission (OCSC).
N/A	07/11/1983	Updated OCSC Procurement Policy.
N/A	12/04/1989	Updated OCSC Procurement Policy.
N/A	10/29/1993	OCSC Superintendent authorized to purchase surplus property and may delegate this authority to any OCSC employee.
N/A	01/04/1999	OCSC Superintendent authorized to sell surplus items.
N/A	12/01/2003	When bidding analytical services, the OCSC cannot accept bids from firms doing work for industries regulated by OCSC.
N/A	01/12/2010	Establishment of internal protocol that established definition of a purchase order and how it is to be processed.
N/A	02/01/2016	Update to the Procurement Policy dated 01/2016 was included in the Board Meeting minutes on this date; however, there was no record of it actually being approved by the Board.
0000	01/04/2024	Initial issue of comprehensive <i>OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy</i> by <i>OJRSA Resolution 2024-05</i> .
<u>N/A</u>	<u>01/04/2024</u>	<u>Board repealed 12/01/2003 policy (regarding bidding for analytical services) but required that a bid contains the condition that laboratories will not share data with industries without prior approval of the OJRSA.</u>
<u>0001</u>	<u>02/05/2024</u>	<u>Update to <i>OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy</i> by <i>OJRSA Resolution 2024-XX</i>, to include confidentiality clause in RFBs for analytical services as approved by Board on 01/04/2024.</u>

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Hi Amanda & Chris,

It was good talking to you both this morning. As we discussed, attached is a sample wastewater rate structure. I looked up Pioneer's rates and they don't charge by meter size. As such, they may not be able to accommodate this type of structure. However, as far as common industry standards are concerned, the attached rates provide that. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information. Thanks.

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## Monthly Retail Wastewater Rates Effective January 1, 2024

Description	Meter Factor	Amount
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### Monthly Base Charge by Water

#### Meter Size:

5/8-Inch or 3/4-Inch	1.0	\$	20.00
1.0-Inch	2.5	\$	50.00
1.5-Inch	5.0	\$	100.00
2.0-Inch	8.0	\$	160.00
3.0-Inch	16.0	\$	320.00
4.0-Inch	25.0	\$	500.00
6.0-Inch	50.0	\$	1,000.00
8.0-Inch	80.0	\$	1,600.00

**Monthly Customer/Admin Charge** \$ 4.00

Assumes Pioneer Rural Water District will charge OJRSA a fee for meter reading, billing and processing.

**Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons** \$ 6.38

This is the average of OJRSA's current residential and non-residential volumetric rates.

Note: The rates provided herein are for informational purposes only. They are not based on any cost recovery or cost of service

### EXAMPLE

#### Monthly Sewer Bill for 5,000 Gallons/Month by 3/4-Inch Meter

Monthly Base	\$	20.00
Admin Fee (assumed)	\$	4.00
Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$	31.90
		\$ 55.90

**Retail (Sewer South) Sewer Rates**  
By Willdan, 12/4/2024 Effective TBD

**Seneca Sewer Rates**  
Effective July 1, 2023

**Walhalla Sewer Rates**  
Effective July 1, 2023

**Westminster Sewer Rates**  
Effective July 1, 2023

Description	Meter Factor	Amount
<b>Monthly Sewer Base Charge by Water Meter Size:</b>		
5/8-Inch or 3/4-Inch	1.0	\$ 20.00
1.0-Inch	2.5	\$ 50.00
1.5-Inch	5.0	\$ 100.00
2.0-Inch	8.0	\$ 160.00
3.0-Inch	16.0	\$ 320.00
4.0-Inch	25.0	\$ 500.00
6.0-Inch	50.0	\$ 1,000.00
8.0-Inch	80.0	\$ 1,600.00

**Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons** \$ 6.38  
This is the average of OJRSA's current residential and non-residential volumetric rates.

**Monthly Customer/Admin Charge** \$ 4.00  
Assumes Pioneer Rural Water District will charge OJRSA a fee for meter reading, billing and processing.

Note: The rates provided herein are for informational purposes only. They are not based on any cost recovery or cost of service analyses.

Description	Amount
<b>Seneca Inside City</b>	
Residential Base	\$ 7.17
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 3.79
Commercial Base	\$ 7.17
Commercial Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 3.79
<b>Seneca Outside City</b>	
Residential Base	\$ 11.60
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 5.62
Commercial Base	\$ 11.60
Commercial Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 5.62

**OJRSA Rates Residential**

Base	\$ 10.00
Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 5.39

**Nonresidential**

Base	\$ 15.00
Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 7.37

Description	Amount
<b>Walhalla Inside City</b>	
Residential Base	\$ -
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 1.40
Commercial Base	\$ -
Commercial Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 1.40
Apartment Base	\$ -
Apartment Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 1.40
Industrial Base	N/A
Industrial Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	N/A
<b>Walhalla Outside City</b>	
Residential Base	\$ -
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 1.40
Commercial Base	\$ -
Commercial Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 1.40
Apartment Base	\$ -
Apartment Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 1.40
Industrial Base	\$ -
Industrial Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 1.40
Industrial - SO Base	\$ -
Industrial - SO Volumetric/1,000 Gal	\$ 1.40

**OJRSA Rates Residential**

Base	\$ 10.00
Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 5.39

**Nonresidential**

Base	\$ 15.00
Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 7.37

Description	Amount
<b>Westminster Inside City</b>	
Residential Base <i>(removed OJRSA base fee)</i>	\$ 11.54
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons <i>(rem OJRSA fee)</i>	\$ 3.33
<b>Westminster Outside City</b>	
Residential Base <i>(removed OJRSA base fee)</i>	\$ 15.10
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons <i>(rem OJRSA fee)</i>	\$ 3.83
Nonresidential Base 2-inch <i>(rem OJRSA base fee)</i>	\$ 24.64
Nonresidential Base 3-inch <i>(rem OJRSA base fee)</i>	\$ 73.90
Nonresidential Base 4-inch <i>(rem OJRSA base fee)</i>	\$ 123.34
Nonresidential Base 6-inch <i>(rem OJRSA base fee)</i>	\$ 177.41
Nonres. All Sizes Vol./1,000 Gallons <i>(rem OJRSA fee)</i>	\$ 0.63
<b>Nonres. TN Base 4-inch</b>	\$ 149.38
<b>Nonres. TN 4-inch Vol./1,000 Gal</b>	\$ 5.03
<b>County Sewer Only Base</b>	\$ 8.66
<b>County Sewer Only Vol./1,000 Gallons</b>	\$ 6.36

**OJRSA Rates Residential**

Base	\$ 10.00
Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 5.39

**Nonresidential**

Base	\$ 15.00
Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 7.37

**OJRSA RETAIL RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE**

<b>Monthly 5/8-inch Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month</b>	
Monthly Base	\$ 20.00
Admin Fee (assumed)	\$ 4.00
Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 31.90
	<b>\$ 55.90</b>

**SENECA RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE**

<b>Monthly <b>Inside</b> Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month</b>	
Seneca Base	\$ 7.17
Seneca Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 18.95
OJRSA Base	\$ 10.00
OJRSA Volumetric Base/1,000 Gallons	\$ 26.95
	<b>\$ 63.07</b>

**Monthly **Outside** Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month**

Seneca Base	\$ 11.60
Seneca Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 28.10
OJRSA Base	\$ 10.00
OJRSA Volumetric Base/1,000 Gallons	\$ 26.95
	<b>\$ 76.65</b>

**WALHALLA RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE**

<b>Monthly <b>Inside</b> Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month</b>	
Walhalla Base	\$ -
Walhalla Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 7.00
OJRSA Base	\$ 10.00
OJRSA Volumetric Base/1,000 Gallons	\$ 26.95
	<b>\$ 43.95</b>

**Monthly **Outside** Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month**

Walhalla Base	\$ -
Walhalla Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 7.00
OJRSA Base	\$ 10.00
OJRSA Volumetric Base/1,000 Gallons	\$ 26.95
	<b>\$ 43.95</b>

**WESTMINSTER RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE**

<b>Monthly <b>Inside</b> Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month</b>	
Westminster Base	\$ 11.54
Westminster Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 16.65
OJRSA Base	\$ 10.00
OJRSA Volumetric Base/1,000 Gallons	\$ 26.95
	<b>\$ 65.14</b>

**Monthly **Outside** Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month**

Westminster Base	\$ 15.10
Westminster Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 19.15
OJRSA Base	\$ 10.00
OJRSA Volumetric Base/1,000 Gallons	\$ 26.95
	<b>\$ 71.20</b>

**Westminster Rates as Published with OJRSA Fees Included**

<b>Westminster Inside City</b>	
Residential Base	\$ 21.54
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 8.72
<b>Westminster Outside City</b>	
Residential Base	\$ 25.10
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 9.22
Nonresidential Base 2-inch	\$ 39.64
Nonresidential Base 3-inch	\$ 88.90
Nonresidential Base 4-inch	\$ 138.34
Nonresidential Base 6-inch	\$ 192.41
Nonres. All Sizes Vol./1,000 Gallons	\$ 8.00

**West Union Sewer Rates  
Effective July 1, 2023**

Description	Amount
<b>West Union Inside City</b>	
Residential Base <i>(removed OJRSA base fee)</i>	\$ 2.00
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons <i>(rem OJRSA fee)</i>	\$ 2.61
Commercial Base <i>(removed OJRSA base fee)</i>	\$ 10.00
Commercial Volumetric/1,000 Gallons <i>(rem OJRSA fee)</i>	\$ 3.63
<b>West Union Outside City</b>	
Residential Base <i>(removed OJRSA base fee)</i>	\$ 5.00
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons <i>(rem OJRSA fee)</i>	\$ 3.11
Commercial Base <i>(removed OJRSA base fee)</i>	\$ 13.00
Commercial Volumetric/1,000 Gallons <i>(rem OJRSA fee)</i>	\$ 4.13

**OJRSA Rates**

**Residential**

Base	\$ 10.00
Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 5.39

**Nonresidential**

Base	\$ 15.00
Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 7.37

**Clemson City Sewer Rates  
Effective July 1, 2023**

Description	Amount
<b>Clemson City Inside City</b>	
Base	\$ 20.75
Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 5.59
<b>Clemson City Outside City</b>	
Base	\$ 31.13
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 10.62

**Anderson County Sewer Rates  
Effective July 1, 2023**

Description	Amount
Per ERU (400 GPD = 1 ERU)	\$ 19.25
Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 7.81

**Greenville/MetroConnects Sewer Rates  
Effective January 1, 2024**

Description	Amount
Base	\$ 11.72
Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 1.85

**ReWa Rates**

5/8-Inch or 3/4-Inch	\$ 12.75
1.0-Inch	\$ 20.30
1.5-Inch	\$ 29.59
2.0-Inch	\$ 42.81
3.0-Inch	\$ 73.67
4.0-Inch	\$ 117.75
6.0-Inch	\$ 227.95
8.0-Inch	\$ 360.19

**Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons**

Residential	\$ 6.73
Commercial/Industrial (/1,000 gal metered water)	\$ 6.49
Commercial/Industrial (/1,000 gal metered sewer)	\$ 6.73

**WEST UNION RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE**

Monthly <b>Inside</b> Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month	
West Union Base	\$ 2.00
West Union Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 13.05
OJRSA Base	\$ 10.00
OJRSA Volumetric Base/1,000 Gallons	\$ 26.95
	<b>\$ 52.00</b>

**Monthly **Outside** Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month**

West Union Base	\$ 5.00
West Union Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 15.55
OJRSA Base	\$ 10.00
OJRSA Volumetric Base/1,000 Gallons	\$ 26.95
	<b>\$ 57.50</b>

**CLEMSON CITY RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE**

Monthly <b>Inside</b> Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month	
Clemson City Base	\$ 20.75
Clemson City Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 27.95
	<b>\$ 48.70</b>

**Monthly **Outside** Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month**

Clemson City Base	\$ 31.13
Clemson City Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 53.10
	<b>\$ 84.23</b>

**ANDERSON COUNTY RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE**

Monthly Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month	
Anderson County Base	\$ 19.25
Anderson County Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 39.05
	<b>\$ 58.30</b>

**GREENVILLE/METROCONNECTS RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE**

Monthly Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month	
MetroConnects Base	\$ 11.72
MetroConnects Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 9.25
ReWa Base	\$ 12.75
ReWa Trunk & Treatment Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 33.65
	<b>\$ 67.37</b>

**West Union Rates as Published with OJRSA Fees Included**

<b>West Union Inside City</b>	
Residential Base	\$ 12.00
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 8.00
Commercial Base	\$ 25.00
Commercial Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 11.00
<b>West Union Outside City</b>	
Residential Base	\$ 15.00
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 8.50
Commercial Base	\$ 28.00
Commercial Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 11.50

**ReWa Retail Rates as Published**

<b>Retail Collection Charges</b>	
Base	\$ 13.81
Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 1.90
<b>ReWa Trunk &amp; Treatment Charges</b>	
Trunk & Treatment Base	\$ 12.75
Trunk & Treatment Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 25.57



## OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY

### Annual Members' Meeting

January 4, 2024

The Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Annual Members' Meeting was held at the Seneca Light & Water Lake Keowee Water Treatment Plant, 630 Northampton Road, Seneca, SC.

Commissioners that were present:

- Seat 7 (Westminster): Brian Ramey, Board Chair
- Seat 6 (Walhalla): Scott Parris, Board Vice-Chair
- Seat 1 (Seneca): Bob Faires, III
- Seat 3 (Seneca): Scott McLane
- Seat 4 (Seneca At-Large): Marty McKee
- Seat 5 (Walhalla): Celia Myers
- Seat 8 (Westminster): Kevin Bronson
- Seat 9 (Walhalla-Westminster At-Large): David Dial

Commissioners that were not present:

- Seat 2 (Seneca): Scott Moulder

OJRSA appointments and staff present were:

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

Others present were:

- Larry Brandt, OJRSA Attorney
- Norm Cannada, [Seneca Daily Journal](#)
- Angie Mettlen, VP W.K. Dickson
- Glenn Hart, Oconee Co. Council
- Don Mize, Oconee Co. Council
- Mayor Dan Alexander, Seneca
- Lekesha Benson, Seneca City Council
- Scott Durham, Seneca City Council
- W.C. Honeycutt, Jr, Seneca City Council
- Dana Moore, Seneca City Council
- Ernest Riley, Seneca City Council
- Denise Rozman, Seneca City Council
- Joel Ward, Seneca City Council
- Ron Wygal, Endurance Development
- Gwen McPhail, Oconee Co. Citizen
- Mayor Tim Hall, Walhalla
- Keith Pace, Walhalla City Council
- Sarai Melendez, Walhalla City Council
- Jimmy Powell, Westminster City Council
- Josh Thomas, Walhalla City Council
- Daby Snipes, Westminster City Council

**A) Call to Order** – Mr. Ramey called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

**B) Welcome Members and Guests** – Mr. Ramey welcomed all attendees to the meeting and announced that OJRSA Director, Mr. Chris Eleazer, will be giving a presentation on what is happening with the OJRSA.

**C) Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – By Mr. Faires.

**D) Introduction of Attendees** – All the attendees introduced themselves to the group.

**E) State of the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority** – Mr. Eleazer introduced himself and gave some biographical information to the attendees. He then went over his presentation (*made a part of these minutes*):

- 1. Commissioners** – The OJRSA has nine (9) board members which includes four (4) from Seneca, two (2) each from Walhalla and Westminster, and one (1) shared between Walhalla and Westminster. In addition, two (2) commissioners are “at large” meaning they cannot live in the municipal area of, or work for, the Member City.
- 2. Lamar Bailes** – Mr. Bailes was instrumental in creating the Sewer Commission in the early 1970s, which has subsequently developed into the present joint authority water and sewer system. Mr. Bailes passed away in July. Mr. Eleazer asked for a moment of silence in his honor.
- 3. Photos** – Photos were shown of cleaning grit out of a 36” pipe, the PAA study, a repair on the Speeds Creek force main, replacing a line beneath Miller Branch Flow Monitor Station, and Mr. Eleazer signing the contract for Sewer South Phase II.

**4. Compliance:**

- ❖ OJRSA staff worked over 30,000 hours during 2023 with no lost-time accidents or OSHA violations.
  - ❖ There was a chlorine safety drill in October.
  - ❖ Sanitary Sewer Overflows – There were five (5) spills totaling approximately 42,850 gallons in 2023 (down from the year before). One (1) was a significant spill at 42,000 gallons, one (1) was reportable to SCDHEC, and three (3) were on Speeds Creek force main.
  - ❖ The OJRSA had a SCDHEC facility inspection and received a “satisfactory” rating with no deficiencies noted. This is the first time the OJRSA achieved this.
  - ❖ A PAA study has been completed to try to convert the plant from using chlorine gas to using peracetic acid for disinfection. The OJRSA hopes to have this in the next NPDES permit.
  - ❖ The OJRSA has nineteen (19) industrial wastewater discharge permit facilities on the system of which two (2) don’t discharge water at all currently. Fourteen (14) of the industries were in full compliance for the year. Three (3) were in significant non-compliance and four (4) minor violations. One (1) consent order was issued. One (1) non-significant source wastewater discharge permit was issued for the Oconee County Jail due to debris being flushed down the toilets. A Consent Order was also issued in 2022 for this, and a mechanical bar screen is being designed to address the situation.
  - ❖ The OJRSA is awaiting the results from a SCDHEC laboratory inspection in November.
  - ❖ The OJRSA’s laboratory director retired in July 2022, and the OJRSA outsourced some functions to an independent laboratory.
  - ❖ The OJRSA continuously makes site improvements to comply with its stormwater permit.
- 5. Consent Order** – The presentation included a slide explaining how the OJRSA came to be under the Consent Order. Mr. Eleazer explained that W.K. Dickson gave SCDHEC an update on the Consent Order progress. Mr. Eleazer asked Ms. Mettlen to report on how SCDHEC responded.

Ms. Mettlen said that SCDHEC was appreciative of the effort that the Sewer Authority put forward to address the Consent Order and for the progress that has been made. In addition, one person mentioned that if everyone responded the way the Sewer Authority has, it would make their jobs easier. They were complimentary on the progress that has been made.

There was a slide showing the upcoming Consent Order anticipated projects for 2024. Mr. Eleazer reported that a developer is willing to help the OJRSA out financially to install and replace the Seneca Creek force main in exchange for helping his project move forward. There is already a construction permit for this. The only things that remain are getting the railroad permit (which the OJRSA just approved applying for at today’s board meeting) and the stormwater permit from SCDHEC. To expedite the project, it is being considered that the OJRSA allow the developer to be a private contractor and handle the construction needs and paperwork and then turn the asset over to the OJRSA when the project is completed.

- 6. Flows** – It was explained what the plant's maximum capacity is and where OJRSA currently stands, as well as explaining when the plant will be required to upgrade. OJRSA received some allocated flow back from SCDHEC in 2012 and 2023 for facilities that no longer exist.

The Director explained how most of the industries do not use all the capacity that they are permitted for, and the OJRSA asked them if they were interested in returning any of it back to the OJRSA; however, the industries do not want to give up the capacity, because 1) if they were to need it in the future, it would cost them more to purchase it again, and 2) they may really need the flow (example: they discharge 20% most months of the year, but then discharge 80% towards the end of the year). The industries pay an "unused capacity fee" for each month they do not discharge at least 50% of their permitted capacity.

- 7. Financial Information** – The OJRSA received a clean audit with an unmodified opinion for Fiscal Year 2023, which is the highest level that can be obtained. All financial information can be obtained on the OJRSA website.
- 8. New User Rates** – The OJRSA changed the way fees are calculated as of July 1, 2023. Originally the Member Cities paid a percentage of the budget based on the flow amounts for the calendar year preceding. The board approved using a base plus volumetric rate per 1,000 gallons rate. The benefit of this change is that it is more transparent for the users, and it fixes the fluctuation year-to-year for inflow and infiltration changing the flow data calculations.

**9. Growth:**

- ❖ The major growth in Oconee County has been residential properties. The OJRSA collects impact fees for an entire subdivision up front because SCDHEC accounts for the total allocated flow for the subdivision against the OJRSA's usage as soon as the subdivision is permitted. The OJRSA permitted 497 residential lots in 2023.
- ❖ There were 203 inquiries answered by Mr. Eleazer about sewer availability across the entire county. The numbers of inquiries made in each sewer service area was provided.
- ❖ Impact fees were raised by the board by \$4 per gallon (from \$11.25 to \$15.25 per gallon) with an effective date of January 1, 2024. It had been several years since impact fees were evaluated. Being there was some data for building a treatment plant for the Sewer South area, an engineer looked at the impact fees for the OJRSA and recommended \$24.50 per gallon.

The Executive Director spoke about how OJRSA may enter into an agreement with SCDHEC where, rather than SCDHEC tracking the OJRSA's flow and calculating the allocation, the OJRSA may be able to do that itself and share the allocation amount to SCDHEC. He added that he spoke to Mr. Jeff deBessonnet (formerly of SCDHEC) who said that if the OJRSA enters into the agreement, it is taking a lot of risk if there is a flow exceedance violation, because the OJRSA is telling SCDHEC it is not using their numbers and using its own numbers and accounting method. If there is an exceedance, they will bring enforcement action against the Authority. Mr. Eleazer suggests that the OJRSA and Member Cities keep working on inflow and infiltration, and then this can be revisited in the future. He added that, in the meantime, the OJRSA is keeping records about every house that is permitted, including meter size and gallons.

- 10. Regional Feasibility Study** – The OJRSA applied for and received the regional sewer feasibility study grant that was discussed last year and has advertised and awarded the contract, and W.K. Dickson is currently working on it. Mr. Eleazer read the description of the study to the attendees, which was stated on a slide. The study evaluates governance structure, revenues and finance, environmental compliance, utility resources, and efficiency in operations and service. A recommendation for an organization structure or model should be ready to be presented to the board in June or July. The Director showed a slide of the organizations and territories included in the study.

Mr. Eleazer introduced Ms. Mettlen as part of the team doing the study. Ms. Mettlen said that the Central Basin Study, which looks at the master planning effort for the undeveloped areas in central Oconee County that are not sewer, also looks at where it makes sense to have sewer



and where it does not. This provides targeted and strategic growth. A lot of the information coming out of the Central Basin Study will be relevant to the Regional Feasibility Study.

Ms. Mettlen added that Ms. Katherine Amidon of Bolton & Menk is on both project teams and is tying them together. The projects are running concurrently, and it is anticipated that both studies will be completed within the same timeframe.

To date, there have been several stakeholder meetings, and a list of follow-up questions and data requests were sent to the Member Cities and the Town of West Union. One-on-one meetings have been set up for January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> to go over the information. Ms. Mettlen also took a moment to thank everyone for the momentous effort gathering the requested information.

In the next three to four months, there will be meetings with everyone, the data received will be evaluated, and the report will be started. While the goal is looking at the organizational structure, it's not to say the structure is broken but rather to see if there are ways to improve it or offer other options. There are a lot of things happening, including the \$25 million infrastructure bond, and this study is a keystone to making sure that the OJRSA is ready and things can proceed.

Ms. Mettlen added that there will be presentations to this group, and as part of the contract, she will also do presentations to the Member Cities' individual councils if they request it.

- 11. Sewer Master Plan** – Mr. Eleazer said there will be crossover and interaction with Ms. Amidon on both studies. The Director showed a map of the areas that the Sewer Master Plan covers.

Mr. Eleazer said that the OJRSA does not decide or dictate where growth will happen. The OJRSA is only a service provider like Blue Ridge Electric or Duke Energy. If someone pays for the infrastructure to be built to the middle of nowhere, the OJRSA will serve it, but the OJRSA does not get into the decision-making process of where the growth happens.

Mr. Eleazer stated that sewer is expensive to install and operate and is meant to serve density. The area in southern Oconee is not dense, and the OJRSA didn't feel the area would get sewer in the next twenty (20) years. As the results of the study came back for Sewer South and were presented to County Council last year, the findings matched OJRSA's thoughts that the area would stay a rural community. This caused a lot of questions from the citizens, especially from the agricultural community. The OJRSA learned from this and is including these stakeholders and the southern part of Oconee County in this study, as well as looking at options for plant expansion or building another treatment plant down there. There will be stakeholder meetings as the project proceeds.

- 12. Sewer South** – The project has been forty (40) years in the making. He showed a slide of where the pipe has been installed to date. Progress has been going well. The two (2) pump stations will begin in the next couple of months.

The Director stated one spot that has not been completed is where they are boring under the lake. The other is along Highway 59 where the contractor determined there are other utilities that were not identified in the initial survey, weren't marked, and may be a conflict. The OJRSA may have to obtain some additional easement for that area.

- 13. Southern Oconee County Sewer** – There is a lot of discussion about Oconee County's \$25 million bond. In March 2023, Mr. Eleazer provided Oconee County Council a one-page document outlining what was planned to be constructed using information from Weston & Sampson. The OJRSA is currently working with Oconee County to connect a parcel near Exit 4, but other than that, it is unknown what else is being designed for the I-85 area in Oconee and Anderson counties.

- 14. Requests for Satellite Systems** – The Director made some requests, including asking that debris not be pushed down the lines into the OJRSA system when they are being cleaned, for the Member Cities to participate in progress meetings, to continue locating and repairing I&I, and to enforce the Sewer Use Ordinances.

- 15. Tour** – The Director invited everyone to schedule a tour of the Coneross Creek Wastewater Reclamation Facility.

**F) Questions and Closing Comments:**

Mr. Hart said the engineer was a month behind on the boring under the lake and asked if it was due to starting late. Mr. Eleazer said no and added that they took time off for the holidays and are dealing with rock and different types of soil. The Director didn't expect any other delays other than possible weather delays.

Ms. Mettlen stated the dates for the Sewer Master Plan are February 8, 2024 from 3:30-5:30pm in Walhalla, February 14, 2024 from 5:30-7:30pm in Westminster, and February 27, 2024 from 5:30-7:30pm in Seneca.

Mr. Don Mize asked for clarification regarding if a gravity sewer line gets installed by a property in the Fair Play area, regardless if is currently on a septic tank, that the owner will be required to tie onto the sewer. Mr. Eleazer said a year ago, it was identified in the Sewer Regulation and by Oconee County Ordinance that if a property line was within three hundred feet (300') of a sewer line, that the owner was required to connect to the sewer. It was felt this language was vague, and the language was revised in the updated Sewer Use Regulation to say the owner will not have to connect to sewer if there is already a septic tank unless required by a SCDHEC mandate.

The Director added that the OJRSA is not going to force anyone who has a septic tank to connect to the sewer. If a new place is built, or a septic tank must be replaced, then they will have to connect. He also added that the property owner cannot cross someone else's property to connect someone to the sewer if it's within three hundred feet (300').

An attendee asked if this was in the OJRSA regulations or Oconee County's. Mr. Eleazer replied it was Oconee County's, and that Ms. Amidon pointed out this ordinance still exists on the website. Whether Oconee County can enforce that is unknown; the OJRSA cannot enforce Oconee County's ordinances. Oconee County was made aware of this ordinance and recommended to correct, remove, or enforce it during the last study. Mr. Mize said there has been dialogue that this ordinance will be abandoned but has not been done yet. Mr. Eleazer added that the Member Cities are, at a minimum, required to abide by the OJRSA's regulations, but Oconee County can make it more stringent at their own discretion.

Chairman Ramey stated that this is more important than is realized. Everyone sees the chart of growth for the past few years, and Oconee County is putting in \$37 million-worth of new infrastructure in the Fair Play area (which includes the \$12+ million going in right now as part of Sewer South Phase II). The OJRSA is going to see a lot of growth, and the sewer plant will have to be expanded.

Mr. Eleazer asked Mr. Ramey to agree that the OJRSA does not dictate growth in the county. Mr. Ramey replied that the OJRSA has nothing to do with the growth. The OJRSA will put sewer where it is directed.

**G) Upcoming Meetings:**

- 1. Operations & Planning Committee** – Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.
- 2. Finance & Administration Committee** – Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
- 3. Board of Commissioners** – Monday, February 5, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

**H) Adjourn** – Mr. Eleazer adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Approved By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Ramey, 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 December 1, 2023 to *Upstate Today*, *Anderson Independent-Mail*, *Westminster News*, *Keowee Courier*, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, City of Seneca Council, City of Walhalla Council, City of Westminster Council, Oconee County Council, SC DHEC, [www.ojrsa.org](http://www.ojrsa.org), and posted at the OJRSA Administration Building.



## **Annual Members' Meeting**

Seneca Light & Water Lake Keowee Water Treatment Plant  
630 Northampton Road, Seneca, South Carolina  
January 4, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

*The Annual Members' Meeting is held in accordance with Article IV Section 1 of the  
Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Bylaws*

### **Agenda**

- A. Call to Order** – OJRSA Board Chair
- B. Welcome Members and Guests** – OJRSA Board Chair
- C. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Commissioner Bob Faires
- D. Introduction of Attendees** – Led by OJRSA Board Chair
- E. State of the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority** – Chris Eleazer, Director
- F. Questions and Closing Comments** – OJRSA Board Chair and Chris Eleazer, Director
- G. Upcoming Meetings** *All meetings to be held in the Lamar Bailes Board Room unless noted otherwise.*
  - 1. Operations & Planning Committee – January 17, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.
  - 2. Finance & Administration Committee – January 23, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
  - 3. Board of Commissioners – February 5, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
- H. Adjourn**



## Annual Members' Meeting Sign-in Sheet

Date: 1/14/24 Time: 5pm Location: SL&W Treatment Plant

NAME (Print)	POSITION/TITLE	ORGANIZATION
<u>Don Mize</u>	<u>Dist 3 County Council</u>	
<u>Angie McAllen</u>	<u>VP</u>	<u>WK Dickson Co. Inc.</u>
<u>Norm Cannada</u>	<u>Reporter</u>	<u>The Journal</u>
<u>Steve McPhail</u>	<u>citizen</u>	<u>Oconee</u>
<u>John Hat</u>	<u>Oconee</u>	<u>county</u>
<u>LARRY C. BRANDT</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>OJRSA</u>
<u>Ron W. Case</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT</u>
<u>Quel Wal</u>	<u>Councilman</u>	<u>city of Seneca</u>
<u>Earl M. Rely</u>	<u>SENECA CITY COUNCIL</u>	
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>COUNCILMAN</u>	<u>City of Seneca</u>
<u>WC Honowitz Jr</u>	<u>City Council</u>	<u>City of Seneca</u>
<u>DANA G MOORE</u>	<u>CITY COUNCIL</u>	<u>CITY OF SENECA</u>
<u>DAN ALEXANDER</u>	<u>MAYOR</u>	<u>CITY OF SENECA</u>
<u>Denise Rozman</u>	<u>COUNCIL</u>	<u>Seneca</u>
<u>Lelesha Busin</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Seneca</u>
<u>Keith Pace</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Walhalla</u>
<u>Doby Snipes</u>	<u>Council Westminster</u>	<u>Westminster</u>
<u>JOSEPH THOMAS</u>	<u>CITY COUNCIL</u>	<u>Walhalla</u>
<u>Jimmy Powell</u>	<u>City Council</u>	<u>Westminster</u>
<u>TIM HAZZ</u>	<u>MAYOR</u>	<u>Walhalla</u>
<u>Sara Melender</u>	<u>Council</u>	<u>Walhalla</u>



# Annual Members' Meeting

January 4, 2024

Chris Eleazer, Executive Director



# OJRSA Board of Commissioners

**Seat 1 Seneca** *Bob Faires*



**Seat 2 Seneca** *Scott Moulder*

**Seat 3 Seneca** *Scott McLane*

**Seat 4 Seneca (at large)** *Marty McKee*

**Seat 5 Walhalla** *Celia Myers*



**Seat 6 Walhalla** *Scott Parris*

**Seat 7 Westminster** *Brian Ramey*



**Seat 8 Westminster** *Kevin Bronson*

**Seat 9 Walhalla/Westminster (at large)** *David Dial*

# Remembrances

**LAMAR BAILES** was one of five original appointees to the Oconee County Sewer Commission by South Carolina Governor John C. West, where he served as a representative of Walhalla during the first meeting of the Commission on January 2, 1973. In the decades since, Mr. Bailes served on the OJRSA and OCSC Board during four separate appointments totaling nearly 25 years.

The OJRSA Board Room was named in Mr. Bailes' honor upon his retirement as Commissioner in 2022 in recognition of his contributions to improving the quality of life for those in Oconee County.

Mr. Bailes passed away on July 13, 2023.



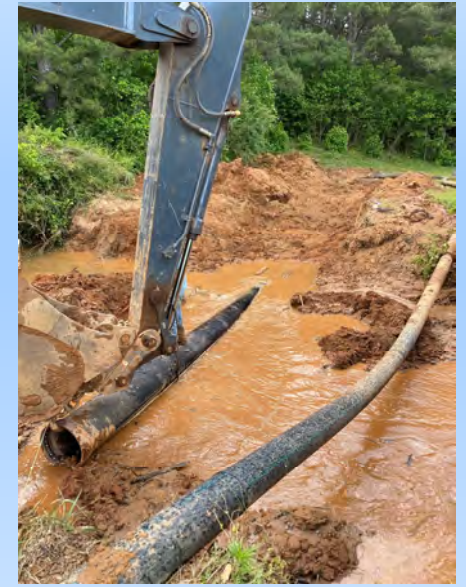
# A Few Photos



Cleaning grit and debris from 36-inch sewer along Coneross Creek



↑ PAA study ↓ Repair of Speeds Creek force main



↑ Replacing pipe beneath Miller Branch  
↓ Signing contract for Sewer South Phase II Construction



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# Compliance

## SAFETY

- Employees worked a total of 30,075 hours during 2023
- Lost-time accidents – 0
- OSHA violations – 0
- Hazardous chemical release drill



*Simulated hazardous chemical release conducted October 19, 2023*

# OJRSA

# Compliance (continued)

## CONVEYANCE SYSTEM

- 2021 CONSENT ORDER... More on this later
- Sanitary Sewer Overflows
  - 5 total spills totaling approximately 42,850 gallons
    - 1 Significant Spill (42,000 gallons)
    - 1 reportable to DHEC (by R.61-9 and NPDES Permit requirements)
    - 3 on Speeds Creek pump station force main



Repairing gravity sewer

# Compliance (continued)

## WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY

- DHEC inspection April 2023 – SATISFACTORY with no deficiencies noted
- Completed study to convert from chlorine gas/sodium bisulfate to peracetic acid for disinfection with goal of having this in new NPDES Permit to be issued later in 2024

OJRSA

# Compliance (continued)

## PRETREATMENT PROGRAM

- No DHEC or EPA inspection of OJRSA program in 2023 (has not been one in 11 years)
- 19 Significant Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit facilities on system
  - 14 facilities in full compliance
  - 3 Significant Non-Compliance (SNC) and 4 minor violations issued to 5 industries *[there were multiple violations at some sites]*
  - 1 Consent Order issued to permitted users
- 1 Nonsignificant Source Wastewater Discharge Permit issued in 2023
  - Continuing corrective action on a Consent Order issued in 2022
- Compliance assistance offered to FOG facilities

# Compliance (continued)

## LABORATORY

- DHEC inspection ... awaiting results
- Have outsourced some functions to independent lab

## STORMWATER

- No DHEC inspection
- Continue to make site improvements to comply with 2022 *NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities*

# DHEC Enforcement

## CONSENT ORDER (issued 2021 but still active)

- Cause of Order: SSOs in 2019-2020 and Unsatisfactory Collection System Inspection
  - Two non-Act of God, vandalism, or third party caused (61,500 gal)
    - *Violation of SC Code § 48-1-90(A)(1) and SC Code §48-1-95(D)(1)*
  - Four Acts of God caused (736,000 gal)
  - Flat Rock Pump Station – overflows, structural issues, and trash in wet well
  - Failure to enforce Sewer Use Regulation – I/I removal and fats, oils, and grease (FOG)
- Required to:
  - Perform capacity, management, operation, and maintenance (CMOM) assessment
  - Reduce inflow and infiltration (I/I)
  - Update and enforce Sewer Use Regulation on upstream systems and users
- Fined \$7,000 by DHEC

# DHEC Enforcement (continued)

**CONSENT ORDER** (issued 2021 but still active)

## Significant progress made on requirements in 2023

- Completed approximately 30,000 linear feet of pipe cleaning and inspection
- Completed ±120 NASCCO Level One manhole inspections
- Smoke tested 3,300 linear feet of gravity sewer
- Begin making in-house repairs on Choestoea gravity sewer south of Westminster
- Completed CMOM and submitted to DHEC
- Began repairing defects identified during 2021 CCTV/inspection
- Worked with WK Dickson to begin design for pipeline defects as identified during FY 2023
- Completed substantial revision to Sewer Use Regulation
- Completed design for Seneca Creek PS/FM and Flat Rock PS replacements
- Rates were addressed to increase funds for O&M and/or capital needs



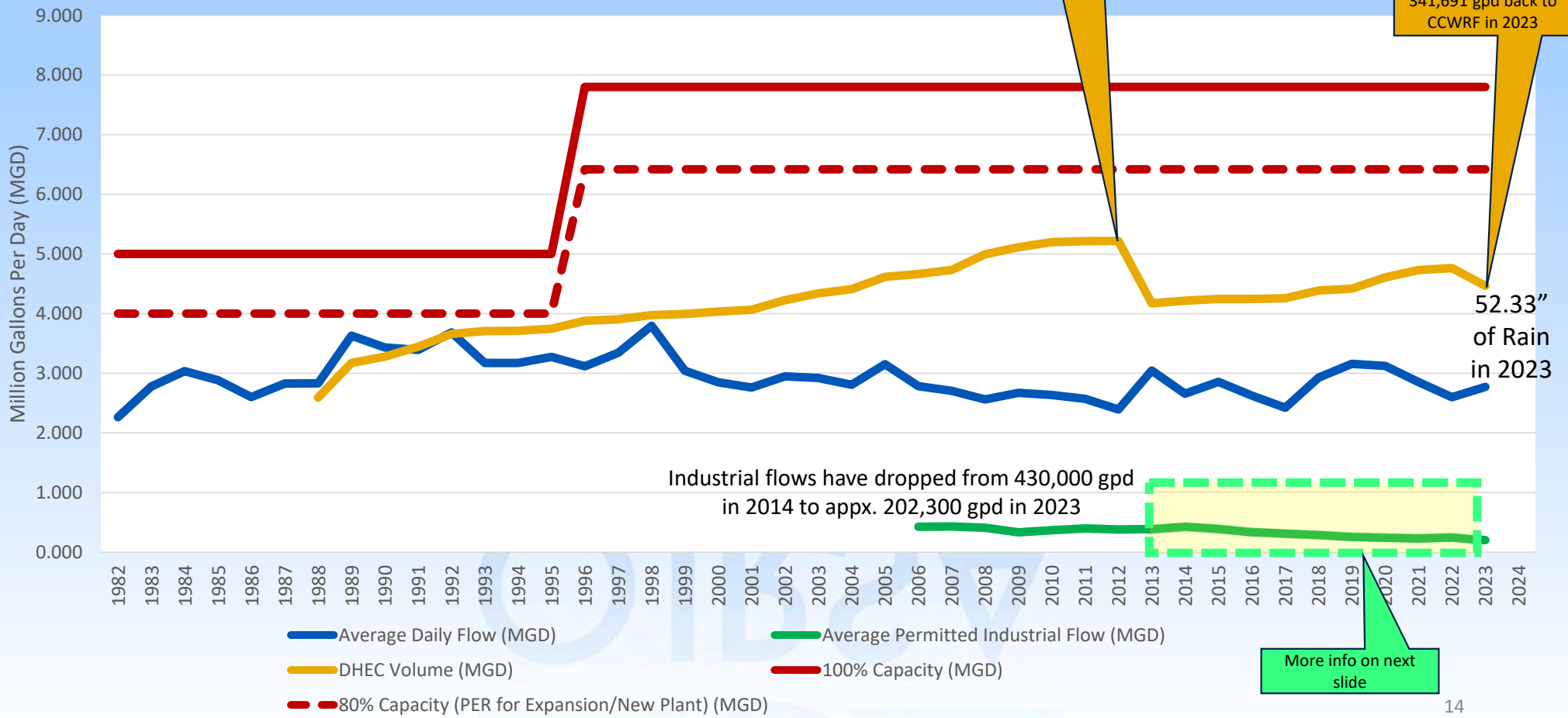
# DHEC Enforcement (continued)

**CONSENT ORDER** (issued 2021 but still active)

## Anticipated projects for 2024

- Complete design for rehabilitation for up to 29,000 linear feet of pipe and perform as much of the work as possible using SCIP grant funds
- Construction to begin/end for Flat Rock Pump Station replacement
- Budget for next phase of CCTV/clean/inspection based on CMOM
- Establish regular progress meetings with cities to address I/I on their systems
- Possibly begin replacement of Seneca Creek force main

# Flows



DHEC allocated 1,136,020 gpd back to CCWRF in 2012

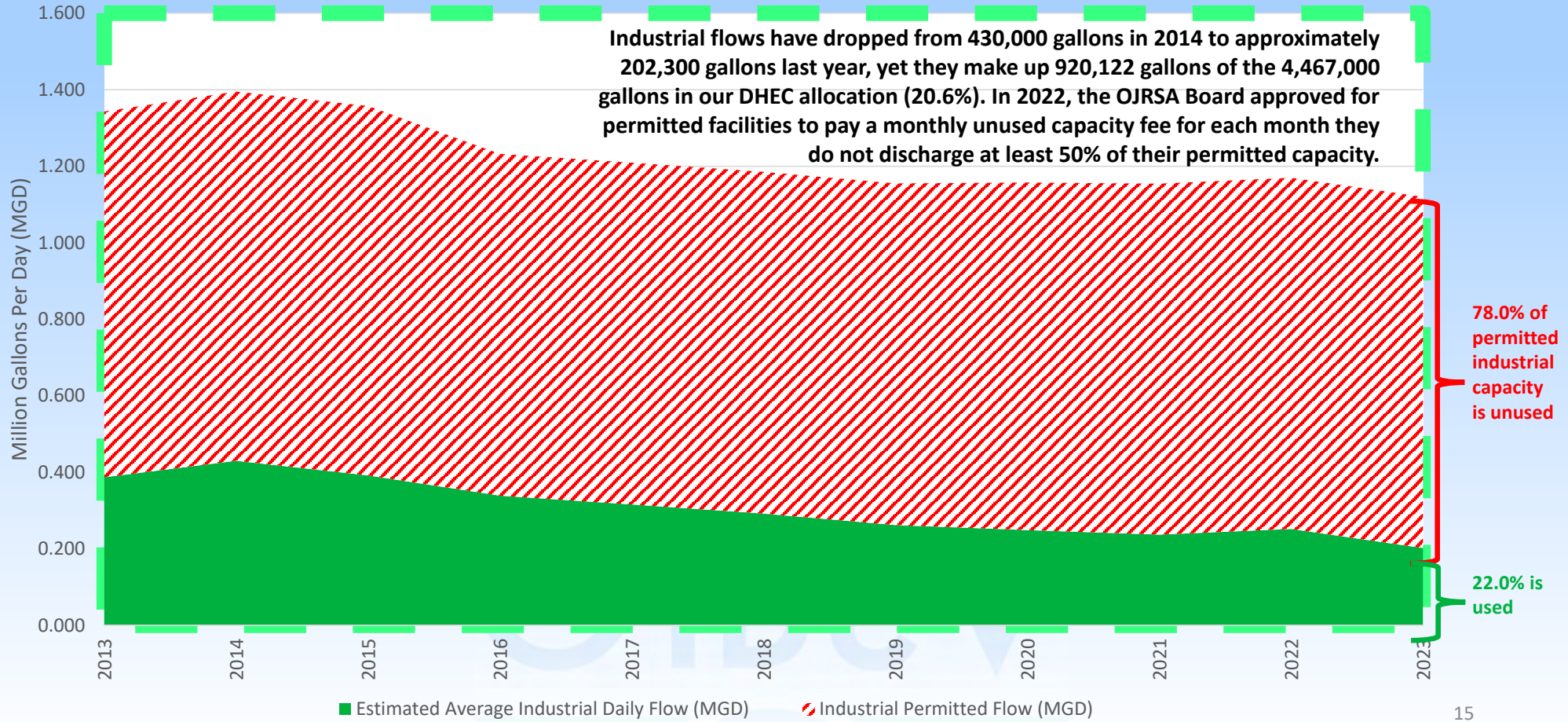
DHEC allocated 341,691 gpd back to CCWRF in 2023

52.33" of Rain in 2023

Industrial flows have dropped from 430,000 gpd in 2014 to appx. 202,300 gpd in 2023

More info on next slide

# Flows (Industry Focused)



# Financial Information

- FY 2023 audit findings: Clean audit with unmodified opinion
- All information below available at [www.ojrsa.org/info](http://www.ojrsa.org/info)
  - **Financial Reports** – Included monthly with Finance & Administration Committee meeting minutes (or Board meeting minutes for months the F&A Committee does not meet)
  - **Annual budgets**
  - **Audits**

# User Rates

- Board approved use of base + volumetric rate for sewer (charge per 1,000 gallons), became effective July 1, 2023

**O&P COMMITTEE to BOARD 10/19/2022: RESIDENTIAL BASE + VOLUME, NONRESIDENTIAL BASE + VOLUME; MASTER METERS BILLED AS NONRESIDENTIAL**  
**F&A Worksheet: November 21, 2022**

Average TOTAL sewer gallons billed by cities FY 2022	56,457,682	<b>OIRSA Revenue/Year from Cities</b>	<b>\$5,077,763</b>	<b>DATA COLLECTED FROM CITIES WEEK OF JUNE 20, 2022</b>
RESIDENTIAL sewer gallons billed by cities FY 2022	30,446,358	Includes Contingency % of	0.00%	# Residential Customers
Nonresidential sewer gallons billed by cities FY 2022	26,011,324	Months/Year	12	# Commercial Customers
		Revenue Needed/Month	\$423,147	# Industrial Customers
		% Collected from Residential	53.93%	# Institutional Customers
		% Collected from Nonresidential (w master)	46.07%	TOTAL NON-RES CUST
				TOTAL CUST

**Residential User Rates**

Residential Volume/Month	30,446,358 gallons	= Residential sewer gallons billed by cities
Res 1,000 GAL/MONTH	30,446 x 1,000 gallons	= Residential Volume/Month / 1,000 gallons
Revenue Needed/Month for Residential	\$228,193.61	= Revenue/Month x % Collected from Residential
Base Residential Rate/Month	<b>\$10.00 /month</b>	= As set by OIRSA
Residential Total Fees Collected from Base Rate	\$79,380.00	= Base Residential Rate/Month x # Residential Customers
Residential Volumetric Cost/1,000 GAL	<b>\$4.89 /1,000 gallons</b>	= (Revenue Needed/Month for Residential - Residential Total Fees Collected from Base Rate) / Res 1,000 GAL/MONTH
Amount Revenue Generated from Residential Volumetric	\$148,882.69	= Res 1,000 GAL/MONTH x Residential Volumetric Cost/1,000 GAL

**Nonresidential User Rates**

Nonresidential Volume/Month	26,011,324 gallons	= Nonresidential sewer gallons billed by cities
Non-Res 1,000 GAL/MONTH	26,011 x 1,000 gallons	= Nonresidential Volume/Month / 1,000 gallons
Revenue Needed/Month for Nonresidential	\$194,953.30	= Revenue/Month x % Collected from Nonresidential
Base Nonresidential Rate/Month	<b>\$15.00 /month</b>	= As set by OIRSA
Nonresidential Total Fees Collected from Base Rate	\$16,410.00	= Base Nonresidential Rate/Month x TOTAL NON-RES CUST
Nonresidential Volumetric Cost/1,000 GAL	<b>\$6.87 /1,000 gallons</b>	= (Revenue Needed/Month for Nonresidential - Nonresidential Total Fees Collected from Base Rate) / Non-Res 1,000 GAL/MONTH
Amount Revenue Generated from Nonresidential Volumetric	\$178,697.80	= Non-Res 1,000 GAL/MONTH x Nonresidential Volumetric Cost/1,000 GAL

**TEST**

Revenue Needed/Month	\$423,147	= Revenue/Month
TOTAL RESIDENTIAL REVENUE RECEIVED/MONTH	\$228,263	= Residential Total Fees Collected from Base Rate + (Res 1,000 GAL/MONTH x Residential Volumetric Cost/1,000 GAL)
TOTAL NONRESIDENTIAL REVENUE RECEIVED/MONTH	\$195,108	= Nonresidential Total Fees Collected from Base Rate + (Non-Res 1,000 GAL/MONTH x Nonresidential Volumetric Cost/1,000 GAL)
TOTAL REVENUE/MONTH	\$423,370	= TOTAL RESIDENTIAL REVENUE RECEIVED/MONTH + TOTAL NONRESIDENTIAL REVENUE RECEIVED/MONTH
TEST -- Balance Must Be ≤ \$0	-\$223.58	= Revenue Needed/Month - TOTAL REVENUE/MONTH

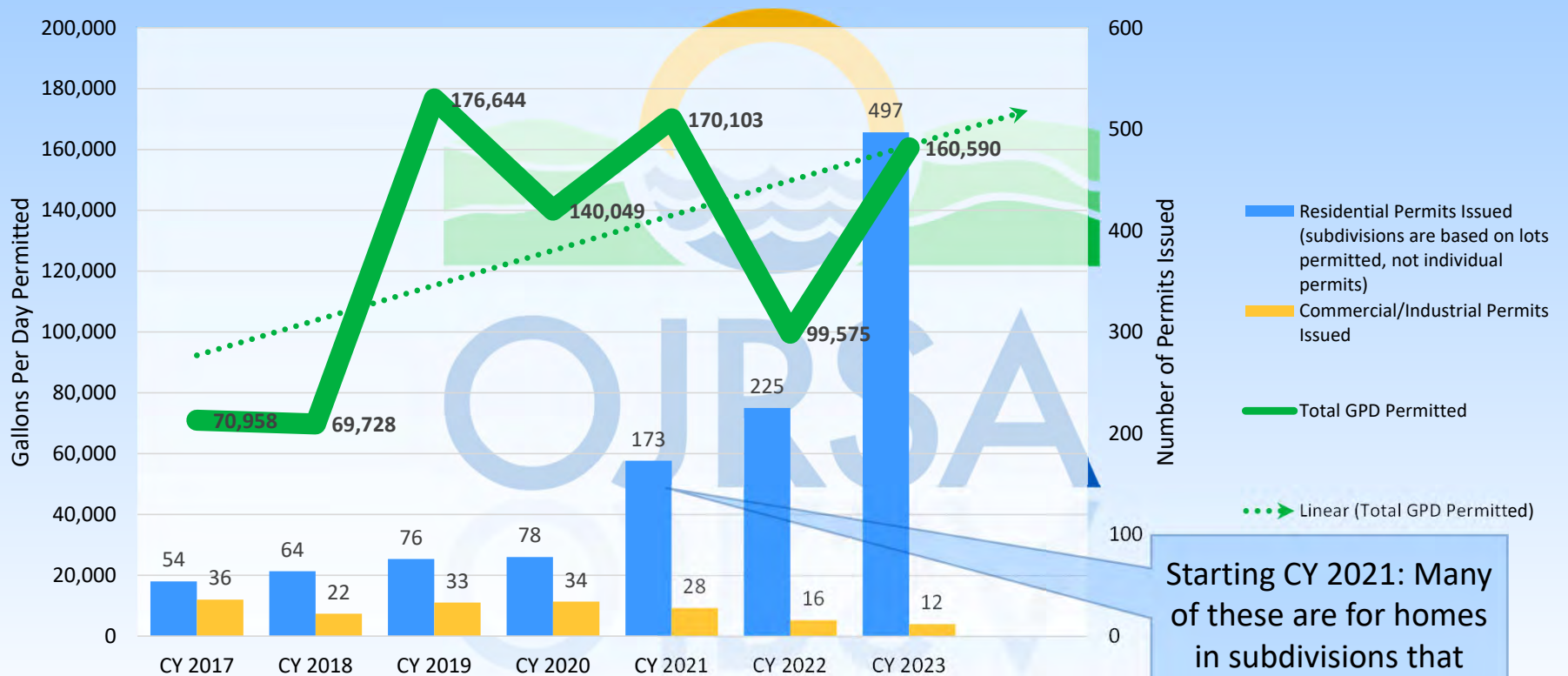
  

**Residential Base + Volume, Nonresidential Base + Volume; Master Meters Billed as Nonresidential**

	Gallons of Wastewater Billed Per Month											
	0	1,000	2,000	3,000	4,000	5,000	10,000	15,000	20,000	25,000	30,000	50,000
<b>Residential</b>	\$10.00	\$14.89	\$19.78	\$24.67	\$29.56	\$34.45	\$58.90	\$83.35	\$107.80	\$132.25	\$156.70	\$254.50
<b>Nonresidential</b>	\$15.00	\$21.87	\$28.74	\$35.61	\$42.48	\$49.35	\$83.70	\$118.05	\$152.40	\$186.75	\$221.10	\$358.50

# Growth

## Flow Permitted and Types of Permits Issued by Year



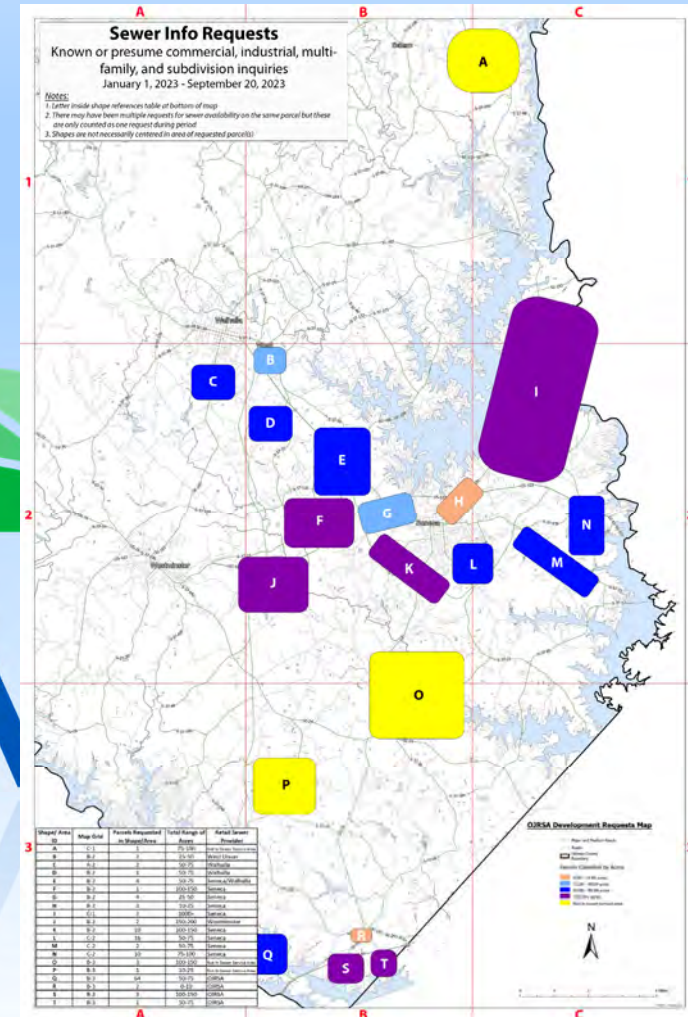
Starting CY 2021: Many of these are for homes in subdivisions that have not been built yet

# Growth (continued)

## REQUESTS FOR SEWER AVAILABILITY TO SPECIFIC PARCELS DURING 2023...

- 203 inquiries answered by OJRSA Executive Director (some may be to the same parcel)
- Requests per general area of sewer provider
  - Seneca – 103
  - OJRSA (all in Fair Play area) – 73\*
  - Walhalla – 9
  - Westminster – 7
  - West Union – 1
  - Anderson County – 1
  - Undefined Service Area – 9 (e.g., Tokeena Crossroads, Salem, etc.)

\* 60+ of these are for one subdivision



# Growth (continued)

## IMPACT FEES

- OJRSA Board approved increase of \$4 per gallon to OJRSA sewer impact fees, which now makes the fee \$15.25 per gallon of sewer capacity
- Study performed during summer by engineer recommended \$24.50 per gallon
- Ultimate decision that policymakers must ask is ... who do we want to pay for growth ...
  - Those causing the growth (builders/developers/new homeowners)
  - The "ancestral user" that may have paid impact fees already and now pays monthly user fees
  - A combination of each (and what should that percentage be?)



# Regional Feasibility Study

This project consists of the development of a comprehensive feasibility study to determine if regionalizing sewer collection, conveyance, and treatment in Oconee County, South Carolina and a portion of Anderson County\* will streamline service delivery and enhance the success of the community and its quality of life.



# OJRSA

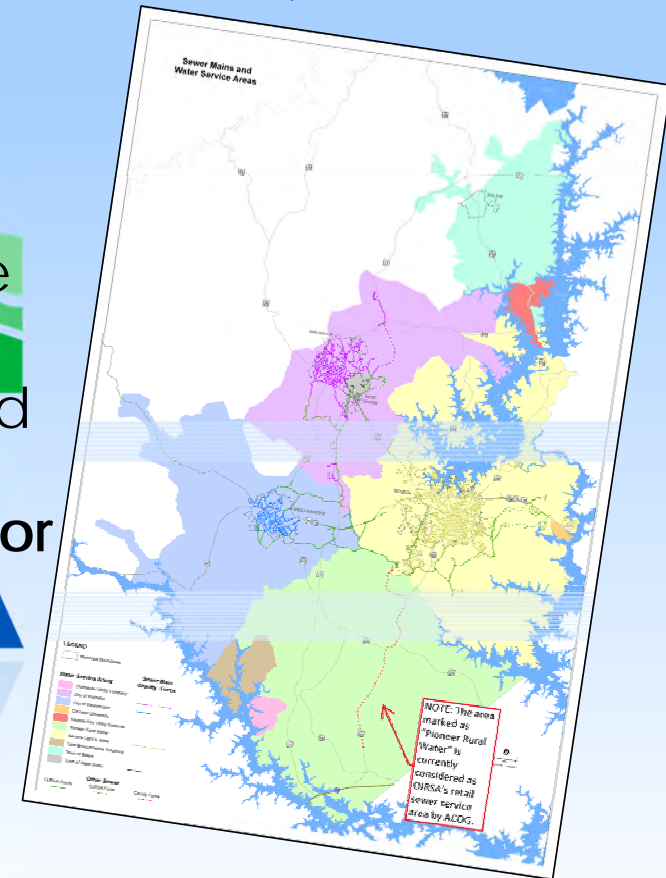
\* Area west of Seneca River portion of Lake Hartwell to Exit 4/Oconee County line

# Regional Feasibility Study (continued)

## EVALUATES:

- Governance structure
- Revenues and finance
- Environmental compliance
- Utility Resources
- Efficiency in operations and service

Develops recommendations for organizational structure(s)



OJRSA Regional Feasibility Planning Grant Application  
Project Narrative

**Background**  
The Commission of the State of South Carolina, created by Chapter 1000, Section 10-10-10 of the Code of Laws of the State of South Carolina, was formed for the purpose of determining the feasibility for a modern, consolidated wastewater treatment facility. The Commission determined there was a means and method to provide service to improve the environmental and economic climate in District County.

Thereafter, and in the aftermath of the Home Rule amendments to the South Carolina Constitution, 1975, as amended, District County held its "going into the business" sewer referendum and the County, by ordinance No. 78-2 dated February 23, 1978, created the District County Sewer Commission (DCSC), establishing a sewer utility in the County and operating the new District County Sewer Commission (DCSC) in the town of West Union, located southwest of Seneca.

On June 4, 1980, the DCSC began receiving flow at its pump stations and the Conover WRF. Prior to becoming operational, DCSC entered into service agreement with the Cities of Seneca, Walhalla, and Westminster. Collectively referred to herein as "Member Cities" or "Cities" as well as the town of West Union, under such service agreement as WRF. This case record is for the WRF.

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Columbia, SC 29203  
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Regional Feasibility Planning Grant Application  
Grant Applicant: Conover Joint Regional Sewer Authority Date Submitted: 09/19/2022  
Project Title: Reorganization Study for Conover Joint Regional Sewer Authority

APPLICATION SUBMISSION PAGE

Application: See Grant Application Instructions (attached)

Application Form, including Certifications (with original agreement)   
Narrative

Attachments (complete in the following order):

1. Maps	Applicant	Additional Participants
• Service area, including census tracts, of each participating system	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Regulatory Compliance Documentation:		
• OIR/C Sanitary Surveys or Compliance Evaluator Inspections	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Notice of Violation or Consent Order	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Corrective Action Plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Financial Documentation:		
• Residential customer user rates	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Operating budget for current year	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Actual Revenues/Expenses for last 2 years	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Capital Improvement Plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Letters of Support:		
• A letter of support from each additional participating entity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Funding commitments for all non-RIA funds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Certification**

As the Chief Executive Officer for the applicant, I certify that the information submitted in this request and the attachments are complete and correct and that the applicant has authorized the submission of this grant application for RIA Rural Infrastructure Authority funding to assist in carrying out the project described herein in conformance with the requirements outlined and contained in this application and agree to abide by the program requirements as well as any future grant agreements. The applicant certifies that it has complied with state law with regard to the submission and contents of the application and has disclosed any conflicts of interest with regard to the project.

*[Signature]* 09/19/2022  
Representative of Chief Executive Officer (Signed or Administrative) Date

Submit original application documents and attachments and either:  
(A) 3 hard copies of the application and attachments, or  
(B) 3 hard copies and a PDF version of the application and attachments. PDF may be created in Quark or Adobe.  
Application must be received by 1:00 pm on the day that the application is due. No payments will be required.  
(due date) None 1 - September 13, 2022  
None 2 - March 14, 2022

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# Regional Feasibility Study (continued)

## ORGANIZATIONS AND TERRITORIES INCLUDED IN STUDY

- OJRSA
- City of Seneca
- City of Walhalla
- City of Westminster
- Town of West Union
- Oconee County
- Pioneer Rural Water District
- Town of Salem
- Anderson County



*Tentative schedule (subject to change as necessary)*

# Regional Feasibility Study (continued)



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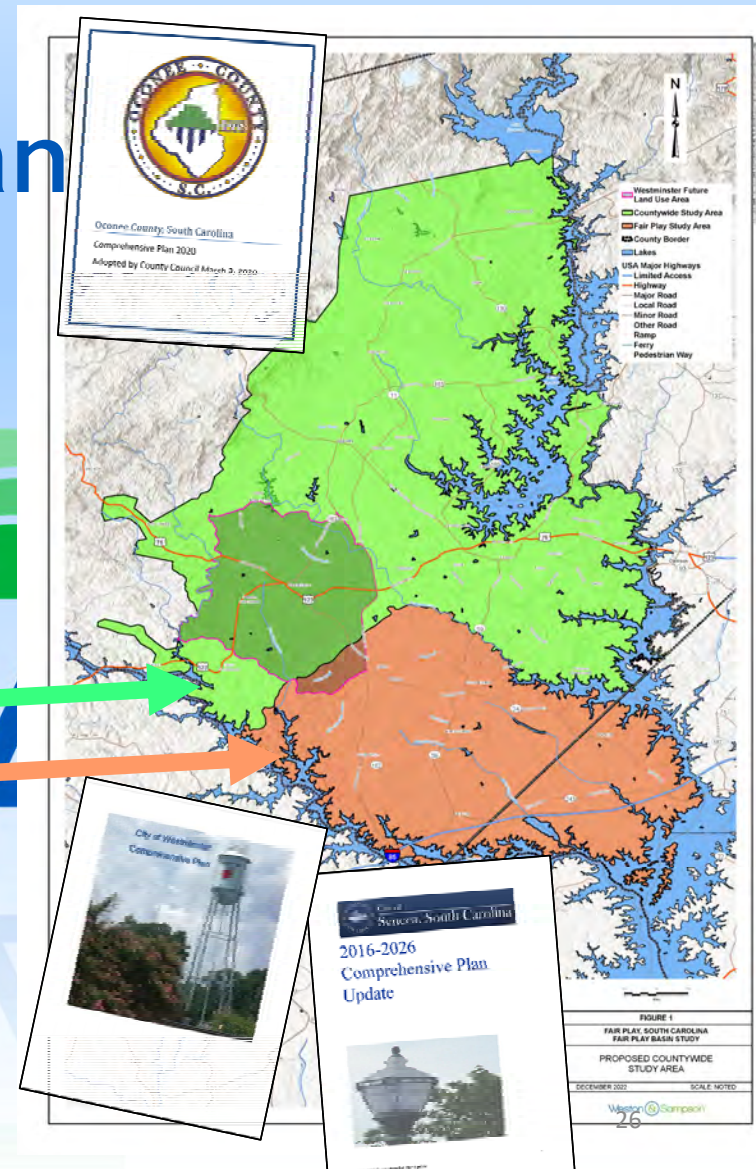
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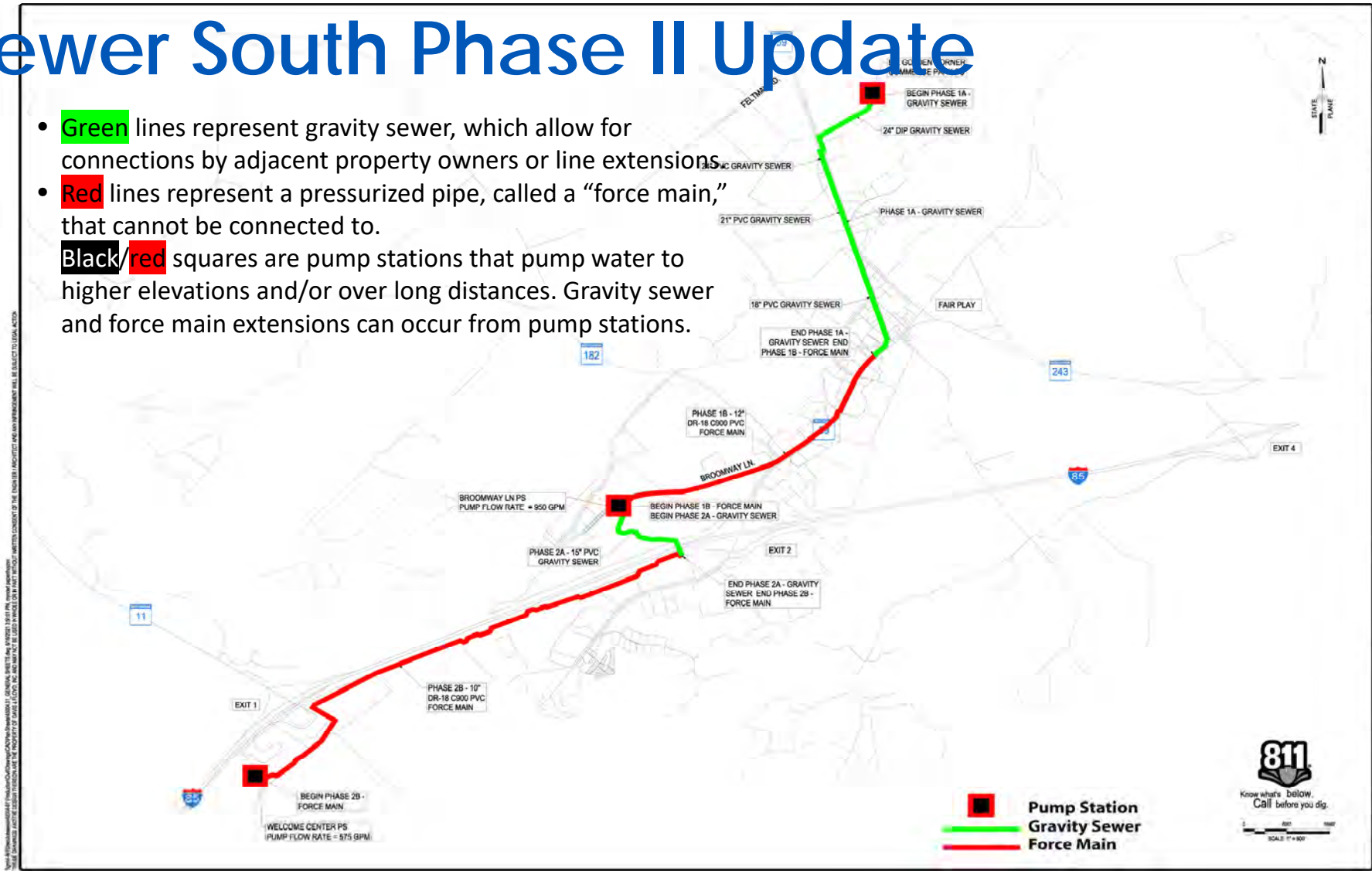
# County Sewer Master Plan

- OJRSA, cities, and county aware that growth will continue
  - Where will it happen?
  - Where won't it happen?
  - Where do you not want it to happen?
- Study currently underway in area shaded **green**
- Study for **orange** area complete and report available at [www.ojrta.org/resources](http://www.ojrta.org/resources)



# Sewer South Phase II Update

- **Green** lines represent gravity sewer, which allow for connections by adjacent property owners or line extensions.
  - **Red** lines represent a pressurized pipe, called a “force main,” that cannot be connected to.
- Black/red** squares are pump stations that pump water to higher elevations and/or over long distances. Gravity sewer and force main extensions can occur from pump stations.



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 EXPANSION

OVERALL SEWER SYSTEM MAP  
 EXHIBIT

DATE	NOV 11 2014
SCALE	1" = 100'
PROJECT NO.	183-183
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# Sewer South Phase II Update (continued)





# Southern Oconee County Sewer

1. A lot of discussion about the \$25 million bond issue by Oconee County
2. The plan that has been discussed by Oconee County Council is based on this sheet of paper
3. The OJRSA is working with Oconee County and its consultant to design sewer to a parcel near Exit 4, which will connect to the system that is being constructed
4. Other than Item 3 above, the OJRSA is not aware of any other design for I-85 in Oconee or Anderson counties

## PROPOSED BUILDOUT FOR I-85 CORRIDOR

Information compiled by Chris Eleazer, OJRSA Executive Director, in January 2023. Estimated project prices were determined by Eleazer and cross-checked and modified by Jason Gillespie, PE, Weston & Sampson Senior Project Engineer, in March 2023.

### IMPORTANT NOTES

- **THIS IS TO BUILD THE TRUNK SEWER SYSTEM NEEDED TO SERVE THE BULK OF THESE PROPERTIES.** It may be necessary to install gravity extensions to serve additional large parcels, which could greatly influence costs.
- All costs included are in March 2023 dollars.
- Costs include construction, engineering, easement acquisition, and other costs.
- Information was utilized from the Weston & Sampson 2022-2023 sewer basin study that looked at the likely 20 year needs for Oconee and Anderson counties.
- This assumes Sewer South Phase II is built as designed.

### 2023 THROUGH 2029 POSSIBLE BUILDOUT

#### Exits 2 and "3" (Durham Road)

Estimated cost \$5,500,000 - \$6,500,000 *[increased from Eleazer's January estimate by \$0.5 million for both low and high estimated cost range]*

- Gravity sewer along Lakeshore Drive near Hideaway Bar to southwest down to county park at lake. Pump back up to Phase II gravity sewer at Exit 2 going under interstate.
- Gravity sewer around Exit 2 in order to serve all four quadrants of interchange.
- Would still have gravity for "Exit 3" (Durham Road) that flows from SOUTHWEST CORNER of Exit 3 along lowland (creek?) that adjoins several large parcels near Tugaloo Heights Cir. May see what would need to be done to get Carolina Landing Campground to connect their WWTP to this gravity sewer. Will need a pump station somewhere near lake to get flow from Hyde Cove Dr over to a new pump station at county park at west end of Lakeshore Drive.

#### Exit 4 (Serves both Oconee and Anderson counties)

Estimated cost - \$4,500,000 - \$5,500,000 *[increased by \$0.5 million for low and high estimated cost range]*  
(cumulative... \$10 million to \$12 million)

- Gravity sewer from southern side of 65 acre parcel along E Fairplay Blvd that will also connect adjacent properties, including Spire parcels. Gravity beneath I-85 towards Shore Drive via draw in land (creek???) to pump station in area near lake. This will pump back across interstate to center of Fair Play to gravity sewer on Doctors Road, which will connect with Phase II gravity sewer at SC 59 intersection.
- Gravity on Durham Road (southern end). Possible to pump Carolina Landing up to this line and cross country via gravity to pump station near Shore Drive mentioned above.
- May also be able to have gravity sewer from SOUTHWEST QUADRANT of Exit 4 to come cross-country to Shore Drive pump station.

#### Exit 1 (SC 11)

Estimated cost: \$2,000,000 - \$4,000,000 *[remained the same as previous estimate]* (cumulative... \$12 million to \$16 million)

- Install pump station on north side of interstate and pump across to Welcome Center PS.
- Install gravity on northern side of interchange to serve commercial (and existing residential?) users.

# OJRSA Requests for Satellite Systems

- When cleaning lines, do not push debris into OJRSA lines. Remove it using baskets, vac truck, or other such methods as part of cleaning process.
- Continue participation in Regional Feasibility Study and Central Oconee Sewer Basin Study
- Actively participate in regularly scheduled I/I remediation progress meetings (to begin late January/early February)
- Continue finding I&I and make necessary repairs
- Ordinance enforcement
  - Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG)
  - Non-woven "flushable" wipes
  - If assistance is needed, contact Allison McCullough, OJRSA Regulatory Services Coordinator, at 864-972-3900 x. 4 or [allison.mccullough@ojrsa.org](mailto:allison.mccullough@ojrsa.org)



*Grease build up on an OJRSA line that was "jetted" from a Member City line into the trunk sewer (October 2023)*

# Schedule a Tour!



The Coneross Creek Water Reclamation Facility provides an essential service that powers our community's economic engines and improves our quality of life!

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# Questions, Comments, and Closing



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**SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE  
PIEDMONT MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY**

Piedmont Municipal Power Agency (PMPA) announces that the litigation among its participants concerning cost allocation has been settled. The litigation dates to 2019 and stemmed from a disagreement about the allocation of cost among the participants of PMPA's ownership and operation of the Catawba Nuclear Station Unit 2 located in York County.

Defendants in the case, Greer Commission of Public Works and the City of Rock Hill, asserted they were paying more of the cost of Catawba than they were contractually required. PMPA and the other participants disagreed. After several mediation attempts and a Summary Judgement hearing that provided no resolution, the participants agreed that settling this disagreement and moving on to address larger issues of electric power supply was more important than waiting for a trial.

The settlement consists of Greer CPW and City of Rock Hill receiving a combined cash payment of \$55 million, with all disputes and cost allocation claims being dismissed, and the current All Requirements wholesale power rate structure remaining in place through 2028. The \$55 million will be paid using a combination of PMPA working capital and debt financing. Debt service on the settlement financing will be paid by all other participants of PMPA excluding Greer CPW and the City of Rock Hill.

PMPA Board Chairman Blake Stone, who represents the City of Abbeville, offered the following statement "This settlement allows PMPA to move forward in its mission of providing wholesale power supply and other power supply related services to its participants. Electric utilities in our area are facing the challenges of providing reliable, affordable, low carbon energy to their growing customer base. With this litigation now behind us, PMPA can begin the important work of securing our energy future utilizing PMPA's Catawba Nuclear asset."

PMPA was created by its ten member utilities and provides wholesale electric services for those communities. Through its member utilities, the agency services over 100,000 electric customers in the upstate of South Carolina.

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