



ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
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WESTMINSTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Upcoming Water Repair on Long Creek Highway – Please Take Note -

The Long Creek Highway water leak repair originally scheduled for Monday, February 19, has been *postponed* to an undecided later date. The Utilities Department will coordinate with impacted customers and community members (including the school district) when they have identified a new date.

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. 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

Last 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/>

Roadway Revitalization (Street Repaving) Project 2024

This week, an *Advertisement for Bids* was published on the city's website and the South Carolina Business Opportunities website for the street repaving project for 2024. Description of the work to be done:

Improvement of public roadways consisting of 14,880 sq. yards of asphalt paving, 875 sq. yards milling, 380 sq. yards subgrade repair, associated grading, striping, and 96 LF of new storm drainage piping. All in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Rosier Group, dated September 21, 2021, Revised February 1, 2024.

Bids are due at 2:00 pm Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at City Hall. There will be a pre-bid conference at 2:00 pm on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 2:00 pm, also at City Hall.

The link to the advertisement is located here: [ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS \(westminstersc.org\)](https://westminstersc.org/ADVERTISEMENT-FOR-BIDS)

Sewer Safety and Sewer Overflow Response Plans Updated

City staff updated the City's Sanitary Sewer Safety and Overflow Response Plans. Copies are attached.

This Week in Rec: An Update from Recreation Director Herb Poole

- County Basketball Tournament Results:
 - 8U Girls Basketball and 8U Boys Basketball won their County Tournaments
 - 10U Girls Basketball and 17U Boys were runners-up.

- Sign-ups are open for the upcoming 2024 Spring Baseball, T-ball, and Softball seasons until February 23. Friday is the final day to sign up.
- In-person registration for Spring Sports is Tuesday to Friday at the Recreation Department. In person registrants must pay at City Hall after their registration. Participants in need of spring sports equipment may reach out to the Recreation Department for assistance on an as-needed basis.
- Volleyball will begin practicing next week, with games beginning in early March.

On the horizon:

- The County Basketball All-star 8U Boys Tournament will be hosted by the City of Westminster on February 23-24.
- The State Championship 8U Boys Basketball Tournament will be hosted by the City of Westminster on March 1-3.
- Baseball and Tee-ball games will begin in Mid-March.

Oconee Economic Alliance (OEA)

This week, the OEA held its annual meeting at Keowee Keys. OEA President and CEO Jamie Gilbert provided his annual updates and John Lumas, President and CEO of Upstate SC Alliance provided the keynote. Also at the meeting, Senator Thomas Alexander was given the 2024 Dave Eldridge Service Award for public service. Attached is the OEA Annual Report, Jamie Gilbert's presentation and a copy of *South Carolina Living* highlighting Senator Alexander's public service.

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 laying 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 Laying pipe north on Dr. Johns Rd toward Campbell.
- Pipe continues to be laid along Dr. John's Road toward Tabor Road.
- Water has been brought into the line from US123 to Dales Drive. This section will be pressure tested next week, then bacteriological sampling will begin.

Payne, McGinn, and Cummins is responsible for 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 passed. Both sections have passed bacteriological samples and are awaiting DHEC approval to place into service. This did not come this week. We are hopeful that we will obtain approval to operate next week, and service connections can begin.
- Flooding of the lines on Welcome church Rd that have been installed so far should come in the next 2 weeks. They are trying to connect a few areas that they skipped due to rock.

Westminster Planning Commission

Nothing to report.

OJRSA

The Board will met on Monday, February 5, the draft minutes are attached. The Operations & Planning Committee met, Wednesday, February 14, 2024, the draft minutes are attached.

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

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

Details about these meetings can be found at the link below

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/3a76a7b97acf4e1e8b927aa4b8fe8619>.

PMPA

Nothing to report.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

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

February 26, 2024 at 6:00 pm Planning Commission at City Hall – *new date*

March 4, 2024 at 4:00 pm OJRSA Board at OJRSA

March 13, 2024, 2024 at 8:30 am Operations & Planning Committee at OJRSA

March 19, 2024 at 4:00 pm City Council Budget Workshop No. 2 at Westminster Fire Department

March 19, 2024 at 6:00 pm City Council Meeting at Westminster Fire Department

March 26, 2024 at 9:00 am OJRSA Finance & Administration Committee at OJRSA

March 27, 2024 at 10:00 am PMPA Board Meeting at PMPA

City Council Meeting Schedule

January 9, 2024	6:00 PM	July 9, 2024	6:00 PM
February 13, 2024	6:00 PM	August 13, 2024	6:00 PM
March 19, 2024	6:00 PM	September 10, 2024	6:00 PM
April 9, 2024	6:00 PM	October 8, 2024	6:00 PM
May 14, 2024	6:00 PM	November 12, 2024	6:00 PM
June 11, 2024	6:00 PM	December 10, 2024	6:00 PM

Special Events Calendar

February 22, 2024 at 1:00 pm Ribbon Cutting – KellerWilliams, 124 E Main St., Westminster

March 9, 2024 Tree Giveaway sponsored by TreesUpstate at City Hall
(see attached flyer)

March 9, 2024 Westminster Lazy Daisy Garden Club Community Rummage Sale, Westminster Depot
(Starts at 8:00 am, Hot dogs for sale at 11:00 am)

March 16, 2024 Westminster Birthday Celebration, Westminster Depot
(Starts at 2:00pm, drop in with cake)

April 20, 2024 Westminster Music Centre presents - Music on Main
(more details to come)

May 18, 2024 Westminster Music Centre presents – Music on Main
(more details to come)

October 11-12, 2024 South Carolina Bigfoot Festival – downtown Westminster
(more details to come)



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**City of
Westminster:
Sanitary Sewer Safety Plan**

**City of Westminster Utility Department
528 S Bibb Street
Westminster, SC 29693**

Updated February 2024

City of Westminster Sewer Crew Safety Manual

Draft Updated February 9, 2024

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1. Introduction

Welcome to the City of Westminster Sewer Crew Safety Manual. This manual has been created to ensure the safety of all employees working within the sewer system. Sewer work can be hazardous, and it is crucial to follow safety protocols to prevent accidents and injuries. This manual provides guidelines, procedures, and best practices to maintain a safe working environment for all sewer crew members. This plan was drafted approved by the City Administrator's Office in conjunction with the Utility Department, and should be reviewed and updated regularly.

2. General Safety Guidelines

- All sewer crew members must attend monthly safety meetings and shall not be regularly absent from safety meetings.
- Report any unsafe conditions or hazards immediately to the supervisor.
- Follow all safety procedures outlined in this manual and adhere to relevant and most recent regulations and standards.
- Use caution when working near moving equipment or traffic.
- Never work alone in confined spaces; always have a buddy system in place.
- Take regular breaks and stay hydrated, especially during hot weather.
- Avoid rushing tasks; prioritize safety over speed.
- Keep work areas clean and free of clutter to prevent slips, trips, and falls.

3. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Always wear appropriate PPE, including hard hats, high-visibility clothing, eyewear, gloves, and steel-toed boots.
- Inspect PPE regularly for damage and notify supervisor to replace as necessary.
- Use hearing protection when operating loud equipment, such as jackhammers or pumps.

4. Hazard Communication

- All hazardous substances must be properly labeled, and Safety Data Sheets (SDS) should be readily available.
- Employees should be trained in the hazards associated with chemicals they may encounter and understand proper handling procedures.
- Use caution when handling chemicals and follow recommended safety protocols.
- Report any chemical spills or leaks immediately and follow cleanup procedures.

5. Emergency Procedures

- Familiarize yourself with emergency exits and evacuation routes.
- In the event of a fire, follow evacuation procedures and do not re-enter the area until it is declared safe. Defer to firefighter personnel in active fire situations.
- If someone is injured, administer first aid if trained to do so and seek medical assistance promptly.
- Know the location of emergency equipment such as fire extinguishers, first aid kits, and other applicable safety equipment.

6. Equipment Safety

- Inspect equipment before each use to ensure it is in good working condition.
- Follow manufacturer guidelines for equipment operation and maintenance.
- Use caution when operating heavy machinery and follow safe operating procedures.
- Do not attempt to repair or modify equipment unless authorized to do so.

7. Chemical Safety

- Store chemicals in designated areas away from heat sources and incompatible materials.
- Use appropriate containment measures to prevent spills and leaks.
- Wear appropriate PPE when handling chemicals and follow proper handling procedures.
- Dispose of chemical waste properly and according to regulations.

8. Confined Space Entry

- Obtain proper authorization before entering confined spaces.
- Ventilate confined spaces before entry to remove hazardous gases or fumes if needed.
- Use a confined space entry permit system and follow all entry procedures.
- Have a rescue plan in place and never enter a confined space alone.

9. Conclusion

The safety of our sewer crew members is of utmost importance to the City of Westminster. By following the guidelines outlined in this safety manual and staying vigilant while on the job, we can minimize accidents and injuries. Remember, safety is everyone's responsibility. If you have any questions or concerns about safety procedures, don't hesitate to speak with your supervisor. Together, we can create a safer work environment for all.

Revised February 2024



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**City of Westminster:
Sanitary Sewer
Overflow Response Plan**

**City of Westminster Utility Department
528 S Bibb Street
Westminster, SC 29693**

Updated February 2024

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SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Response Plan is to minimize the impact of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) to the public and the environment. All sanitary sewer overflows will be responded to in a timely manner to expedite the necessary steps to relieve the overflow. Relieving the sewage blockage and spill containment will be our highest priority, taking into consideration public health concerns. This response plan will be the guideline for the standard operating procedures in the event of a sanitary sewer overflow. The response plan will be reviewed periodically by the Utility Director, or their designee, to ensure that all corrective measures are being taken.

This plan was drafted approved by the City Administrator's Office in conjunction with the Utility Department.

SECTION 2: SPILL RESPONSE

When the Supervisor is notified of a potential Sanitary Sewer Overflow during working hours, they will notify the Sewer Supervisor or Utility Director. After hours, the First Response Maintenance Workers will notify the On-Call Supervisor of a potential sanitary sewer overflow, the supervisor will notify all other staff members from the department to assist in the spill response.

2.1 The crew will respond to the site of the complaint with the proper spill response materials and a combination of equipment. If the problem is identified as an actual spill, it may be necessary to send additional equipment.

2.2 The Supervisor On-Call will assess the problem and assign the responding crew job duties in order to eliminate the overflow.

2.3 If the problem has escalated to an emergency, we will use other city departmental assistance, such as construction crew, maintenance workers, water crews, etc. If we need assistance from an outside service, we shall call the following contractors:

864-973-1019 OJRSA

864-640-7915 Harper Corporation

864-903-5377 City of Walhalla

Section 3: Emergency Traffic Control

If the spill is in a high traffic area, the Supervisor will utilize assistance from the Water Department. If the Water Department being utilized at that time, then we will seek assistance from the following:

Call the City of Westminster Police Department for traffic equipment, followed by the Sherriff's Office if additional assistance is needed.

Police Department: 864-903-5037

Sherriff's Office: 864-638-4111

Section 4: Bypass

If the blockage is not relieved within the first few attempts (30 minutes), it is crucial that the bypass procedures are followed immediately.

4.1 Locate the nearest downstream manhole that can accept the additional flow.

4.2 Set up a 3-inch pump for smaller collection lines and the 6-inch pump for larger transmission lines, this should be used as a guideline, be advised that larger pumps may be needed. The pump discharge hose should be secured or placed far enough into the manhole that it will not come out during pumping. The pump and pump hose should be protected from traffic by barricades. If additional pumps are needed, they shall be rented from:

United Rental for Small Equipment	803-642-1235
Neff Rental	706-796-6402
Hertz Rental Equipment	706-796-0823
OJRSA	864-973-1019

Section 5: Containment

Containment is the City of Westminster's top priority (except safety). The Collections Crew will make every effort to keep the SSO in as small an area as possible. It is preferred that the crew keeps the SSO in the street and out of storm drains. To make sure the SSO is contained, the Collections Crew will use the following methods:

5.1 Use rubber blankets, soil, or other reasonable means to keep the overflow from reaching a storm drain.

5.2 Should the overflow take place in an area not normally accessible to the public, such as; (fields, tributaries, etc.), the Crew will use any reasonable means to contain the flow in that area for recovery.

5.3 Should the flow be too much to be contained on the street and is identified as a danger to the public, the Crew will allow the flow to enter the storm drain or catch basin. The crew will make every reasonable attempt to dam up the spill in the storm drain or catch basin and recover it from that point.

Section 6: Reporting and Notification

All SSOs must be reported as soon as possible:

SSOs above 500 gallons must be reported to the DHEC within 24 hours after the City becomes aware of the SSO, notification is possible, and notification can be provided without substantially impeding cleanup or other emergency measures. The minimum information that must be contained in the 24-hour report must include all information identified in section 5.

6.1 All reporting and notification will be given to the proper authorities, and will be made according to the following procedure:

During working hours, reporting and notification will be made by contacting the Water and Sewer Supervisor or Utility Director. when personnel from the Sewer Department are not available contact the following people:

City Administrator

Assistant to the City Administrator

6.2 In an event of any SSO, the following agencies will be notified.

Westminster Police Department

Main Number 864-903-5037

DHEC (24hrs)

Main Number 803-507-1149

Fax 803- 643-4027

Section 7: Posting

Public health and safety is the top priority of the City of Westminster.

We will post the proper signs to warn the public of potential contamination hazards.

7.1 Posting of contamination signs will be done in some cases whether there is standing water or the ground is saturated.

7.2 Signs will be placed in locations with high visibility so that they can be seen from all routes that the public might take to enter an area.

7.3 Signs will remain posted for a period of not less than five days, unless directed by the Utility Director or Sewer Supervisor when the water has been tested and deemed clear of hazardous contaminants.

7.4 Local newspaper and radio station(s) will be notified if needed to inform the public of affected area.

Section: 8 Restoration

We will make every effort to restore the environment to the condition that existed before the SSO occurred by using the following procedures:

8.1 If the SSO occurred in the street, staff will apply household bleach to the affected area and use the nearest fire hydrant to wash down the area, dechlorinating if needed and recover wash down water, as much as possible. If the SSO occurred in an unpaved/dirt area staff would apply hydrated lime as needed for odor control.

8.2 Collect and dispose of any standing or pooled sewage that is accessible to the public.

8.3 Recover any sewage within storm drains, channels, curb, gutters, and culverts.

8.4 Clear surrounding area of paper, solids, and any other signs of a SSO.

8.5 We will replace vegetation, sidewalks, asphalt, fencing or any other items that were damaged because of the SSO or the crews working to restore service.

Section: 9 City Of Westminster Documentation

A DHEC Sewer System Overflow or Pump Station Failure Report Form must be filled out for DHEC and City of Westminster records. A copy shall be preserved at the Westminster Utility Department in perpetuity.

Documentation shall contain the following information:

9.1 Beginning and ending time.

9.2 Exact location of the SSO.

9.3 Any and all conditions that may have contributed to the cause of the SSO.

9.4 Did the SSO reach surface waters or a storm drain?

9.5 Total gallons spilled and the amount recovered.

9.6 Damage that was caused and any repairs that were made to area.

Sanitary Sewer Overflow Report Form

Please submit this form to the SCDHEC Bureau of Water; Compliance Assurance Division; 2600 Bull Street; Columbia, South Carolina 29201. Form may be FAXED to (803) 898-4215. A copy should be sent to the local SCDHEC Environmental Affairs Office.

Internal or External Documentation:¹ _____

Plant or Satellite Sewer System Name: _____ NPDES or SSS Number: _____

Date SSO/failure: _____ Time: _____ (Military Format)

Date SCDHEC notified:² _____ Time: _____ (Military Format)

Name of person contacted at SCDHEC:² _____ Office Location: _____

Description of source (manhole, pump station, line segment, etc.): _____ Plant #/MH #: _____

Location of SSO/failure:

Cause of SSO/failure:

Control action taken:

Corrective action taken:

Estimated volume of wastewater released: NON-RECOVERED wastewater: _____ gallons

Act of God, vandalism, or third-party caused? _____

If "Yes," provide supporting information to justify in space below:

Did wastewater enter a stream or body of water?² _____

If Yes, what stream? _____

Was sampling conducted if wastewater entered body of water?² _____

Were downstream water intakes notified?² _____

Name of downstream intake notified: _____

Name of downstream intake notified: _____

Did any of the following impacts occur?

Fish Kills	YES	NO	Visible solids/floatables	YES	NO	Discoloration of stream	YES	NO
Sludge banks in stream	YES	NO	Noticeable odor	YES	NO	Other	_____	_____

Date SSO stopped: _____ Time: _____ (Military Format)

Date corrective action completed: _____ Time: _____ (Military Format)

Date clean up action taken: _____ Time: _____ (Military Format)

Describe what was actually done in the cleanup process (include recovered volume, if any):

¹ All spills must be documented and available to SCDHEC and the public upon request, even if it does not meet SCDHEC reporting requirements.

² Enter "N/A" if not applicable.

Was public notification issued in accordance with *OJRSA Emergency Operations Protocols*?³ _____

If Yes, list methods(s) of notification:

Newspaper
Television

Radio
Website

Signs
Other: _____

Social Media

E. coli sample results (if applicable):^{4,5}

Date and Results

Location

Location	Date and Results

Were other samples collected after submitting report to SCDHEC?⁶ _____

Map:

Signature & Name of Person Initiating Action

Phone #: _____ Date: _____

Signature & Name of Director of Utilities

Date: _____

³ Required for all spills over 5,000 gallons

⁴ Results included on this form are from samples analyzed prior to the submittal of the report to SCDHEC. If noted, there may be additional samples that were analyzed that are not documented on this form. If so, these results are available upon request at the OJRSA office via applicable agency FOIA protocols.

⁵ Samples should be collected until downstream is less than or equal to 349 mpn or downstream is near or below same result as upstream sample.

⁶ If "Yes," these results are available upon request at the OJRSA office via applicable agency FOIA policies.



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2023 ANNUAL REPORT



TOP SHELF FOR BUSINESS.



LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



Joey Hawkins, Fort Hill Natural Gas Authority

Joey Hawkins is a 1989 graduate of Wofford College and is the Director of Industrial Relations and Gas Control at Fort Hill Natural Gas Authority.

For over twenty years, Joey has served on the boards of the Economic Development agencies in Oconee, Pickens, and Anderson counties.

For over 20 years, the Oconee Economic Alliance (OEA) has united community partners to promote economic growth in Oconee County. As the current Board Chair, I am proud of what we've achieved through collaboration between local leaders, educators, businesses, and engaged residents.

In 2024, the OEA will keep promoting Oconee as an ideal location for expanding companies or relocations. With competitive industrial properties, a talented workforce and training programs, low operating costs and aggressive incentives, we offer industries a great home. In recent years, we've seen diverse new companies make long-term investments here and 2023 was one of our best years since 2014.

We also work hard to assist established local employers by meeting with companies to understand their needs, directing our resources to help them prosper and supporting overall economic growth. Their success translates into a thriving community.

None of this would be possible without the support of Oconee County and our Alliance Partners. Only through ongoing teamwork between public and private organizations can we fully utilize Oconee's assets. As we enter 2024, I welcome continued coordination. Please contact us anytime if the OEA can support advancement initiatives.

Thank you for your membership as we make Oconee more prosperous!

Joey Hawkins
Chair
Oconee Economic Alliance



I AM PROUD OF WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED THROUGH COLLABORATION BETWEEN LOCAL LEADERS, EDUCATORS, BUSINESSES, AND ENGAGED RESIDENTS.



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

In 2023, Oconee County Expansions and Locates announced by the South Carolina Department of Commerce resulted in the County's best year, over the past ten years, for Commerce-announced new capital investment and was the second best year for announced new jobs.

2023 RESULTS:

- Two Expansions: BorgWarner and Itron
- Two Locates: Meyn America and Books for Less
- Reported Impact: \$85,900,000 in new investment and 267 new jobs
- Reported new investment is \$49,163,333 or 134% higher than the prior nine-year announced annual average.
- Reported new jobs are 119 or 80% higher than the prior nine-year announced annual average.
- The reported new jobs are expected to have an annual payroll of \$17,327,500 with a median wage rate of \$29/hour.
- 48.6% of the reported new jobs are estimated to have a wage rate of \$40/hour or higher.

BENCHMARKING:

Using the 2023 announced projects by the South Carolina Department of Commerce, OEA is able to benchmark Oconee County's economic development performance statewide and regionally. Using 2020 census data, Oconee County is the 18th largest county among South Carolina's 46 counties and the 5th largest county among Upstate South Carolina's 10 counties. In 2023, Oconee's statewide rankings for reported new projects, investments and jobs on both a total and per capita level exceeded its population ranking. In the Upstate SC region, Oconee exceeded its population ranking in eight of ten total and per capita categories, and equaled its population ranking in the remaining two.

THE RANKINGS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

SOUTH CAROLINA

Total

- 5th for new projects
- 10th for new jobs & investments
- 11th for new jobs
- 11th for new projects, jobs, & investments
- 13th for new investment

Per Capita

- 8th for new projects
- 10th for new projects, jobs, & investments
- 11th for new jobs
- 11th for new jobs & investments
- 12th for new investment

UPSTATE, SC

Total

- 3rd for new projects
- 4th for new jobs & investments
- 4th for new projects, jobs, & investments
- 5th for new investment
- 5th for new jobs

Per Capita

- 2nd for new projects
- 3rd for new investment
- 3rd for new jobs & investments
- 3rd for all new projects, jobs, & investments
- 4th for new jobs

2023 PROSPECT ACTIVITIES

OEA has three classifications it uses for Prospect Activity:

Inquiry: An inquiry is any request for information pertaining to sites, buildings, infrastructure, demographics, etc. Upon review, OEA may or may not move forward with an inquiry.

Lead: A lead is an inquiry that has the potential to become a new project or expansion, and that OEA is able to move forward with by providing specific information that requested and will assist in the site selection process.

Project: A project is a lead that has visited Oconee County or met with the Oconee Economic Alliance staff either in-person or virtually.

90 INQUIRIES

42 OR 47%
BECAME
LEADS

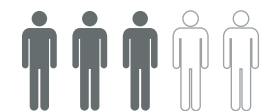
18 OR 43%
BECAME
PROJECTS

LEADS & PROJECTS POTENTIAL

\$10.29 BILLION NEW CAPITAL INVESTMENT + **16,000** NEW JOBS
18% MORE CAPITAL INVESTMENT AND 33% MORE JOBS THAN IN 2022

21 EXISTING INDUSTRY VISITS

60 CONSULTANT INTERACTIONS



FROM EXPANSIONS & NEW LOCATES TO SITE CONSULTANTS & INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS!

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

EXPANSION & LOCATE HIGHLIGHTS



BORGWARNER

The Michigan based manufacturer of automotive parts announced the expansion of their Seneca facility. The new product line will supply holding systems for EV batteries. The project is expected to have a capital investment of \$42.7 million and create 122 new jobs. The OEA assisted with structuring and securing incentives, and infrastructure improvements for the project.



ITRON

The Washington (state) based manufacturer of utility metering systems announced the expansion of their West Union operation. The project will be a new Center of Excellence. The project is expected to have a capital investment of \$28.8 million and create 100 new jobs. The OEA assisted the company with structuring and securing incentives for the project.



MEYN AMERICA

A Netherlands-based manufacturer and distributor of poultry processing equipment announced they would be constructing and opening a new 80,000 state-of-the-art distribution facility on 32 acres at OITP. The project is expected to have a capital investment of \$10.8 million and create 25 new jobs. OEA assisted the company with site selection, infrastructure improvements, and structuring and securing incentives for the project.



"OCONEE LUNCH & LEARN" WITH SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

In October, the OEA hosted an "Oconee Lunch and Learn" for the South Carolina Department of Commerce's Global Business Development Team at Halls Chophouse in Columbia. The lunch provided an opportunity for the OEA staff to share with the project managers the many reasons why Oconee County is a "top shelf location" for business. The OEA updated the project managers on Oconee's strategic site and infrastructure initiatives, historic business activity of the past year and quality of life developments that will continue to enhance the community.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)

SITE CONSULTANTS & INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

The OEA staff throughout the year interfaced with over sixty prominent and respected site location consultants at events across the nation and within the state.

Staff attended two national site consultant events: Area Development Site Consultant Forum in Greenville and NextGen in Denver.

Staff also participated in several Upstate Alliance local events including Austrian Delegation Luncheon, Belgian Delegation Visit, Fall 2023 Inbound Consultants and International Site Consultants Visit and SC Department of Commerce Luncheon.



SENECA MILLS LOFTS AND NEWRY MILL REDEVELOPMENT

Two projects with strong OEA involvement were completed and announced during the year. The Newry Mill Redevelopment Project was completed and opened for leasing. The mill, which had been closed for nearly 50 years, is now home 197 apartments, a general store and post office, café and coffee shop, event space and nature trails. The OEA assisted with the structuring of the property tax incentives Oconee County awarded for the project.

Camden Management Partners announced they were moving forward with Seneca Mills Lofts, which is the redevelopment of the vacant Utica Mill property in Seneca. The \$100 million project will convert the mill space into 400 apartments. The project will provide much needed housing for working families and individuals. OEA was instrumental in working with the developer and Oconee County in structuring property tax incentives that are critical to the project.

THORNWELL HOME FOR CHILDREN MIXED-USE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The OEA staff worked closely with the Landmark Development Partners, a Charlotte based developer, on a large mixed-use commercial project for a 148-acre property (Thornwell Home for Children) the company purchased on US 123 in Seneca.

Staff assisted the project with sewer and development issues critical to moving the project forward and provided coordination with Oconee County, City of Seneca, Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority and State officials.

Construction on the project and announced tenants are expected in late 2024.

BUSINESS RETENTION & ENGAGEMENT



BUSINESS VISITATIONS

OEA met with 21 existing businesses throughout the year, many on multiple occasions, to assist with a variety of issues such as expansion, workforce development and facility needs.

OCONEE COUNTY JOB FAIR

The OEA was a key sponsor of the Oconee County Job Fair, partnering with Radio Station 94.1 The Lake who organized the event on August 29, 2023. More than 100 individuals attended as well as dozens of our Oconee County industries. The event resulted in direct hires for a number of the businesses.

BIG THURSDAY INDUSTRY APPRECIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

OEA held its annual industry appreciation golf tournament at Cross Creek in November. Twelve local industry teams and ten sponsor teams participated with many saying it was the most fun they have had at the tournament since it was started.

The tournament is OEA's way of thanking existing industry for all that they do to make Oconee County a great place to live and work.



OEA MARKETING

OUR VIEW

A banner year

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MEDIA RELATIONS

A number of favorable economic development news articles and editorials appeared throughout the year in "The Journal" newspaper.

The OEA designed a new ad "Top Shelf for Business" which ran in Site Selection Magazine's July issue that featured an Upstate SC Intelligence Report. The ad highlighted the many excellent businesses opportunities available to companies that locate or expand in Oconee.

OEA President Jamie Gilbert appeared monthly on 94.1 The Lake's "Coffee Time with Kevin D" where he provided updates on key economic development issues and projects.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VIDEOS

Two new economic development videos were produced and released in 2023.

The first video "Opportunities" provided a comprehensive overview of the many business advantages offered in Oconee County and featured several of our manufacturers providing excellent testimonials.

The second video "Top Shelf Workforce" focused on Oconee's excellent workforce and how it supports our local industry. The video featured several of our local education partners and manufacturers describing their workforce success stories in Oconee.



FEDERAL RESERVE RICHMOND VISIT

The OEA was actively involved in the planning and executing of Federal Reserve Richmond President Tom Barkin's visit to Oconee in November.

The visit provided an opportunity for President Barkin to meet with industry and citizens in his district to hear and learn about how the economy is impacting them.

President Barkin spoke and took questions from business and residents at a breakfast held at Blue Ridge Electric.

Following the breakfast, he met with and toured the Hamilton Career and Technology Center and BorgWarner, before attending a high-level lunch with a select group of community and business leaders.



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

OEA and the Oconee Chamber of Commerce reintroduced the quarterly breakfast meetings starting with the "State of South Carolina" which featured Oconee state delegation discussing state and local issues of importance to county business and residents.

Over 100 attendees participated in the event, which featured SC District 1 Senator and SC Senate President Thomas Alexander, SC District 1 Representative Bill Whitmire and SC District 2 Representative Bill Sandifer.



STATE OF OCONEE

Jamie Gilbert was the Oconee County representative chosen to speak at the annual Oconee Chamber of Commerce's "State of Oconee" luncheon held at West Oak High School in October.

He provided an update on the many exciting economic development activities taking place in Oconee.

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

GOLDEN CORNER COMMERCE PARK PAD-READY SITE CONSTRUCTION

The OEA worked with Thomas and Hutton Engineering and Terracon to begin the process of clearing and grading of land at the park for a 42 acre pad-ready site. Work included design, permitting, geotech analysis and wetlands delineation studies for the area and submittal of permit applications to DHEC for the grading work. Oconee County installed several gates to control access to the park.

Funding for the project is being provided by Oconee County, SC Department of Commerce, and SC PowerTeam.



OCONEE INDUSTRY & TECHNOLOGY PARK INFRASTRUCTURE

The OEA coordinated construction of a new road and water line that will serve Meyn America and the adjacent 25-acre lot.



NEW INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES

IMPACT HOUSING BUILDING CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED

In December, Impact Housing Group completed construction of a 170,000 square foot industrial building at Oconee Industry and Technology Park. Due to a change in the company's business model, Impact Housing Group will not occupy the space. This excellent building is ideal for a variety of manufacturing operations. At the time of this report, the building was under contract to a construction materials company.

US 123/SC 11 INDUSTRIAL SITE

The OEA worked with Thrift Development to make 34 acres of prime land on US 123 near SC 11 available for purchase. The property has over 20 acres that is cleared and mostly graded with all infrastructure at the site. It is very well suited for a large industrial building and is close to a number of existing manufacturers, as well as Tri-County Technical College's Oconee Campus.



SEWER ISSUES

The OEA spent considerable time throughout the year working on a number of key sewer issues, policies and projects. The OEA worked closely with the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority and Oconee County on structuring impact fees and sewer rates for projects at Golden Corner Commerce Park.

Additionally, The OEA is part of the Sewer Basin Study Stakeholders Group. The study will look at how to best plan for sewer in the central area of Oconee.

OPERATIONS

OEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Edifice, a commercial and industrial general contractor with offices in Greenville, Charleston and Charlotte, joined the OEA Board of Directors in June.

Oconee County Councilman Don Mize was appointed by the council as their representative to the board.

OEA STAFF REPRESENTATION ON BOARDS

The OEA is active in a number of organizations and staff serves on the board of several including:

- Main Street Walhalla
- Oconee Chamber of Commerce
- SC Works WorkLink
- Ten at the Top
- Visit Oconee
- Anderson Oconee Pickens (AOP) Showcase
- South Carolina Rural Innovation Network

SMITH JOINS OEA TEAM

Alicia Smith (formerly Rannou) joined the OEA Team in January as the organization's Senior Administrative Assistant providing support for planning and executing events, scheduling meetings, processing bills and invoices, maintaining office supplies and materials, designing and order promotional items and external communication.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JOEY HAWKINS, CHAIR

Director of Gas Control & Industrial Relations
Fort Hill Natural Gas Authority

CHUCK PERRY, VICE CHAIR

Area Executive
First Citizens Bank

RUSH THRIFT, TREASURER

Executive Vice President & General Counsel
Thrift Development Corporation

AMANDA TAYLOR, SECRETARY

Regional Director - External Affairs
AT&T

KYLE THOMAS, IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR

President & Chief Executive Officer
Blue Ridge Bank

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Blue Ridge Bank
Blue Ridge Electric Co-op
City of Seneca
City of Walhalla
City of Westminster
Clemson University
Duke Energy
Edifice
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Fort Hill Natural Gas Authority
Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC)
Hogan Construction Group LLC
J Davis Construction
Oconee County
Oconee County Chamber of Commerce
Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority
Prisma Health - Oconee Memorial Hospital
SC Worklink
School District of Oconee County
Tri-County Entrepreneurial Development Corporation
Thomas & Hutton Engineering
Thrift Development Corporation
THS Constructors
Trehel Corporation
Tri-County Technical College
Visit Oconee



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"TOP SHELF FOR BUSINESS"



2024
OEA Annual Meeting

February 15, 2024



Welcome and Opening Remarks

**Joey Hawkins
OEA Chairman**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



John Lummus

Upstate SC Alliance, President and CEO

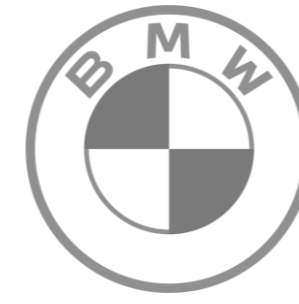
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OVER
\$11 BILLION
IN CAPITAL INVESTMENT &
27,415 NEW JOBS
SINCE 2019





160 COMPANIES

ANNOUNCED NEW LOCATIONS
IN THE UPSTATE SINCE 2019

37%

OF PROJECTS
INTERNATIONAL
COMPANIES

48%

OF JOBS FROM
NEW COMPANIES

52%

OF JOBS FROM
EXISTING COMPANIES

2023 UPSTATE ANNOUNCEMENTS



\$2.1B

in new capital
investment



4,455

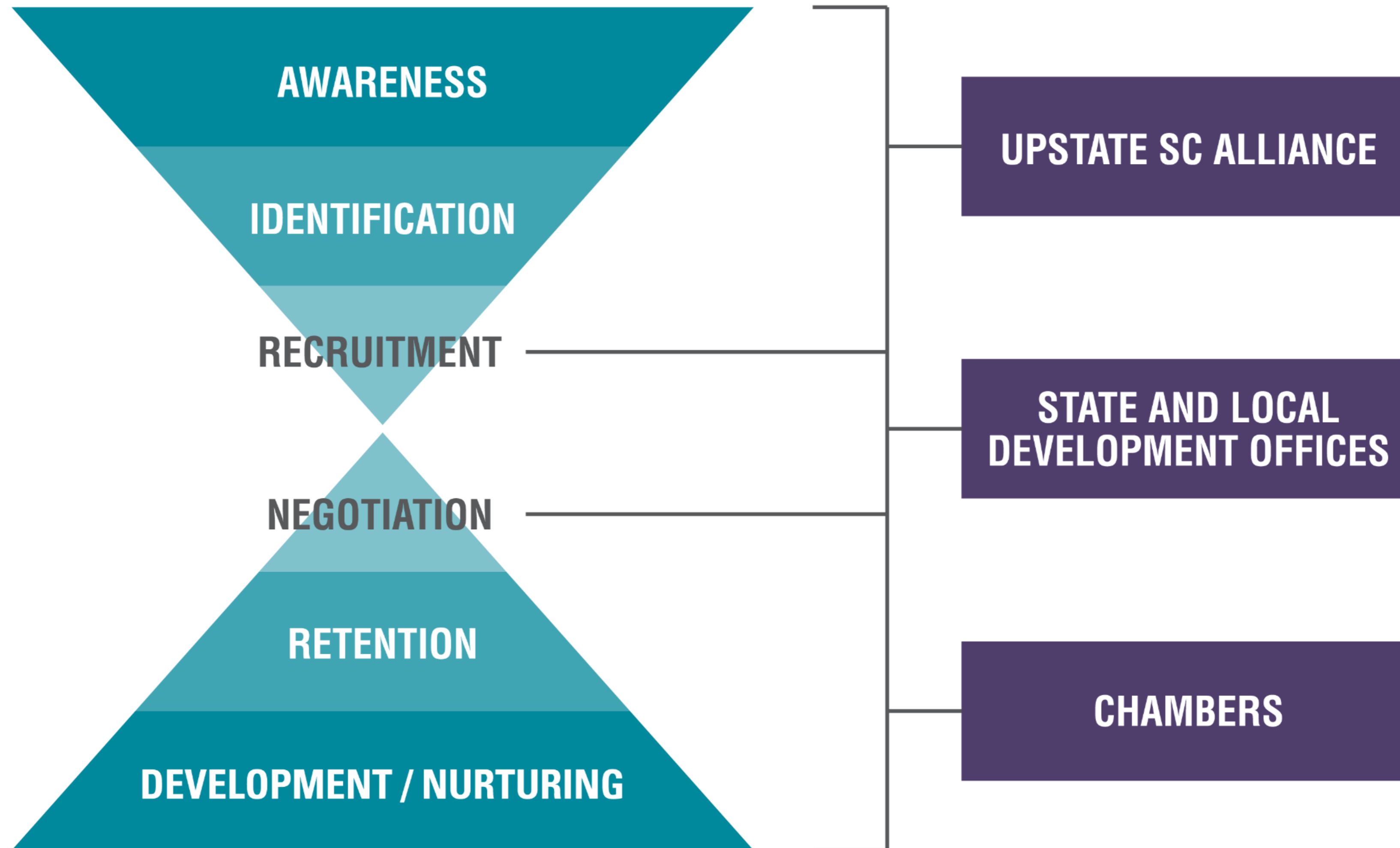
new jobs
announced

55 TOTAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OUR ROLE



MISSION

To establish Upstate South Carolina as a unified and innovative economic region; **market the Upstate for global business investment and talent attraction**; foster public-private collaboration and regional relationships; and move ideas into action.

VISION

A 10-county Upstate SC region where business thrives, and **people can prosper through access to a diverse array of career opportunities.**

UPSTATE SC ALLIANCE

LEAD GENERATION

Tradeshows
International Target Markets
Direct Outreach

RESEARCH

Proprietary Data Sources
Lightcast Subscription
Request for Information "RFI" Support

INBOUND EVENTS

Hosting Site Consultants
Hosting International Visitors
Hosting Company Visits



MARKETING + STORYTELLING

Website + Data Center
Digital Marketing
Collateral Materials

TALENT: MOVE UP

Connecting Upstate Employers + Talent
Marketing Upskilling Opportunities

"TEAM UPSTATE" REGIONALISM


Networking Opportunities
Informational Programs
Business Advocacy Support

PUBLIC/PRIVATE SUPPORT

237 INVESTORS

17 PUBLIC
sector investors

220 PRIVATE
sector investors

 **34**
new investors
in 2023

 **4**
upgraded investors
in 2023



PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS

17 PUBLIC
sector investors

Municipal Board Members:

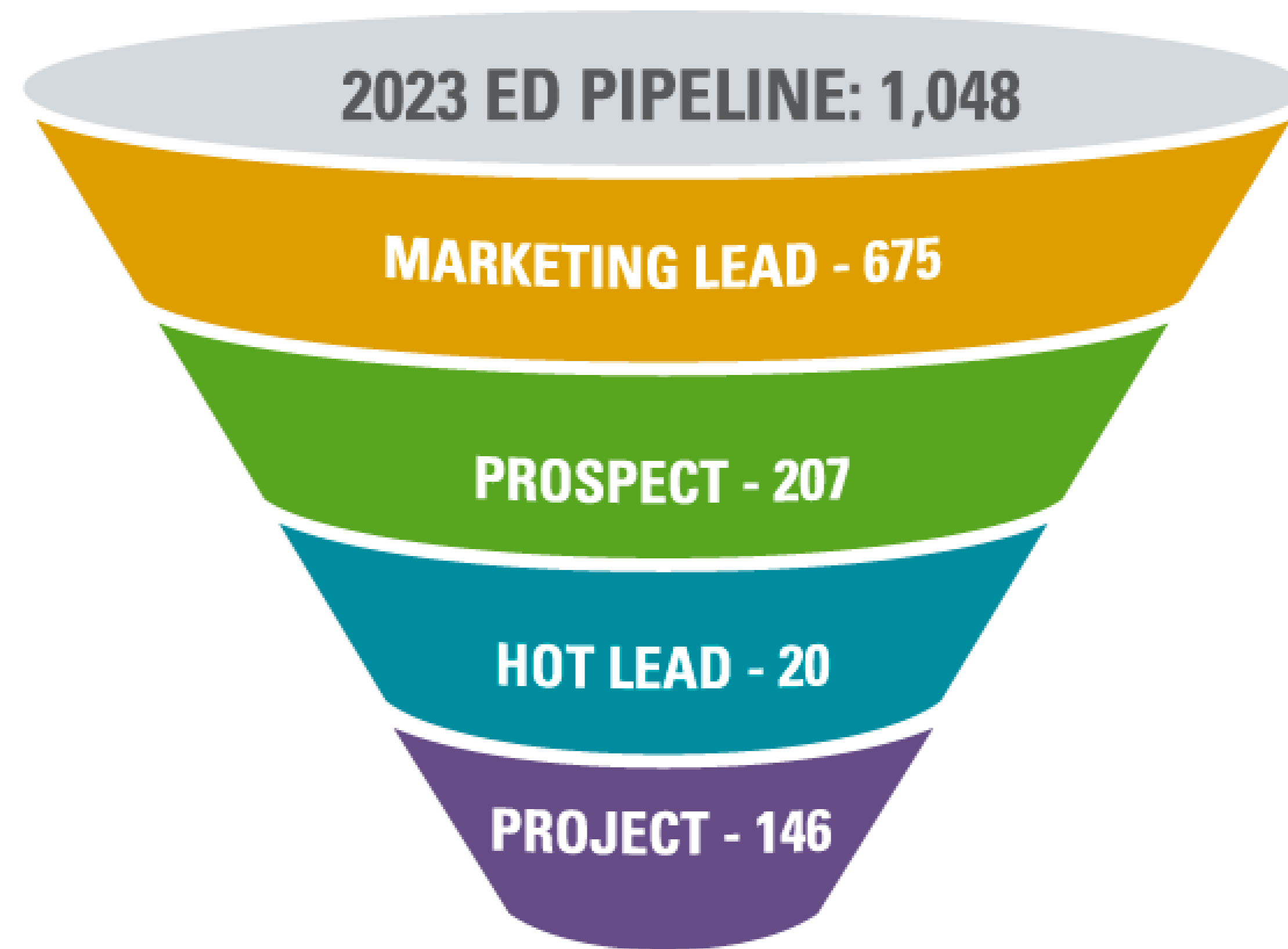
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- City of Greer

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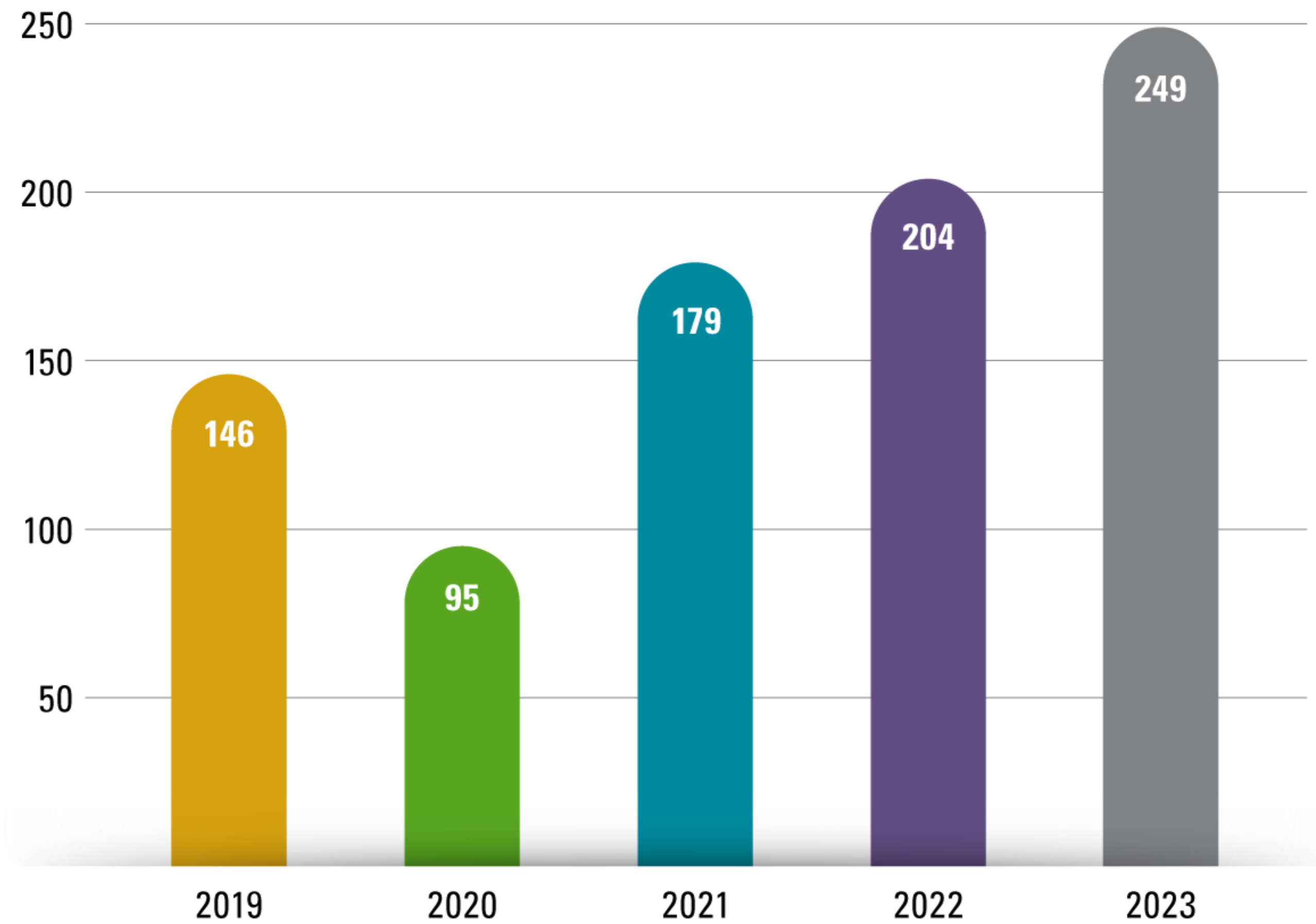
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- City of Laurens
- City of Mauldin
- City of Simpsonville



UPSTATE PIPELINE SNAPSHOT: 2023



NEW LEADS IN UPSTATE PIPELINE



TARGETED PROSPECT RECRUITMENT



LEVERAGE ALLIES

SC Aerospace
SC Automotive Council
SCbio
SC Department of Commerce



CULTIVATE LEADS IN PIPELINE

Ongoing outreach and story sharing.



OUTBOUND MISSIONS

UK Korea
Spain Germany
Brazil



TRADESHOWS

Composites
Plastics
Automotive



INDUSTRY INBOUND EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENTS



CZECH REPUBLIC AMBASSADOR

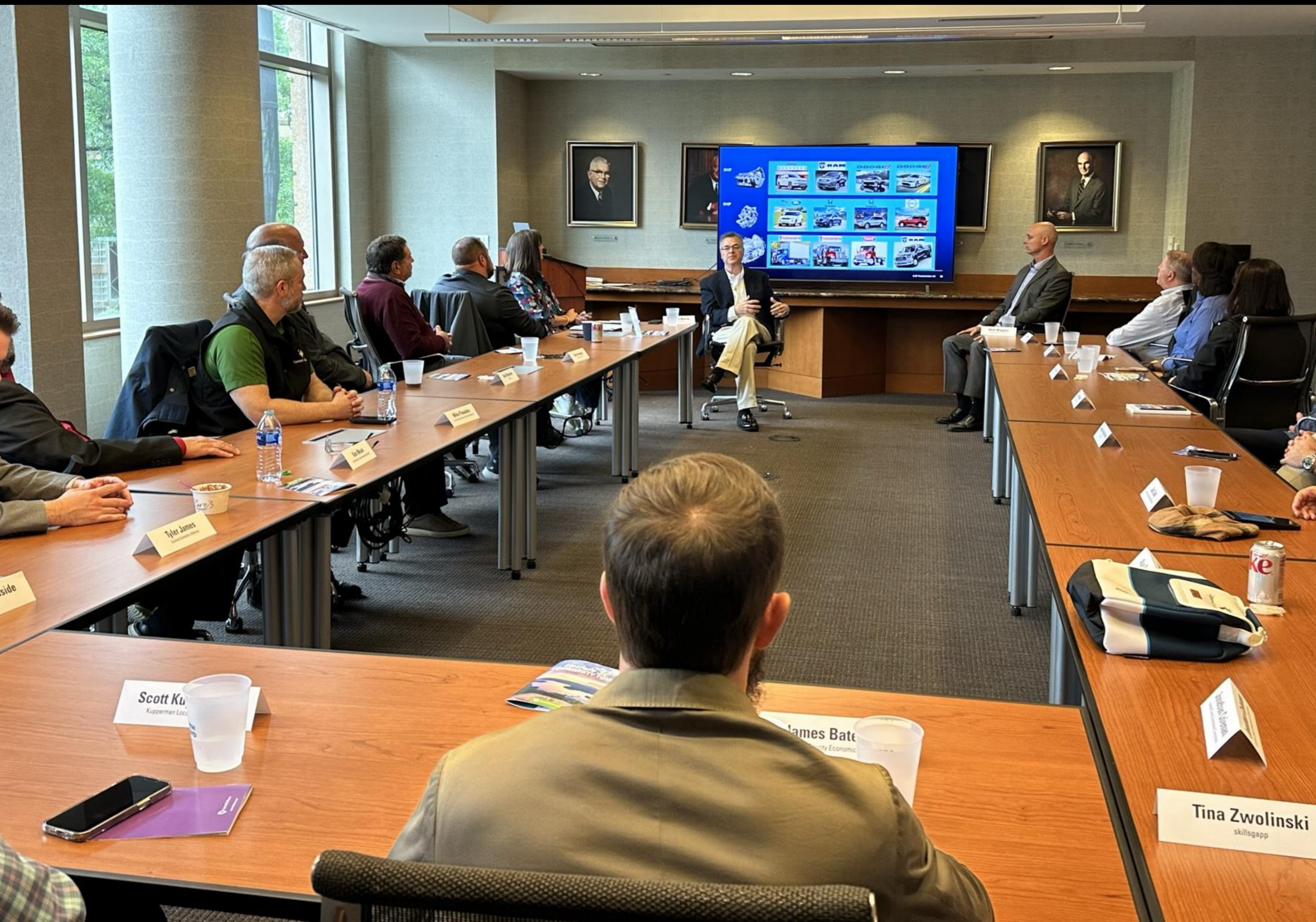


UK CONSUL GENERAL

SELECT USA TAIWANESE DELEGATION



CONSULTANT INBOUNDS



BUILDING THE PIPELINE 2023



372

presentations
about Upstate SC



69

requests for
information



102

inbound visits
Companies + COIs

KEYS TO THE FUTURE

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCT

SPEC BUILDINGS

WORKFORCE

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2023 Year In Review

Jamie Gilbert
OEA President and CEO

"TOP SHELF FOR BUSINESS"



**2023
Year in Review**



2023 Year in Review

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- Prospect activity level extremely strong
- New Inquiries were **29% higher** (70 to 90) than in 2022
- New Inquiries to Leads was **13% lower** (54% to 47%) than in 2022
- Leads to Projects was **19% higher** (36% to 43%) than in 2022
- Capital investment potential was **18% higher** (\$8.7 billion to \$10.29 billion) than in 2022
- Job investment potential was **33% higher** (12,000 to 16,000) than in 2022
- Existing industry visitation was **62% higher** (13 to 21) than 2022

90 INQUIRIES

42 OR 47%
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LEADS

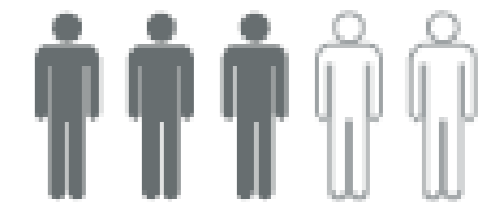
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LEADS & PROJECTS
POTENTIAL

\$10.29 BILLION NEW CAPITAL INVESTMENT + **16,000** NEW JOBS
18% MORE CAPITAL INVESTMENT AND 33% MORE JOBS THAN IN 2022

21 EXISTING INDUSTRY
VISITS

60 CONSULTANT
INTERACTIONS



2023 Year in Review

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

2023 SC Department of Commerce Oconee County Announced Projects

Two Existing Industry Expansions and Two Business Locates
\$85,975,000 in New Investment
267 New Jobs



2023 Year in Review

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- Announced 2023 projects resulted in Oconee county's **best year, over the past ten years, for new investment** and was the **second best year for new jobs and projects**
- **2023 new investment is \$49,163,333 or 134% higher** than the prior nine-year announced annual average
- **2023 new jobs are 119 or 80% higher** than the prior nine-year announced annual average

YEAR	PROJECTS	CAPITAL INVESTMENT	JOBS
2014	5	\$57,000,000	256
2015	4	\$22,830,000	115
2016	3	\$83,200,000	113
2017	3	\$79,900,000	316
2018	2	\$23,200,000	78
2019	2	\$10,000,000	125
2020	0	\$0	0
2021	2	\$11,500,000	82
2022	2	\$43,000,000	247
2023	4	\$85,900,000	267
TOTAL	27	\$416,530,000	1,599

2023 Year in Review

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Benchmarking

South Carolina (46 Counties)

Total

5th for New Projects
11th for New Jobs
13th for New Investment
10th for New Jobs and Investment

Per Capita

8th for New Projects
11th for New Jobs
12th for New Investment
11th for New Jobs and Investment

Upstate South Carolina (10 Counties)

3rd for New Projects
5th for New Jobs
5th for New Investment
4th for New Jobs and Investment

2nd for New Projects
4th for New Jobs
3rd for New Investment
3rd for New Jobs and Investment

Micropolitan Area Ranking (538 Areas)

2022: 77th
2023: To be announced on March 1st



2023 Year in Review

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

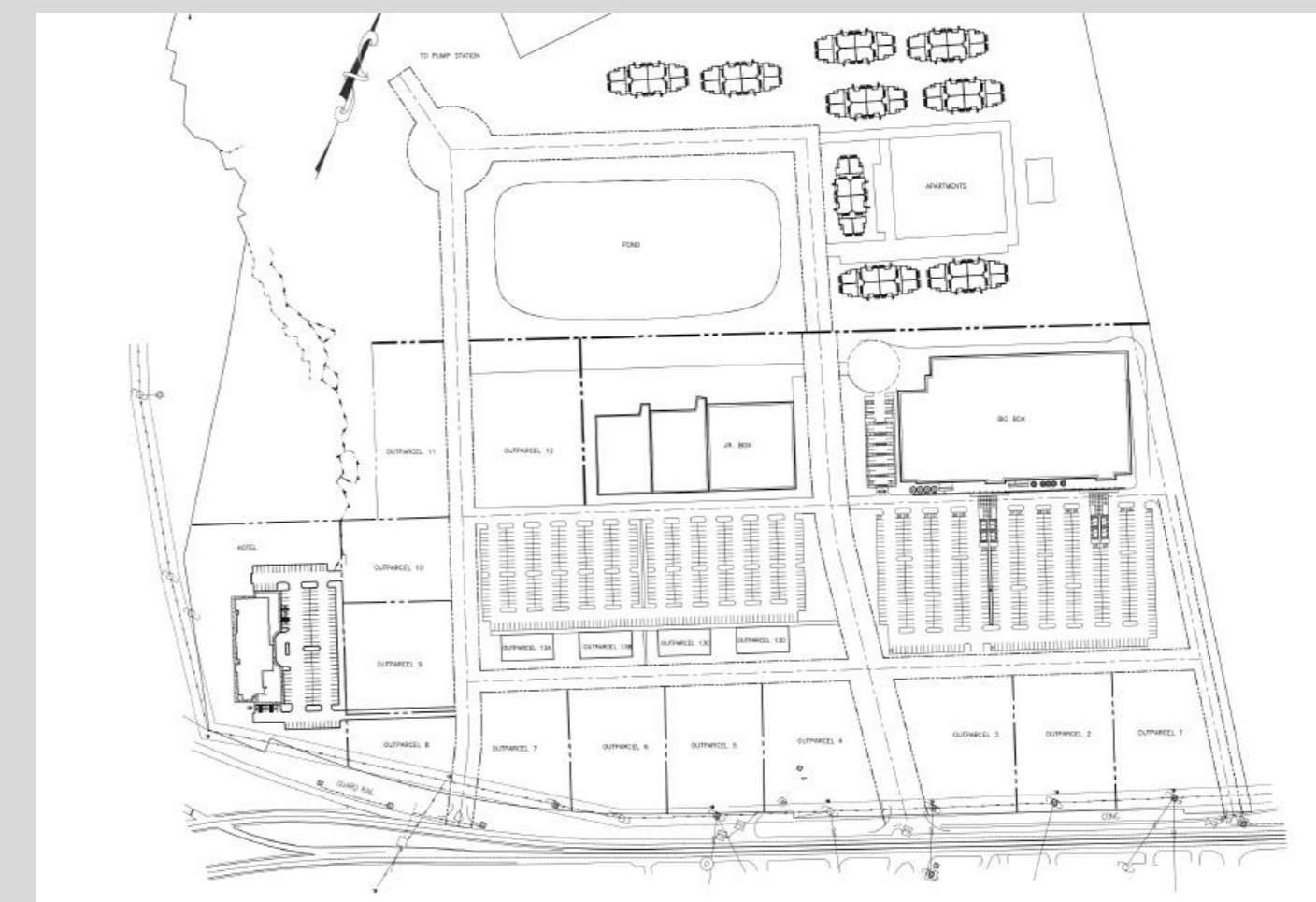
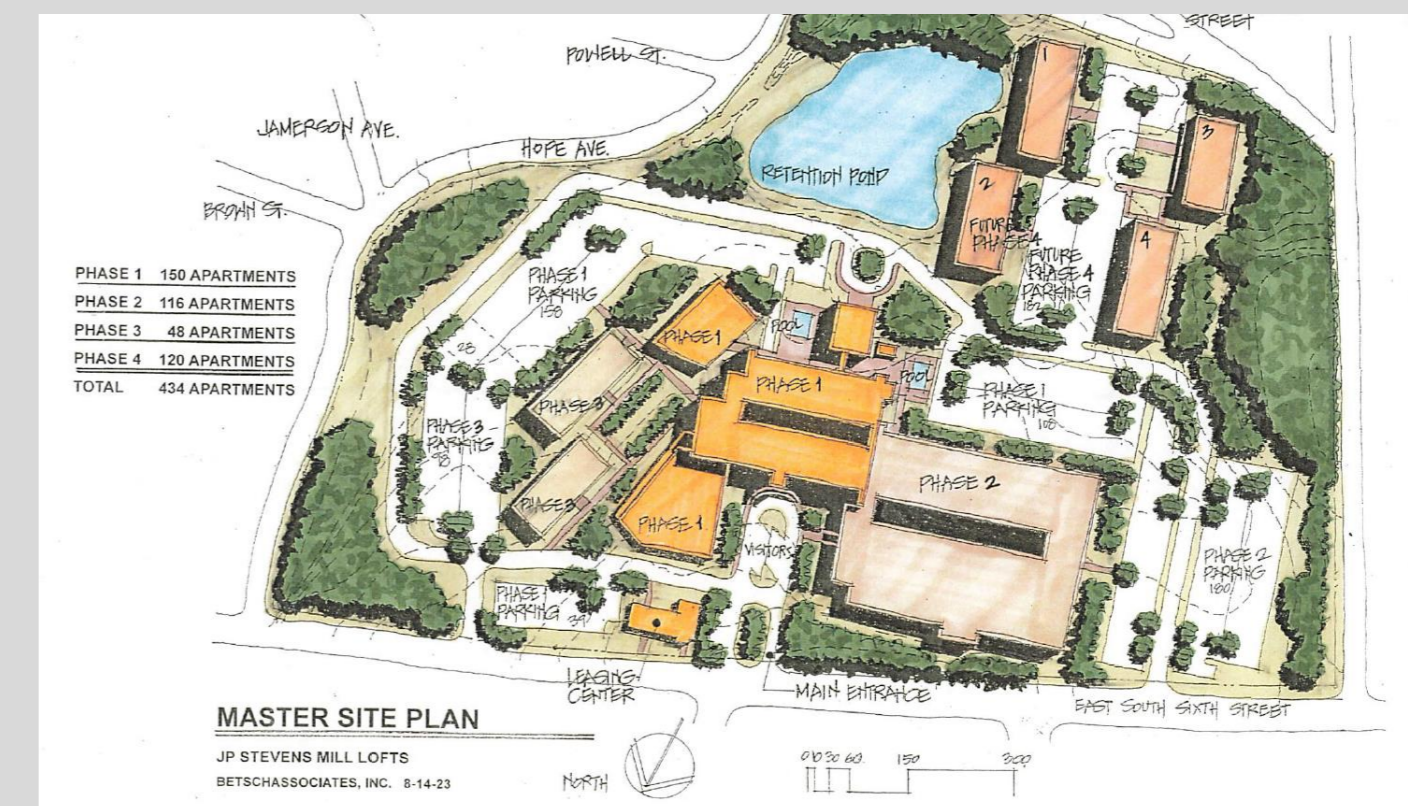
Other OEA Business Development Projects

- **Seneca Mill Lofts Redevelopment Project**

- ✓ Redevelopment of Utica Mill Property in Seneca
- ✓ Over 400 apartment units
- ✓ \$100 million investment
- ✓ OEA assisted with structuring the project's property tax incentives

- **Thornwell Home for Children Mixed-Use Development**

- ✓ 148-acre development
- ✓ Retail and multi-family housing
- ✓ Estimated investment of \$50 million and 300 new jobs
- ✓ OEA Assisted with infrastructure issues



2023 Year in Review

MARKETING

Economic Development Videos

- Three videos were produced in 2023 with two released
- The “Opportunities” video was released in January
- The “Top Shelf Workforce” video was released in August
- Filming for the “Partnerships” video began in December and will be released in March



Events

- State of South Carolina with the Oconee Chamber of Commerce
- State of Oconee hosted by the Chamber
- Federal Reserve Richmond’s President Tom Barkin’s Visit



Media Relations

- Favorable press from many media outlets throughout the year
- Monthly interviews on 94.1 the Lake’s “Coffee Time”
- Staff continued to use social media platforms to promote Oconee

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2023 Year in Review

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

Golden Corner Commerce Park

- Work progressed on constructing a 42-acre pad site at the park
- Design, geotech analysis, wetland delineation and permitting completed

New Industrial Properties Introduced

- Impact Housing Building
- US 123 and SC 11 Industrial Site

OITP Infrastructure Improvements

- Road and utility extensions
- Signage enhancement

Oconee Commerce Park Signage

- Landscaping and lighting enhancements

Sewer Issues Involvement

- Impact fees and sewer rates
- Central Sewer Basin Study
- Sewer South Phases II and III



2024 Top 10 OEA Priorities

- 1. Successfully facilitate expanding and new industry projects that exceed Oconee's 2023 announced jobs and investments, and move the county up in our benchmark rankings.**
- 2. Effectively market and capitalize on Oconee's stellar business climate and manufacturing workforce for business recruitment.**
- 3. Continue to prioritize certain types of economic development projects based on their product/industry, corporate structure, fit, reputation, investment and wage rates.**
- 4. Increase existing industry engagement through visitations and delivery of services.**
- 5. Complete the pad ready site at Golden Corner Commerce Park and successfully recruit a project for it.**
- 6. Undertake a deep dive workforce study that will benefit existing industry and business recruitment.**
- 7. Enhance through infrastructure and site improvements the three county owned industrial parks.**
- 8. Partner with a developer for an industrial spec building in Oconee County.**
- 9. Bring new sites online for industrial development in the I-85 Corridor.**
- 10. Provide more opportunities for OEA's investors to engage, network and develop business leads.**

2024 Dave Eldridge Service Award

Presented by

Amanda Brock

Oconee County Administrator

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Thomas Alexander
Senate District 1



Closing Remarks

Joey Hawkins
OEA Chairman

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S.C. Sen. Thomas Alexander shares his secrets for building consensus and getting things done in the halls of power. Photo by Matthew Franklin Carter.



PUTTING SOUTH CAROLINA

Senate President Thomas Alexander and the art of servant leadership

BY AVERY G. WILKS

THE STORIES ARE RECORDED ON NOTEBOOK PAGES, sticky notes, and backs of envelopes—whatever Thomas Alexander has handy as he meets and greets his constituents across the Golden Corner of South Carolina’s Upstate.

They tell of roads that need paving, charities that need funding, veterans who need help accessing their benefits.

For decades now, the state senator for Oconee and Pickens counties has collected these requests for help in little paper stacks. And at least once a week, over the course of his 150-mile drive to the State House in Columbia, Alexander goes through each note one by one—phoning up his contacts in state government and trying to get the problems solved.

It’s this meticulous approach to constituent service that has propelled Alexander, 67, through a 40-year career in elected office, from his first position on city council in his native Walhalla to his current role as president of the S.C. Senate.

The Upstate Republican isn’t a household name throughout South Carolina. He doesn’t make headlines with provocative statements or call press conferences to boast about his achievements.

But colleagues and observers say Alexander’s record of working behind the scenes and across party lines to solve problems big and small for rural South Carolina sets him apart.

If you gained access to high-speed internet over the past few years, or obtained healthcare through Medicaid, or drove past Department of Transportation crews working on a major highway project, you have Alexander, in part, to thank—even though he is loath to accept the credit.

“He takes on the hard assignments,” Senate Majority Leader Shane Massey says. “He shows up. He works hard. But he is also smart and is willing to get into the details to get things done.”

For those reasons, South Carolina’s electric cooperatives voted recently to honor Alexander with their first-ever Electric Cooperative Outstanding Public Service Award. The new accolade will recognize distinguished leaders who have demonstrated unwavering support of the state’s electric cooperatives and the nearly 2 million South Carolinians who rely on their electricity.



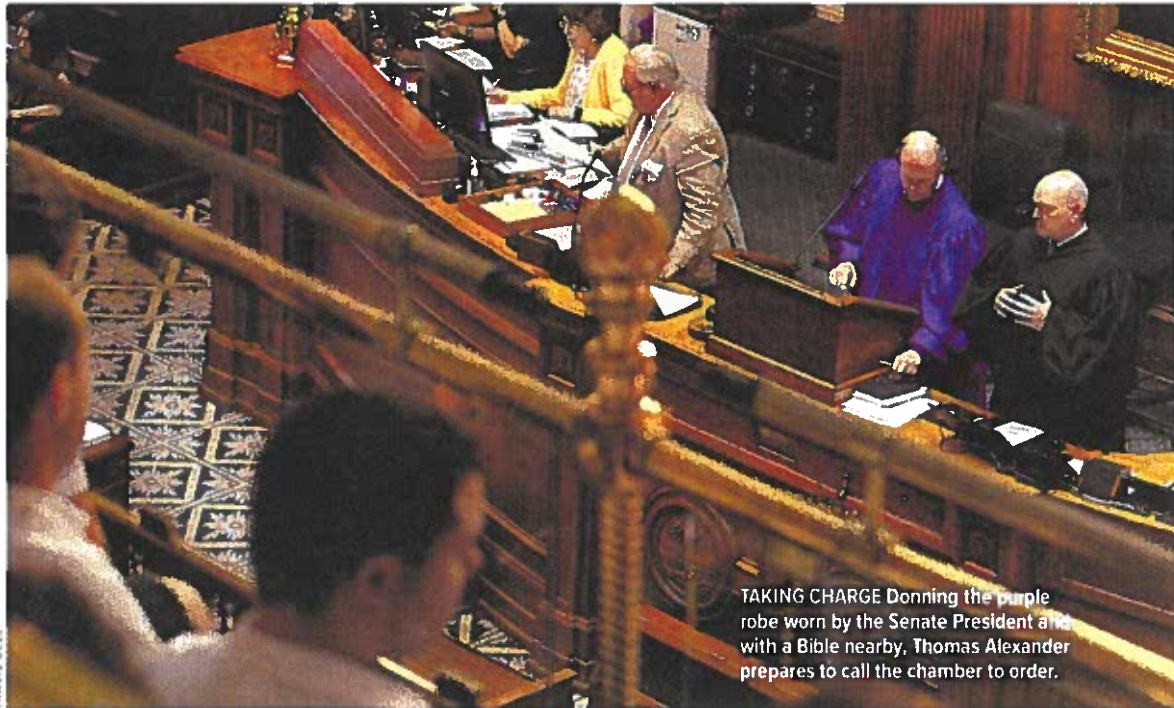
RECEIVING RECOGNITION
S.C. Senate President Thomas Alexander’s commitment to solving the problems of rural South Carolina earned him the first-ever Electric Cooperative Outstanding Public Service Award.

MATTHEW FRANKLIN CARTER

FIRST

“You want government to work for folks. I kind of look at it as a ministry to a certain extent. I want to make a difference.”

— S.C. SENATE PRESIDENT
THOMAS ALEXANDER



TAKING CHARGE Donning the purple robe worn by the Senate President and with a Bible nearby, Thomas Alexander prepares to call the chamber to order.

“From time to time, we honor people for a single event, something they’ve done on one occasion,” says Mike Couick, president and CEO of The Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina. “This is for a lifetime body of service for Thomas Alexander. This is him day in, day out, month in, month out, showing up and getting things done.”

A life of service

Alexander’s commitment to service is rooted in his upbringing.

He grew up tagging along with his parents at civic club meetings in Walhalla, a city of just over 4,000 in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

His mother led the South Carolina district of the Pilot Club, a volunteer women’s group that helps people with brain-related disorders and disabilities. Once Alexander was old enough to drive, she conscripted him into ferrying her to meetings and conferences all over the state.

At one such event in Columbia, Alexander remembers watching testimonial videos of people the Pilot Club had assisted. A notion sank in: One person’s service could radically improve another’s life.

Alexander began a lifelong quest to help.

He campaigned and interned for legendary U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond, whose penchant for constituent service Alexander would later mirror.

After graduating from Clemson University with a bachelor’s degree in economics, Alexander served as a deacon and Sunday school teacher at Walhalla Presbyterian Church,

joined the Walhalla Chamber of Commerce board and did stints as president of the city’s Sertoma Club and Lions Club.

He was elected to Walhalla City Council in 1981, where he became fascinated with the management of police, fire and utility services. But his craving to make a larger impact led him to the S.C. House in 1986 and the state Senate eight years later.

Along the way, he developed into the ultimate retail politician. In Oconee and Pickens counties, Alexander is a staple at birthday parties, weddings, and town halls—anywhere two or more people are gathered. He jokes that when he stops at a fast-food restaurant with his grandchildren, he offers to pay—as long as they agree to go inside so he can mingle with the other customers. “I love seeing people,” Alexander says. “It inspires and energizes me.”

So does solving their problems, whether that means fixing a pothole or directing the flow of millions of dollars in state aid.

“You want government to work for folks. I kind of look at it as a ministry to a certain extent,” says Alexander, who keeps a Bible on his desk in the Senate chamber. “I want to make a difference.”

Alexander, a Blue Ridge Electric member himself, developed a strong working relationship with the Upstate cooperative that serves much of his Senate district. He rarely, if ever, misses one of Blue Ridge Electric’s annual meetings, and the cooperative often finds a reason to put him onstage—either to give a speech, say the prayer or lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

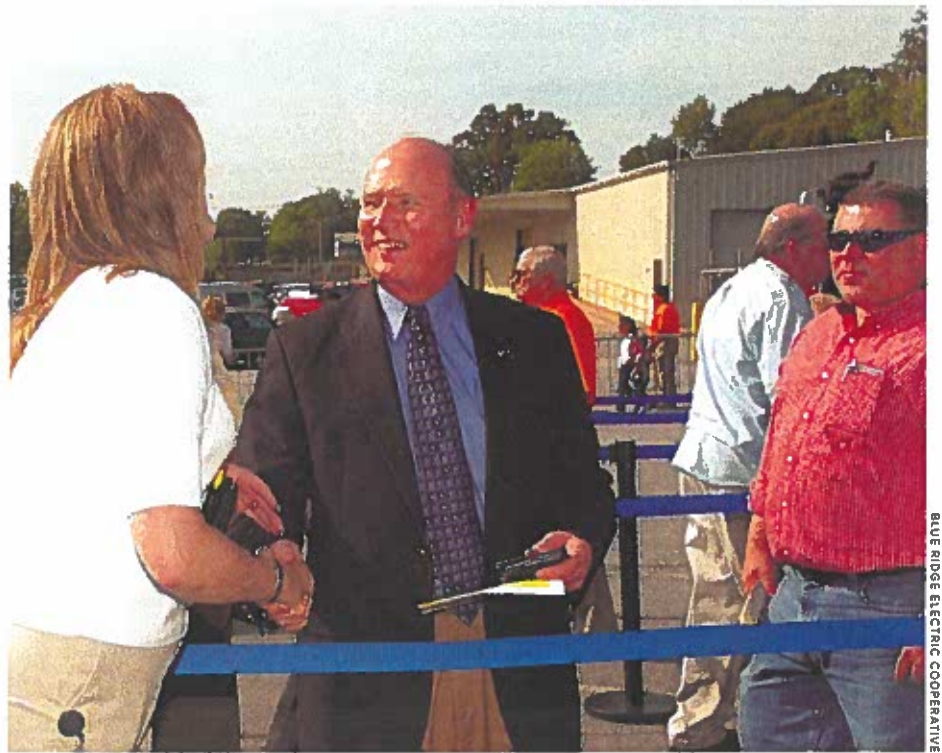
Alexander has had the cooperative’s back at the State House,

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—S.C. SENATE MINORITY LEADER BRAD HUTTO

SHOWING UP Thomas Alexander, a Blue Ridge Electric member himself, rarely, if ever, misses the co-op's annual meeting where he can be found greeting fellow members.



BLUE RIDGE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

and he has been instrumental in helping the Blue Ridge Electric land game-changing economic development projects back home, Blue Ridge Electric CEO Jim Lovinggood says. “He’s in it for the right reasons. He has a servant’s heart.”

Ahead of the curve

Colleagues say Alexander’s greatest impact comes within the granite walls of the State House. That’s where a single piece of legislation can affect millions of lives, and where Alexander’s skill at diplomacy and consensus building come into play.

Close observers say Alexander welcomes opportunities to take on daunting problems facing the state, noting his contributions to fixing the state’s underfunded pension and rebuilding its unemployment system from the ground up after the Great Recession.

Alexander relishes what many of his colleagues consider an unenviable task: leading the Senate subcommittee that writes the state’s healthcare budget every year. The job requires him to grapple with the Medicaid system and the management of behemoth state agencies that oversee public health, environmental regulation and child welfare.

Senate Democrats, who helped ensure Alexander’s unanimous election as Senate president in 2021, appreciate that he listens to both sides as he works out solutions.

“He genuinely cares about people,” says Senate Minority Leader Brad Hutto, an Orangeburg Democrat. “If it involves the welfare of people, you can count on him to be concerned, compassionate and effective.”

Many expect Alexander’s crowning achievement will be his work on broadband expansion.

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic laid bare the need for high-speed internet access in vast swaths of the state, Alexander was working with his local cooperative, Blue Ridge Electric, to string fiber-optic cable out to rural residents who still had dial-up or no connection to the web at all.

He convened a group of state agency leaders and internet service providers and instructed them to find ways to cut through red tape to quickly begin the buildout of rural broadband.

He successfully pushed for legislation that allowed the state’s electric cooperatives, including Blue Ridge Electric, to string fiber onto their existing electric poles. The new law eliminated the time and expense it normally takes to acquire those easements, letting cooperatives move faster.

“No one helped us out more than him,” says Zach Hinton, Blue Ridge Electric’s vice president of economic development and support services.

When federal COVID-19 relief dollars began pouring into the state by the hundreds of millions, Alexander helped direct huge chunks of it to cooperatives and other service providers that were already working on broadband expansion.

Before the pandemic, some 400,000 S.C. homes lacked access to high-speed internet. With Alexander’s help, that number has been more than cut in half.

“He was ahead of the curve,” says Nanette Edwards, the former head of the Office of Regulatory Staff, which oversees South Carolina’s broadband buildout. “When I think of Sen. Alexander, I think of broadband.”

Alexander, for his part, appears allergic to such praise. He makes clear he is just doing his part, just like the other 45 members of the Senate.

“The Lord has blessed me, and the citizens have been extremely good to me,” he says.

Alexander says he hopes to continue serving as long as his constituents want him in office. He sees an array of challenges on the horizon—improving mental health care, workforce development and ensuring the reliability of the power grid—and he wants to help solve them.

“When you put South Carolina first,” he says, “you find a way to get to a consensus.” ☺



Board of Commissioners Meeting
OJRSA Operations & Administration Building
Lamar Bailes Board Room
February 5, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda

- A. Call to Order** – Brian Ramey, Board Chair
- B. Swearing in of Commissioner** – Larry Brandt, OJRSA Attorney
- Seat 2 Seneca: Timothy Scott Moulder
- C. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Commissioner Marty McKee
- D. Public Session** – Receive comments relating to topics that may or may not be on this agenda. Session is limited to a maximum of 30 minutes with no more than 5 minutes per speaker.
- E. Executive Session** *NOTE: Board may act on matters discussed in executive session upon returning to open session.*
- Receipt of legal advice – legal authority for bonds. *[Executive Session permissible under SC Law 30-4-70(a)(2), which states: Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim.]*
- F. Approval of Minutes**
- Board of Commissioners Meeting of January 4, 2024
- G. Committee and Other Meeting Reports**
- Annual Members' Meeting of January 4, 2024 – Brian Ramey, Board Chair
 - Operations & Planning Meeting of January 17, 2024 – Bob Faires, Committee Chair
 - Finance & Administration Meeting of January 23, 2024 – Celia Myers, Committee Chair
- H. Secretary/Treasurer's Report** (Exhibit A) – Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer
- I. Oconee County Government Update Regarding Matters Involving Wastewater** – Oconee County Administrator or Appointed County Representative
- J. Presentation and Discussion Items** *[May include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up for discussion]*
1. Discuss operation and maintenance of Sewer South assets not owned by the OJRSA – Chris Eleazer, Director
 2. Establish 2024 organizational goals by the Board of Commissioners – Led by Brian Ramey, Board Chair
 3. Consider changes to Board and Committee Meeting Policy as adopted on July 6, 2020 (Exhibit B) – Kevin Bronson, Commissioner
- K. Action Items**
1. Consider variance for Cascade Point Subdivision from increased capacity fees that took effect on January 1, 2024 – Tricia Chassen, Forestar Group, Inc. Greenville Division
 2. Approve sale of OJRSA Asset TRL-06 1999 Custom 12TA40 trailer to City of Seneca for \$6,250 – Chris Eleazer, Director
 3. Approve OJRSA Resolution 2024-06 to adopt minor revision to the Procurement & Property Disposal Policy as approved by the Board on January 4, 2024 (Exhibit C) – Chris Eleazer, Director
 4. Consider Resolution 2024- 07 to approve for 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 additional easement width necessary for the Sewer South Phase 2 project (Exhibit D) – Chris Eleazer, Director
 5. Approve for public notice the OJRSA retail sewer system fees and rates (Exhibit E) – Chris Eleazer, Director

L. Executive Director's Discussion and Compliance Matters – Chris Eleazer, Director

1. Environmental and regulatory compliance
2. Sewer South update
3. FY 2025 Budget
4. Capital contribution in lieu of payment of impact fees
5. Satellite sewer system I/I and compliance meeting (regarding OJRSA Consent Order 21-025-W)
6. EPA approval of analytical methods for PFAS and impact to OJRSA and Significant Industrial Users
7. Miscellaneous (*if any*)

M. Commissioners' Discussion – Brian Ramey, Board Chair

Discussion can be related to matters addressed in this meeting or for future consideration by the Board or Committee. Voting is not permitted during this session.

N. Upcoming Meetings *All meetings to be held in the Lamar Bailes Board Room unless noted otherwise.*

- Operations & Planning Committee – February 14, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. *Date of meeting changed by Committee. Meeting will include matters related to satellite sewer systems and the OJRSA Consent Order.*
- Finance & Administration Committee – February 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. *Date of meeting changed by Committee*
- Board of Commissioners – March 4, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

O. Adjourn



Secretary/Treasurer's Report for Board of Commissioners

Prepared for the February 5, 2024 OJRSA Board of Commissioners Meeting

Cash and investment information stated herein come from bank and other financial records as of: January 31, 2024

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS CASH AND INVESTMENTS SUMMARY

Account/Fund Name	Cash (\$)	Investments (\$)	Total (\$)
Wholesale Operations & Maintenance (O&M)	431,769	980,000	1,411,769
Retail Operations & Maintenance (RO&M)	272,335	495,000	767,335
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	704,104	1,475,000	2,179,104

RESTRICTED FUNDS CASH AND INVESTMENTS SUMMARY

Account/Fund Name	Cash (\$)	Investments (\$)	Total (\$)
Projects and Contingency (PCF)	86,079	1,225,000	1,311,079
Wholesale Impact Fund (WIF)	451,133	3,340,000	3,791,133
Retail Impact Fund (RIF)	0	0	0
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	537,212	4,565,000	5,102,212

Combined Total for All Funds

Cash Investments Combined

See additional sheets for investment information

Account Notes:

The balance in the RO&M account dropped substantially from last month due to a check in the amount of \$661,883.84 issued to Don Moorhead Construction for Pay App #5 on 1/2/24.

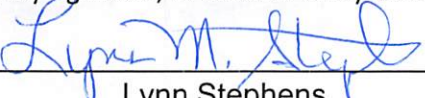
INDEPENDENT RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS

All transactions for all funds have been satisfactorily reconciled by an independent accounting firm for the month of December 2023 : YES NO

See attached document from independent accountant.

Reconciliation Notes:

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



 Lynn Stephens
 OJRSA Secretary/Treasurer

INVESTMENTS UPDATE

Maturing Investment	Fund Code	Maturity Date	Amount (\$)	To Be Reinvested?
First Republic @ 4.70%	RO&M	02/16/2024	245,000.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Beal Bank @ 4.75%	WIF	02/21/2024	245,000.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Associated Bank @ 5.15%	WIF	02/22/2024	190,000.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Charles Schwab @ 4.70%	RO&M	02/22/2024	250,000.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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See additional sheets, if necessary

Investment Notes:

See additional sheets for 12-month cash and investment trends and other information.

From: [bookkeeping](#)
To: [Lynn Stephens](#)
Subject: December 2023 Bank Reconciliations
Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 3:04:17 PM
Attachments: [Dec 2023 Bank Recs.pdf](#)

Hey Lynn,

Please see attached bank reconciliations. All accounts were reconciled with no issues. The Retail Sewer Special Development Investments account was reconciled with a zero balance, so nothing printed. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Sorry for the page quality, my printer is giving me a hard time. I'll request a letter from Susan when I have the docs uploaded to our binder.

Publiq was giving me a heck of time, crashed after each reconciliation. Phewww.

Thank you,

Jared Williams
Stancil Cooley Estep & Stamey, LLP
Bookkeeper
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February 2, 2024

Lynn Stephens
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RE: Bank Reconciliations for OJRSA December 2023

Dear Lynn,

We have completed the bank reconciliations for the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority for the month ending December 31, 2023. Copies of the bank reconciliations are attached for your review. There are several old outstanding checks in the operating account that you may want to review. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Stamey, CPA
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December 13, 2023

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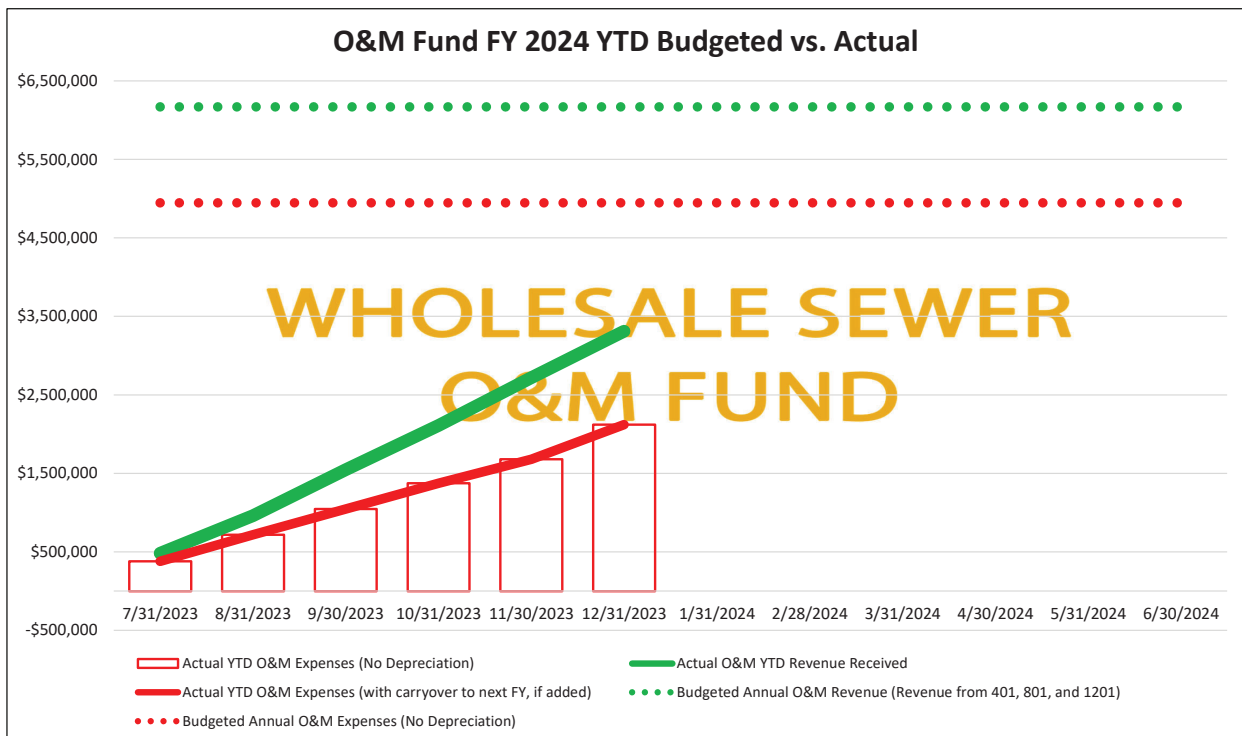
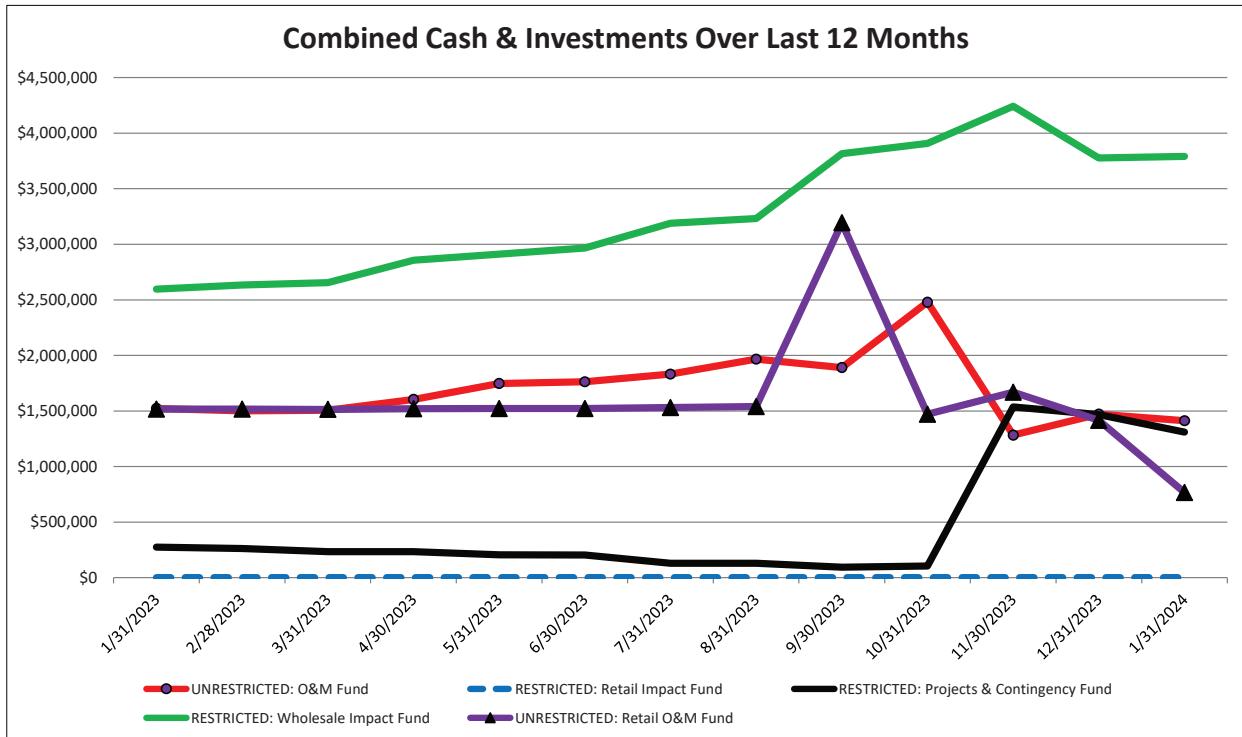
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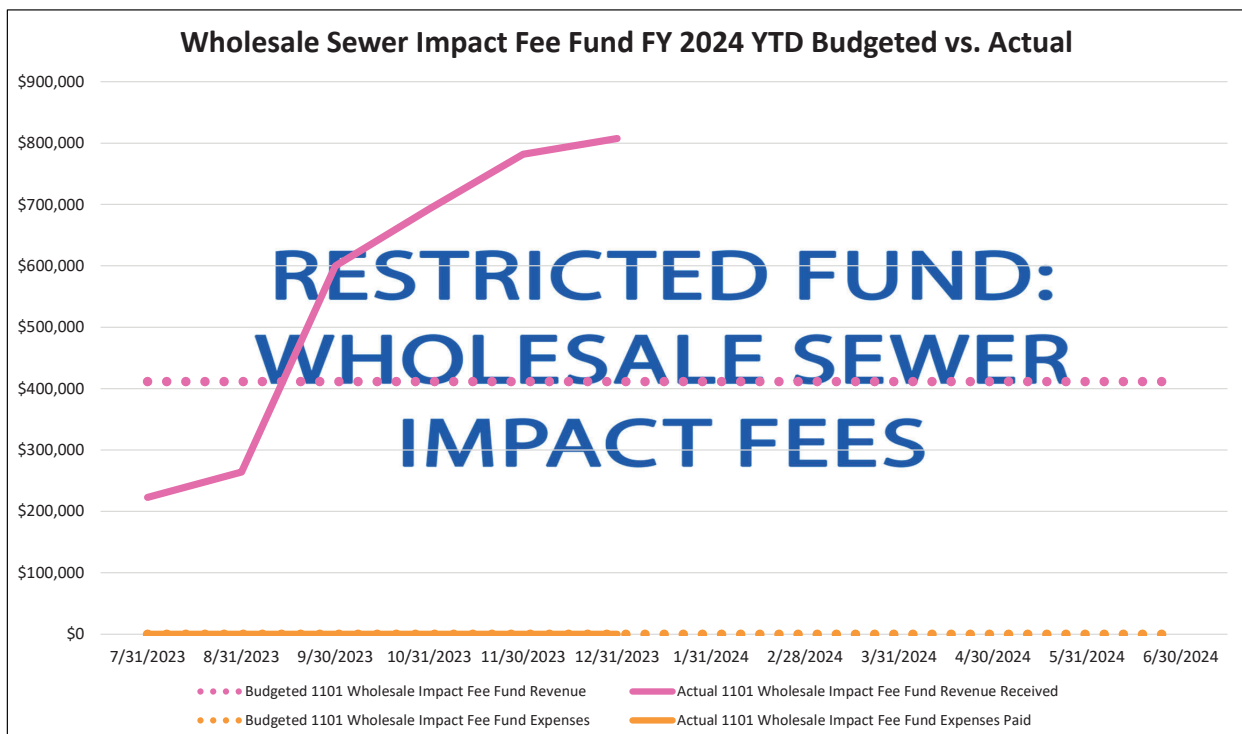
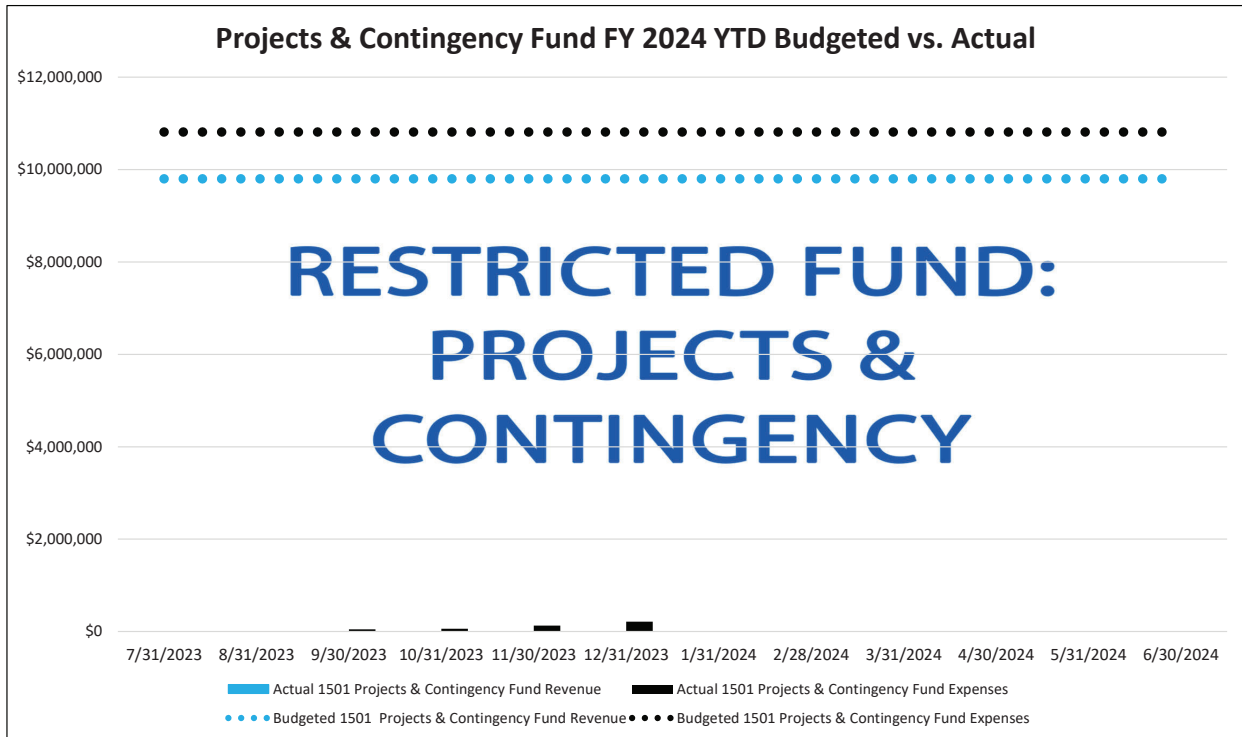
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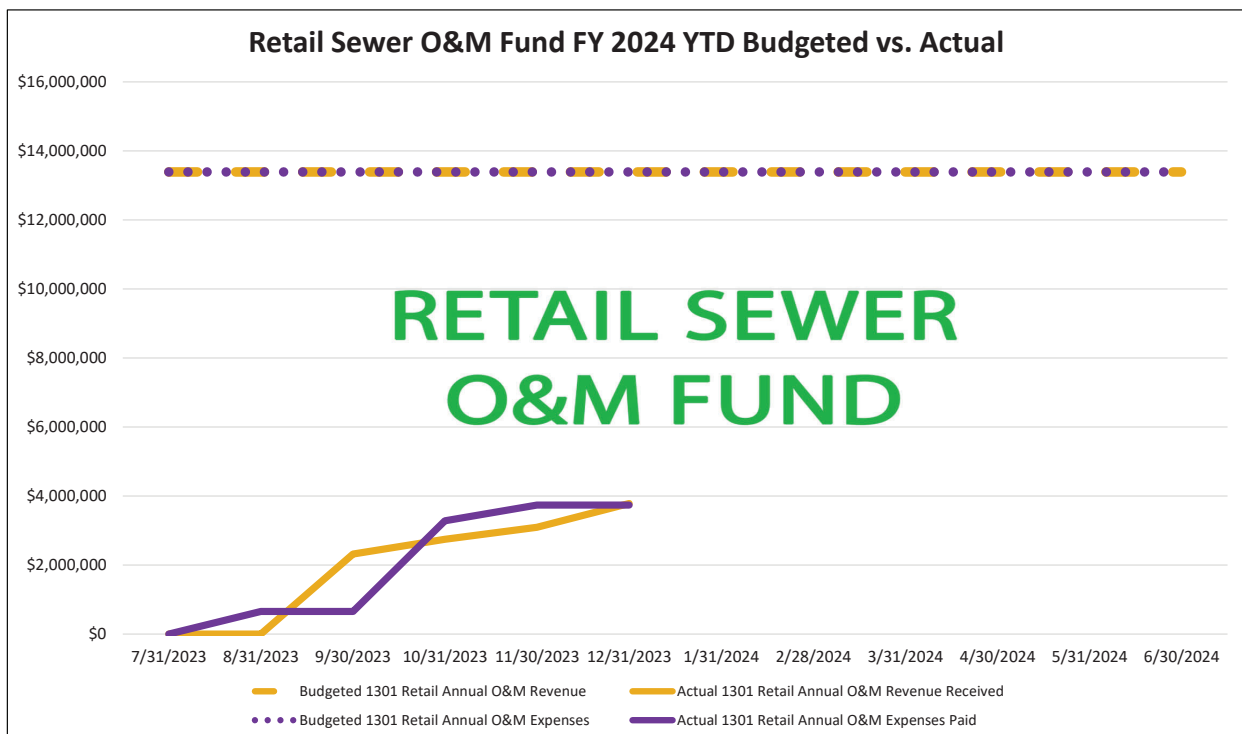
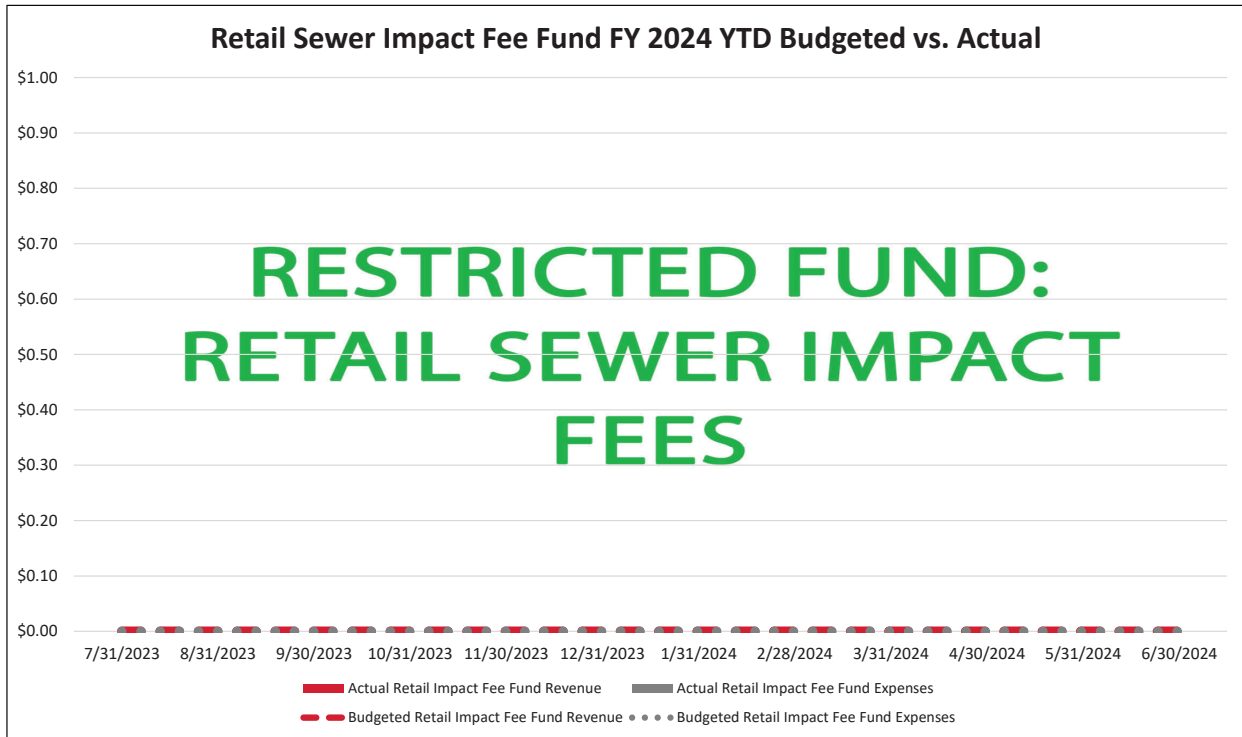
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RESOLUTION 2021-01

Board and Committee Meeting Policy

A RESOLUTION OF THE OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY (OJRSA) OF SENECA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ADOPT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR SCHEDULING AND ATTENDING BOARD OF COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The Board of Commissioners of the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority, does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (OJRSA) Board of Commissioners (Board) has identified the need to have additional policies in place governing meetings of the Commissioners and Committees.

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS

- I. **Board:** The OJRSA Board of Commissioners.
- II. **Declared Emergency:** A proclamation that is made by either the President of the United States, Governor of South Carolina, any one of the councils governing one of the Member Cities, or Oconee County council when they believe a disaster has occurred or is imminent that is severe enough to cause substantial damages, loss, hardship, or suffering. It can be due to a natural or manmade disaster, severe weather, uncivil protest or rioting, disease, or other qualifying event.
- III. **Emergency Meeting:** Rare meetings that may occur due to a disaster or other activity which can impair public health or safety.
- IV. **Executive Committee:** As defined in Article VII Section 5 of the OJRSA Bylaws.
- V. **Freedom of Information Act (or FOIA):** South Carolina Code of Laws Title 30 Section 4. Its purpose is to have community business conducted in an open and public manner in order for the citizens to help formulate public policy and be advised of the performance of public officials.
- VI. **Meeting:** The convening of a quorum of the constituent membership of a public body, whether corporal or by means of electronic equipment, to discuss or act upon a matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power. (SC Code of Laws 30-4-20(d)). Meetings can be of any type defined in the OJRSA Bylaws or within this Policy.
- VII. **Member City:** The cities of Seneca, Walhalla, and Westminster.
- VIII. **Non-Verbal Communication:** Notes, text messages, and other such forms of non-verbal communication exchanged by Commissioners with other Commissioners, governing officials (i.e., elected members of the Member Cities, Oconee Council members, etc.), or members of the public that may or may not be present at the meeting

SECTION 3: POLICY

- I. **General Meeting Policies**
 - A. The following conditions apply to all public meeting types held by the agency regardless of the format the meeting is held in as described in Section 3 of this Policy.

1. Non-verbal communications, as described in Section 2.VIII is strongly discouraged during meetings as such communications are outside the spirit of open discussion of topics under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). If, however, a Commissioner participates in non-verbal communication, then the following applies:
 - (a) The documents are to be copied by the OJRSA Secretary/Treasurer and must be maintained with the meeting minutes as part of the record.
 - (b) The non-verbal communications are to be made available to the public upon request under the FOIA unless they are determined by the OJRSA Attorney to be exempt from public disclosure. The OJRSA Freedom of Information Act Policy applies to such requests.
 - (c) Any deviation from this requirement must be made by a majority vote of the Board on a case-by-case basis.
 2. Notes made for personal use during the meetings by commissioners are allowed and are not required to be submitted for the record.
- B.** Other conditions for meetings as stated in the current version of the OJRSA Bylaws applies to all meetings contained within this Policy.

II. Emergency Meetings

- A.** Emergency meetings only apply to the Board or the Executive Committee as defined in the OJRSA Bylaws.
- B.** To have an emergency meeting, the Board Chair or Executive Director must determine if a meeting is necessary due to a matter of public health or safety and that the emergency is so time-sensitive that the board cannot reasonably provide at least 24 hours' notice of the meeting to the public and media.
- C.** Rules requiring a quorum apply to emergency meetings; however, if there are not enough members of the Board to constitute a quorum, then an Executive Committee meeting shall be conducted and its decisions shall carry the weight as if considered and voted on by the Board as was authorized by the Board of Commissioners at its April 2, 2018 meeting.
- D.** Emergency meetings do not have a requirement for advance public notice per law; however, the OJRSA shall make every attempt to provide at least 24 hours' notice of the meeting to the public and media if possible and if not, as much notice as possible taking into account how immediately time sensitive the issue is.
- E.** Meetings must be held in person and be open to the public unless it meets the exceptions as stated in the FOIA or qualifies for hosting as an electronic meeting as stated within this Policy.
- F.** The only items eligible for consideration are those that are directly associated with the emergency.
- G.** Emergency meeting agendas do not have to provide a time for public comment and it is at the discretion of the Board Chair to determine if a public comment period will be allowed prior or following the discussion and action items as listed on the agenda.

III. Electronic Meetings

- A.** The decision to host a meeting electronically shall be made by the Board Chair following consultation with the Executive Director during declared emergencies only as defined within this Policy.
- B.** This policy is not intended to allow for Commissioners to participate in or vote in any meetings due to vacation, illness, or other such means. If a Board member elects to participate a meeting under these terms, then the following applies:
 1. Absent members are not considered to be present at the meeting and may not participate in any other manner than a member of the general public (i.e., they can only participate in discussion during public session portions of the meeting); and
 2. They are not eligible to receive a per diem for attending any portion of the meeting and their attendance will be counted as a "visitor" and not as a Commissioner.
- C.** Per South Carolina Code of Laws Title 30 Chapter 4 (Freedom of Information Act), public bodies such as the OJRSA may conduct meetings via means of electronic communication. All laws contained within the Freedom of Information Act are to be strictly adhered to.
- D.** A special media release shall be sent out to the press and other contacts informing them about the electronic meeting and how they can participate.

- E. The Board Chair will lead the electronic meeting in the same manner as a regular meeting. He/she has the ability to use tools contained within the selected electronic media method in order to moderate, receive public input, discuss agenda items, and vote.
- F. Electronic meetings shall not take place via social media, text messages, email, private phone conversations or any other method that violates the spirit of the FOIA. Such participation could be considered illegal and subject to penalties enforced by the State of South Carolina.
- G. All electronic meetings shall be recorded and preserved as required by the FOIA and the OJRSA Records Retention Policy as approved by the South Carolina Department of Archives and History.
- H. Minutes of all electronic meetings of the Board shall be made available to the public as required by the FOIA with matters exempt from disclosure pursuant to the Act redacted.
- I. Board members will receive a per diem for participating in electronic meetings.

IV. Rescheduling of Meetings

- A. Meetings can be rescheduled by vote of the Board or Committee in open session prior to the meeting that is to be rescheduled. The Executive Director cannot reschedule a meeting him/herself without approval from the Board or Committee.
- B. If a meeting is rescheduled as a result of conflict with the Executive Director's schedule, the per diem shall be paid to all members regardless of their ability to attend the meeting or not, including if the rescheduled meeting has to be canceled for any reason.
- C. If a meeting is rescheduled by the Board or Committee members, then those not attending the meeting are not eligible for their per diem.

V. Cancellation of Meetings

- A. Meetings may be canceled for any the following reasons:
 1. Vote or request by Board or Committee
 2. Lack of quorum
 3. Lack of response from members regarding their attendance; thus, it is not known whether a quorum will be present
 4. Lack of agenda items (as presented by either the Board/Committee members or the Executive Director)
 5. Conflict with OJRSA staff schedules that cannot be postponed
 6. Actual or potential impact caused by severe weather (other than thunderstorms, which are frequent occurrences to the area)
 7. A declared emergency as defined in this Policy
 8. At the request of the Governor or General Assembly of the State of South Carolina
- B. If a meeting is canceled for reasons identified in Section 3 parts V.A.1, V.A.2, or V.A.3 of the Policy, then a per diem shall not be paid to any members of the Board or Committee for the canceled meeting.
- C. The Board or Committee members shall receive their per diem if a meeting is canceled for other reasons.

SECTION 4: RESOLUTION AS RULE OF LAW

If any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision, or the applications thereof, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are to be declared severable.

Passed and adopted by the Oconee Joint Regional Board of Commissioners, Seneca, South Carolina on this 6th day of July, 2020. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from the date of its passage.

SIGNATURE ON FILE WITH MINUTES
 Scott Moulder, Chair
 OJRSA Board of Commissioners

Attest: _____
SIGNATURE ON FILE WITH MINUTES
 Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer
 OJRSA Board of Commissioners -and-
 OJRSA Office Manager

Approved as to form:

SIGNATURE ON FILE WITH MINUTES
 Larry Brandt, OJRSA Attorney

Date: _____

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RESOLUTION 2024-06

Adoption of Procurement and Property Disposal Policy Revision

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY OF THE OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY REGARDING FINANCIAL MATTERS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Commission (the "Commission"), the governing body of the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority, South Carolina ("OJRSA") in a meeting duly assembled as follows:

Section 1 Findings. The Commission hereby makes the following findings of fact in connection with the adoption of this resolution (this "Resolution"):

- A. OJRSA was established pursuant to Title 6, Chapter 25 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "Act") by its three member-municipalities: the City of Seneca, the City of Walhalla, and the City of Westminster under the terms of an Intergovernmental Agreement dated October 31, 2007 (the "Agreement").
- B. Pursuant to the Act and the Agreement, the Commission is tasked with the management and control over the joint regional sewer system owned by OJRSA.
- C. In fulfilling this charge, the Commission has determined it is in the best interest of OJRSA to adopt a formal policy regarding procurement and property disposal (the "*OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy*").

Section 2 Adoption. In accordance with the findings above, the Commission hereby adopts only the revisions to *OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy* as set forth at Exhibit A, which incorporates a minor revision as approved by the Commission following the acceptance of OJRSA Resolution 2024-05 on January 4, 2024. The remainder of the *OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy* shall remain as approved by Resolution 2024-05.

Section 3 Effective Date. The *OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy* is effective immediately upon the adoption of this Resolution. All resolutions or policies (including former financial policies) that are in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution or the *OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy* are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency or in their entirety where the conflict or inconsistency is not severable from such document.

DONE AND ADOPTED by the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Board of Commissioners, Seneca, South Carolina on this 5th day of February 2024.

Brian Ramey, Chair
OJRSA Board of Commissioners

Attest: _____
Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer
OJRSA Board of Commissioners -and-
OJRSA Office Manager

Approved as to form:

Larry Brandt, OJRSA Attorney

Date: _____

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Exhibit A

Attached beginning on following page

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For Consideration
by OJRSA Board

OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy
February 5, 2024

SECTION 1 – ADOPTION

The *OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy* shall become effective in accordance with OJRSA Resolution ~~2024-05~~2024-06.

SECTION 2 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1 PURPOSE AND APPLICATION

- A. **Purpose:** The *OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy* (“Policy”) is to provide for procedures and policies embodying sound principles of appropriately competitive Procurement and for equitable treatment in purchasing, to maximize purchasing value and to provide safeguards for maintaining quality, and integrity in compliance with SC Code Ann. §11-35-50.
- B. **Application:** This Policy applies to contracts for the Procurement of Supplies, Services, and Construction entered into by OJRSA upon and after the effective date of this Policy unless the parties agree to its application to contracts entered in to prior to the effective date. It shall apply to all expenditures of public funds irrespective of their source.
- C. **Anti-Discrimination in Purchasing Practices:** The OJRSA does not discriminate against any vendor on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, or veteran status in any area of the purchasing or property disposal process.
- D. **Specific Repealer:** All previously issued Resolutions, Rules, or Regulations pertaining to public Procurement for OJRSA are repealed.

2.2 PUBLIC ACCESS TO PROCUREMENT INFORMATION

- A. Procurement information shall be a public record to the extent required by Title 30 Chapter 4 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, (the “Freedom of Information Act” or “FOIA”) with the exception that commercial, financial or proprietary information obtained in response to a ‘Request for Bids’ or ‘Request for Proposals’ or any type of bid solicitation need not be disclosed, if designated as privileged and confidential by the submitter of the bid or proposal and is exempt from disclosure under SC Code Ann. §30-4-40(a)(1) or (5)(c) or other provision of the FOIA. Such information can be returned to the submitter upon request after the proposals or bids have been evaluated; no duty of confidentiality arises with regard to such records while the records are in the possession of OJRSA.
- B. Refer to FOIA and any policies that may be separately promulgated by the Board under the FOIA for guidance on those matters which can and cannot be disclosed, and for other policies on disclosure of public information by OJRSA.
- C. Consult with appropriate legal counsel as appropriate.

2.3 COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL OR STATE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS

When the Procurement involves the expenditure of State or Federal assistance or contract funds, the Procurement shall be conducted in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws, regulations, and requirements which are mandatory even though such requirements may not be presently reflected in this Policy. Nothing in this Policy shall prevent OJRSA from complying with the terms and conditions of any Grant, gift, or bequest which are otherwise consistent with law.

2.4 ETHICS IN PROCUREMENT

Standards of Conduct: In all actions involving Procurement of Supplies, Services, or Construction, OJRSA shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 8 (State Ethics Act), South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended and the *OJRSA Ethics Policy* adopted on September 11, 2023 as may be amended.

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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

** 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 2024-06</i>, to include confidentiality clause in RFBs for analytical services as approved by Board on 01/04/2024.</u>



RESOLUTION 2024-07

Additional Sewer Tap for Oconee County Parcel 337-00-01-002

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY OF THE OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY ALLOWING FOR AN ADDITIONAL SEWER TAP TO BE PROVIDED TO J&L FRIENDLY ACRES, LLC FOR OCONEE COUNTY PARCEL 337-00-01-002.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Commission (the "Commission"), the governing body of the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority, South Carolina ("OJRSA") in a meeting duly assembled as follows:

Section 1 Findings. The Commission hereby makes the following findings of fact in connection with the adoption of this resolution (this "Resolution"):

- A. OJRSA was established pursuant to Title 6, Chapter 25 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "Act") by its three member-municipalities: the City of Seneca, the City of Walhalla, and the City of Westminster under the terms of an Intergovernmental Agreement dated October 31, 2007 (the "Agreement").
- B. Pursuant to the Act and the Agreement, the Commission is tasked with the management and control over the joint regional sewer system owned by OJRSA.
- C. The OJRSA is the retail wastewater provider for this parcel at the time of construction of the sewer improvement project referred to as "Sewer South Phase 2" on South Carolina Highway 59.
- D. OJRSA Resolution 2021-08 as approved by the Commission on December 7, 2020 provided one (1) sewer tap for this and other qualified properties as part of Sewer South Phase 2.

Section 2 Adoption. The conditions for the OJRSA offering this one (1) additional tap are as follows:

1. The waiving of any impact or other fees is not permissible by adoption of this Resolution.
2. Including the previous tap granted by Resolution 2021-08, no more than two (2) taps are to be provided to this parcel under the conditions as stated within this Resolution and that of Resolution 2021-08.
3. This additional tap is to be based on the property boundaries at the time of the adoption of this Resolution.
4. The tap shall not exceed four (4) inches in diameter. If a larger tap is necessary, the property owner shall pay the difference between the four (4) inch tap fee and the size required. The amount they will be credited for shall be \$3,100, which is the cost of a four (4) inch tap based on the contractor price at the time of Sewer South Phase 2 construction.
5. The offer of the additional sewer tap shall only apply during the period in which the gravity sewer on and/or adjacent to this parcel is installed as part of Sewer South Phase 2 and is in use. It is not transferrable to any other current or future sewer line or parcel unless said other parcel is created or directly severed from Parcel 337-00-01-002.
6. All other conditions must comply with OJRSA Sewer Use Regulations.
7. This Resolution will be provided as an exhibit with the executed Easement & Right-of-Way Agreement and recorded with the Oconee County Register of Deeds.

RESOLUTION 2024-07 Additional Sewer Tap for Oconee County Parcel 337-00-01-002
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The OJRSA will either provide a sewer tap (“tap”) at the time of construction or install a tap¹ as part of J&L Friendly Acres, LLC executing a binding Easement & Right-of-Way Agreement with the OJRSA. The offer of a tap can be made in whole or as a part of other compensation or considerations as recommended by either a licensed professional consultant in the state of South Carolina (e.g., certified appraiser or registered engineer) or the OJRSA Executive Director without approval by the Commission; however, the Board must authorize the execution of any Agreement on behalf of the OJRSA.

Section 3 Effective Date. This Resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

DONE AND ADOPTED by the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Board of Commissioners, Seneca, South Carolina on this 5th day of February 2024.

Brian Ramey, Chair
OJRSA Board of Commissioners

Attest: _____
Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer
OJRSA Board of Commissioners -and-
OJRSA Office Manager

Approved as to form:

Larry Brandt, OJRSA Attorney

Date: _____

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For Consideration
by OJRSA Board

¹ OJRSA reimbursement by Oconee County for costs associated with this tap shall be in accordance with all applicable Inter-governmental Agreements between the OJRSA and Oconee County, South Carolina.

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January 24, 2024

Via E-Mail:

Christopher Eleazer, MPA
Executive Director
Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority
Chris.eleazer@ojrsa.org

RE: Proposed Sewer Rates for 2024

Dear Mr. Eleazer:

Oconee County and the Oconee Economic Alliance have reviewed the proposed sewer rates for 2024. The volumetric rate of \$6.38 per 1,000 gallons is lower than the Golden Corner Commerce Park rate of \$7.37 per 1,000 gallons that was approved in July 2023. As a result, we support the recommended rates and charges the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority is recommending for this year.

Sincerely,

Amanda F. Brock
Administrator



From: [Daryll Parker](#)
To: [Chris Eleazer](#); abrock@oconeesc.com; [Jeff McGarvey](#); [Michael Cronan](#)
Subject: Sample Rates
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 15:20:16
Attachments: [Sample Rate Structure.xlsx](#)

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

Seneca Sewer Rates
Effective July 1, 2023

Walhalla Sewer Rates
Effective July 1, 2023

Description	Amount
Seneca Inside City	
Residential Base	\$ 7.17
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 3.79
Commercial Base	\$ 7.17
Commercial Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 3.79
Seneca Outside City	
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
Walhalla Inside City	
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
Walhalla Outside City	
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

SENECA RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE

Monthly Inside Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month	
Seneca Base	\$ 7.17
Seneca Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 18.95
OJRSA Base	\$ 10.00
OJRSA Volumetric Base/1,000 Gallons	\$ 26.95
Total for 5,000 gal residential/month	\$ 63.07

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
Total for 5,000 gal residential/month	\$ 76.65

WALHALLA RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE

Monthly Inside 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
Total for 5,000 gal residential/month	\$ 43.95

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
Total for 5,000 gal residential/month	\$ 43.95

Westminster Sewer Rates
Effective July 1, 2023

West Union Sewer Rates
Effective July 1, 2023

Description	Amount
Westminster Inside City	
Residential Base <i>(removed OJRSA base fee)</i>	\$ 11.54
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons <i>(rem OJRSA fee)</i>	\$ 3.33
Westminster Outside City	
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
<i>Nonres. TN Base 4-inch</i>	<i>\$ 149.38</i>
<i>Nonres. TN 4-inch Vol./1,000 Gal</i>	<i>\$ 5.03</i>
<i>County Sewer Only Base</i>	<i>\$ 8.66</i>
<i>County Sewer Only Vol./1,000 Gallons</i>	<i>\$ 6.36</i>
OJRSA Rates	
Residential	
Base	\$ 10.00
Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 5.39
Nonresidential	
Base	\$ 15.00
Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 7.37

Description	Amount
West Union Inside City	
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
West Union Outside City	
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

WESTMINSTER RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE	
Monthly <i>Inside</i> Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month	
Westminster Base	\$ 11.54
Westminster Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 16.65
OJRSA Base	\$ 10.00
OJRSA Volumetric Base/1,000 Gallons	\$ 26.95
Total for 5,000 gal residential/month	\$ 65.14
Monthly <i>Outside</i> 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
Total for 5,000 gal residential/month	\$ 71.20

WEST UNION RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE	
Monthly <i>Inside</i> 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
Total for 5,000 gal residential/month	\$ 52.00
Monthly <i>Outside</i> 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
Total for 5,000 gal residential/month	\$ 57.50

Westminster Rates as Published with OJRSA Fees Included	
Westminster Inside City	
Residential Base	\$ 21.54
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 8.72
Westminster Outside City	
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 Rates as Published with OJRSA Fees Included	
West Union Inside City	
Residential Base	\$ 12.00
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 8.00
Commercial Base	\$ 25.00
Commercial Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 11.00
West Union Outside City	
Residential Base	\$ 15.00
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 8.50
Commercial Base	\$ 28.00
Commercial Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 11.50

Clemson City Sewer Rates
Effective July 1, 2023

Anderson County Sewer Rates
Effective July 1, 2023

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

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

CLEMSON CITY RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE

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

Clemson City Base	\$ 20.75
Clemson City Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 27.95

Total for 5,000 gal residential/month \$ 48.70

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

Clemson City Base	\$ 31.13
Clemson City Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 53.10

Total for 5,000 gal residential/month \$ 84.23

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

Total for 5,000 gal residential/month \$ 58.30

**Anderson City/Electric City Utilities Sewer Rates
Effective July 1, 2022**

**Easley Combined Utilities Sewer Rates
Effective April 1, 2023**

Description	Amount
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*NOTE: Anderson City/ECU bills based on 100 cubic feet used.
The figures below are based on a conversion of 748.05 gal/cuft
and should be considered approximate due to rounding.*

Anderson City/ECU Inside City

First 1,496.1 gallons (ECU = 12.85/200 cubic feet)	\$ 12.85
Additional 748.05 gallons (100 cubic feet)	\$ 5.84

Anderson City/ECU Outside City

First 1,496.1 gallons (ECU = 12.85/200 cubic feet)	\$ 25.70
Additional 748.05 gallons (100 cubic feet)	\$ 11.68

Description	Amount
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*NOTE: Easley Combined bills based on 100 cubic feet used.
The figures below are based on a conversion of 748.05 gal/cuft
and should be considered approximate due to rounding.*

ECU Inside City Monthly Sewer Base Charge by Water Meter Size

5/8-Inch	\$ 21.15
1.0-Inch	\$ 21.15
1.25-Inch	\$ 21.15
1.5-Inch	\$ 21.15
2.0-Inch	\$ 21.15
3.0-Inch	\$ 21.15
4.0-Inch	\$ 21.15
6.0-Inch	\$ 21.15

Inside City Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons

Rate approx. (converted 100 cubic feet to 1,000 gallon)	\$ 3.91
<i>ECU charges \$2.9234/100 cuft</i>	

ECU Outside City Monthly Sewer Base Charge by Water Meter Size

5/8-Inch	\$ 21.15
1.0-Inch	\$ 21.15
1.25-Inch	\$ 21.15
1.5-Inch	\$ 21.15
2.0-Inch	\$ 21.15
3.0-Inch	\$ 21.15
4.0-Inch	\$ 21.15
6.0-Inch	\$ 21.15

Outside City Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons

Rate approx. (converted 100 cubic feet to 1,000 gallon)	\$ 5.40
<i>ECU charges \$4.0419/100 cuft</i>	

ANDERSON CITY/ELECT CITY UTIL. RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE

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

Anderson City/ECU First 1,496.1 Gallons	\$ 12.85
Anderson City/ECU Next 3,503.9 Gallons	\$ 27.35

Total for 5,000 gal residential/month \$ 40.20

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

Anderson City/ECU First 1,496.1 Gallons	\$ 25.70
Anderson City/ECU Next 3,503.9 Gallons	\$ 54.71

Total for 5,000 gal residential/month \$ 80.41

EASLEY COMBINED UTILITIES RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE

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

Easley Combined Utilities City Base	\$ 21.15
Easley Combined Utilities Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 19.54

Total for 5,000 gal residential/month \$ 40.69

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

Easley Combined Utilities City Base	\$ 21.15
Easley Combined Utilities Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 27.02

Total for 5,000 gal residential/month \$ 48.17

Greenville/MetroConnects Sewer Rates
Effective January 1, 2024

Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer Dist. Sewer Rates
Effective February 1, 2024

Description	Amount
MetroConnects Rates	
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

Description	Amount
Monthly Sewer Base Charge by Water Meter Size	
5/8-Inch	\$ 5.96
1.0-Inch	\$ 12.48
1.5-Inch	\$ 23.33
2.0-Inch	\$ 36.37
3.0-Inch	\$ 66.78
4.0-Inch	\$ 110.22
6.0-Inch	\$ 218.82
8.0-Inch	\$ 349.14
10.0-Inch	\$ 501.19
Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	
District Rates [collection & treatment]	\$ 7.05
Subdistrict Rates [treatment only]	\$ 5.05

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
Total for 5,000 gal residential/month	\$ 67.37

SPARTANBURG SANITARY SEWER DIST. RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE	
Monthly Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month	
SSSD Base	\$ 5.96
SSSD Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 35.25
Total for 5,000 gal residential/month	\$ 41.21

ReWa Retail Rates as Published	
Retail Collection Charges	
Base	\$ 13.81
Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 1.90
ReWa Trunk & Treatment Charges	
Trunk & Treatment Base	\$ 12.75
Trunk & Treatment Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 25.57



OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY

Commission Meeting

February 5, 2024

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

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 2 (Seneca): Scott Moulder
- 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:

- 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
- Kyle Lindsay, OJRSA Operations Director

Others present were:

- Larry Brandt, OJRSA Attorney
- Norm Cannada, Seneca Daily Journal
- Amanda Brock, Oconee Co. Administrator
- Angie Mettlen, WK Dickson
- Glenn Hart, Oconee Co. Councilman
- Jamie Gilbert, Oconee Economic Alliance
- Tricia Chassen, Forestar
- Robert Royer, AQD
- Adrienne Hennes, Remax Realty Professionals
- Jerry Edwards, Edwards Group
- Tony Adams, Oconee County citizen

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

B) Swearing In of Commissioner:

- **Seat 2 Seneca: Timothy Scott Moulder** – Mr. Brandt swore in Mr. Moulder who had been absent from the January board meeting when everyone else was sworn in.

C) Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – By Mr. McKee.

D) Public Session – Mr. Adams said that the Executive Director mentioned a couple months ago about 1.3 million gallons per day (MGD) of additional capacity at the treatment facility from “low-hanging fruit” projects. He said he thought that additional capacity could be achieved at a much lower cost than the \$40 per gallon for treatment and plant expansion and that a good amount of work went into identifying this “low-hanging fruit.” He asked if anything had been done to unlock that capacity to delay that 80-90% SCDHEC threshold [from the OJRSA having to consider expansion or a new treatment plant]. Mr.

Eleazer asked Mr. Adams if he was talking about recapturing flow from projects that were permitted that were not built or if it had to do with the treatment plant itself. Mr. Adams replied it was about unlocking the 1.3 MGD treatment capacity at the plant. Mr. Eleazer said the OJRSA approached SCDHEC last summer to recoup flows and have them reallocated back to the plant for projects that weren't built and based on the daily flow received. This flow was a tangible number and was able to be calculated with the help of Goldie Associates. SCDHEC did not grant back all the flow that was requested but did return some of it. The "low-hanging fruit" has not been identified. It is uncertain whether the OJRSA can recapture anything associated with the plant or make small changes that would improve the capacity.

Mr. Eleazer added that the OJRSA Operations Director, Kyle Lindsay, suggested that changing out the aerators for diffused air (mechanical aerators) could possibly gain the plant some capacity; however, how much that would add to the plant capacity is uncertain, and the cost to do that is also unknown. The board liked this idea, and Mr. Lindsay is working on a scope for the facility assessment.

Mr. Adams asked if this was a combined reallocation. Mr. Eleazer said he was hoping to regain a significant amount of capacity just from the request to SCDHEC and said that Ms. Mettlen from WK Dickson and her team are working with the OJRSA on the Consent Order, and there has been a lot of discussion about the base flow at the plant during a low rainfall period. SCDHEC uses the three (3) highest flow months to do their calculations to heavily weigh it, knowing the system receives significant inflow and infiltration, and did not grant close to the 1.3 MGD. Mr. Adams asked how much was granted back to the OJRSA. Mr. Eleazer said he could not remember at this time but would email Mr. Adams the information tomorrow.

E) Executive Session: Receipt of Legal Advice – Legal Authority for Bonds. *[Executive Session Permissible Under SC Law 30-4-70(a)(2), Which States: Discussion of Negotiations Incident to Proposed Contractual Arrangements and Proposed Sale or Purchase of Property, the Receipt of Legal Advice Where the Legal Advice Relates to a Pending, Threatened, or Potential Claim or Other Matters Covered By the Attorney-Client Privilege, Settlement of Legal Claims, or the Position of the Public Agency in Other Adversary Situations Involving the Assertion Against the Agency of a Claim.]* – Mr. Ramey asked Ms. Mettlen to stay in the room for the Executive Session.

At 4:10 p.m., Mr. Ramey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dial, to enter Executive Session to receive legal advice. The motion carried.

At 5:18 p.m., Mr. Moulder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dial, to go back to Regular Session. The motion carried.

Mr. Bronson said that the board received information during Executive Session that the board has the ability to act on and asked Mr. Brandt if he was making a motion out of session in accordance with the agenda. Mr. Brandt said Mr. Bronson has the authorization to make the motion.

Mr. Bronson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parris, to have Pope Flynn Law Firm request that the Attorney General provide an opinion on the validity of the most recent bond issue by the Oconee County Council for \$25 million in sewer improvements. The motion carried with a vote of: Yea: 6 (Kevin Bronson, David Dial, Marty McKee, Celia Myers, Scott Parris, and Brian Ramey) and Nay: 2 (Scott McLane and Scott Moulder). Mr. Faires did not vote.

F) Approval of Minutes:

- January 4, 2024 Board Meeting

Mr. Bronson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dial, to approve the January 4, 2024 Board Meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

G) Committee and Other Meeting Reports:

- Annual Members' Meeting of January 4, 2024 – Mr. Ramey presented the report to the Commission. ****See attached minutes.*** There was no vote for approval of these minutes.

- **Operations & Planning Committee Meeting of January 17, 2024** – Mr. Faires presented the report to the Commission. **See attached minutes.*

Mr. Faires made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dial, to approve the January 17, 2024 Operations & Planning Meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

- **Finance & Administration Committee Meeting of January 23, 2024** – Ms. Myers presented the report to the Commission. **See attached minutes*

Ms. Myers made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bronson, to approve the January 23, 2024 Finance & Administration Meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

H) Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Exhibit A) – Ms. Stephens presented the Secretary/Treasurer's Report to the board.

Ms. Stephens stated that the graph on the Retail Operations & Maintenance shows the balance dropping substantially as she issued a check to Don Moorhead Construction for Pay App #5 in January for approximately \$661,000; however, the OJRSA just received a check today for over \$1,000,000 from Oconee County which will bring the account back up.

Ms. Stephens said the bank reconciliations were done by the outside accountant for the month of December 2023, and everything was good. Mr. Ramey asked if the general ledger discrepancy was worked out. Ms. Stephens replied that she was allowed (per OJRSA's auditor, Jason White, and the Executive Director) to make a journal entry to clear the approximately \$350 discrepancy that she could not find, and all has been balancing since.

I) Oconee County Government Update Regarding Matters Involving Wastewater – Mr. Ramey asked Oconee County Administrator, Ms. Amanda Brock, if she had anything to share. Ms. Brock said there were no updates at this time.

J) Presentation and Discussion Items:

- 1. Discuss Operation and Maintenance of Sewer South Assets Not Owned by the OJRSA** – Mr. Eleazer reported that this is a subject that Mr. Ramey had asked both committees to discuss and then reconvene at this board meeting to collectively consider the matter. Mr. Ramey asked what the general consensus was. Mr. Eleazer stated he didn't know if there was a general consensus, and there were no action items to consider for a vote.

Mr. Bronson asked Mr. Eleazer to restate what his concerns were about the OJRSA being a contract operator for the system if the county owned it. Mr. Eleazer replied that one of the main concerns is staffing. Back in 2018, the board decided to get into the retail side of things at the request of Oconee County, and the Appalachian Council of Governments (ACOG) granted the authority to put in the system down there. At that time, the OJRSA was under the assumption that it was going to be the sewer provider and would eventually have to run the two (2) separate systems (the existing wholesale system that served the Member Cities and West Union and the retail system that served the I-85 corridor).

Also at that time, the OJRSA was also asked to perform contract operations for the Golden Corner Commerce Park Pump Station (GCCP-PS) and force main. This contract work is currently performed after hours. The OJRSA staff fills the wetwell with water the first weekend of the month and then operates the pumps and generators. Then once a week, the staff goes through the pump station checks just like all other pump stations. Oconee County is then billed for the time and materials quarterly.

The Director added that when this initially started, the staff was not fond of the extra work to go down to Fair Play and do these checks (even though they were paid overtime); however, Mr. Eleazer said the staff has not said anything negative about it for the past several years and it is now accepted as part of their responsibility. When the retail system (Phase II) comes online, the OJRSA will own

this and will operate and maintain this asset the same as the assets in the Member Cities and will be done during work hours.

Mr. Eleazer stated that when the time comes for any expansion of the system that will not be owned by the OJRSA, the OJRSA will not have the luxury of doing this work after hours. One concern that the OJRSA has for assets that are not owned is when will the work be done: Does the OJRSA add additional staff and do the work during the day, or does the OJRSA try to continue to do it after hours? The other concern is will the OJRSA have a blanket level of approval where if something is broken at a pump station that the OJRSA doesn't have to approach Oconee County for every part that is needed to fix it? On top of that, what about the vehicles and equipment that will be needed to handle this.

Mr. Bronson asked if Oconee County owned the assets and then hired their own staff (or subcontracted it out) to operate and maintain it? Mr. Eleazer said that was discussed at the O&P Committee meeting and said he stated in that meeting that he wants the OJRSA to maintain the operation of the pump station and line (the GCCP-PS and the associated line between the pump station and the treatment plant), as it connects the OJRSA retail system to the treatment plant. That way if there is a problem along the way, the OJRSA can respond to it in a quick manner and is knowledgeable to handle the emergency swiftly.

Mr. Bronson asked if the OJRSA could have an operations and maintenance agreement with Oconee County where Oconee County pays the OJRSA to do that. Mr. Eleazer replied yes and added there might be an agreement already from when the system in the lower part of the county was being negotiated; however, he would have to have Mr. Brandt research this for certain.

Mr. Bronson asked if there were any other concerns. Mr. Eleazer replied that the biggest concern for any wastewater utility is to make sure the system is designed and built to be a true wastewater conveyance system and not just designed solely for economic development. There still needs to be alternate reliable sources to provide consistent flow on the line to keep solids from settling down in the event that a large commercial or industrial user closes their doors. From the standpoint of operating the system, it should also be addressed that if there is excess cleaning that must take place due to lack of flow and settling of solids, it would require "predictive cleaning" or "preventive maintenance" where it is determined how often the line needs to be cleaned and the line gets jetted out accordingly. Mr. Ramey asked Mr. Eleazer to put together a list of questions and give it to Ms. Brock to answer.

Mr. Bronson asked Ms. Brock if Oconee County wants to maintain ownership of those lines. Ms. Brock replied, to her knowledge, yes. Mr. Bronson asked if there were any concerns with addressing what Mr. Eleazer expressed here today in terms of O&M (operation and maintenance). Ms. Brock said no and added that she and Mr. Faires had a conversation on the side about a third-party doing the operation and maintenance; however, when she spoke with Mr. Eleazer about this, he didn't seem too happy about the idea. She added that Oconee County could solicit a third-party that is approved by the OJRSA to do the work. Mr. Ramey stated that what the OJRSA is after is a more-detailed vision of what the OJRSA's role is going to be moving forward.

- 2. Establish 2024 Organizational Goals by the Board of Commissioners** – Mr. Eleazer said this item was originally on the agenda for the January board meeting but was tabled for this meeting due to time constraints. Mr. Eleazer said this is to be led by the Board Chairman.
- Mr. Ramey said the first goal is what the OJRSA's role will be with the expanded sewer in the Fair Play area.
 - Mr. Faires said the second goal should be to complete the Feasibility Study. He stated that there was a meeting the other day with Ms. Katherine Amidon and Ms. Angie Mettlen who are both looking at what the OJRSA serves and how to govern.
 - Mr. Bronson said the third goal should be to complete the Central Basin Study.
 - Mr. Ramey said the last goal should be to follow up on recouping the capacity and asked if this was still being worked on. Mr. Eleazer replied that he and Mr. Lindsay have been talking about

this and are putting together a scope of work for a firm to come in and do an assessment of the treatment plant to try to increase capacity.

Mr. Bronson said when he saw this on the agenda, he thought some goals would be reported and not that the board was going to do them now. Mr. Moulder added that he thought there would be a meeting scheduled to discuss the goals. Mr. Ramey said that can be done and asked if the board wanted to have another meeting to discuss this. Mr. Bronson suggested that both committees discuss the goals and bring them back to the board, and this was agreed upon.

3. Consider Changes to Board and Committee Meeting Policy as Adopted on July 6, 2020 (Exhibit B)

– Mr. Bronson stated that the current meeting policy does not allow for virtual attendance. He said he knows of several conflicts he has with upcoming meeting dates, but he could attend these meetings over the phone or computer. He added that the current policy pre-dates his time on the board and asked if the board was willing to change the policy to allow for virtual attendance.

Mr. Dial said he was aware that other county bodies allow call-in attendees and asked what the reason for denying this in the OJRSA policy was. Mr. Eleazer said it was a consensus at that time that when board members cast their votes, they were able to be seen, and it could be further discussed. Mr. Ramey added that the policy pre-dated Zoom meetings.

Mr. Bronson added that if the board were to approve this change, the OJRSA would be required to open virtual meetings for the general public as well. Mr. Dial said that Oconee County Council and the school boards do this.

Ms. Bronson made a motion to ask the Executive Director to prepare a policy that would allow for virtual attendance and refer it to whatever committee that is appropriate.

Mr. Eleazer asked Mr. Bronson to make a recommendation on what he wanted it to state and email it to him. Then it would go to the F&A Committee to discuss. Mr. Bronson said he didn't know how else to word it other than wanting virtual attendance; however, he would obtain a copy of the PMPA's (Piedmont Municipal Power Agency) virtual attendance policy and provide it to Mr. Eleazer within the next couple of days. Mr. Bronson also suggested that Mr. Brandt or Mr. Flynn review the policy to make sure the policy meets FOIA requirements. Mr. Moulder requested the Executive Director provide a list of technology needs for virtual meetings, and the costs associated with that, to the F&A Committee as well.

The motion was seconded by Mr. McKee. The motion carried.

K) Action Items:

1. Consider Variance for Cascade Point Subdivision from Increased Capacity Fees That Took Effect on January 1, 2024 – Mr. Eleazer introduced Ms. Tricia Chassen from Forestar Development who is working on two (2) subdivisions on the south side of Seneca. One (1) subdivision is Seneca Falls and is underway and has already received a sewer permit from the OJRSA; the other subdivision is Cascade Point is what Ms. Chassen is attending this meeting about. Mr. Eleazer said there was an overlap from the time the drawings were approved by the OJRSA until the time Forestar was to apply for the permit with a change in the impact fees. The impact fee policy goes by the date the customer applies for the permit, and Ms. Chassen wants to request a variance to go back to the 2023 impact fee rate.

Ms. Chassen stated she has been in contact with Seneca Light & Water and the OJRSA since 2021 regarding both these projects. Seneca Falls is under development, and Forestar plans to close on Cascade Point in March. She explained that she received the quote for Seneca Falls on August 30, 2023, and it was paid in September. She received the quote for Cascade Point on December 14, 2023, and there was no mention of the upcoming rate change at that time. Another email was sent on December 22, 2023 to the engineer which stated that the rate was going up, but the engineer was out of the office. Ms. Chassen said she didn't know about the rate increase until January 2, 2024. She added that she didn't think to check about rate changes, as she thought they happened at the end of the fiscal year (as per the previous two (2) years). She requested a variance to pay the

2023 rate, as there were only a couple weeks between her receipt of the quote and the end of the year.

Mr. Ramey asked for the original quote amount. Mr. Eleazer replied it was \$253,300 and the updated quote is \$342,700. The difference is approximately \$90,000.

Ms. Faires made a motion, seconded by Scott McLane, to approve the variance for Cascade Point.

Ms. Meyers asked the Executive Director how many more projects could follow. Mr. Eleazer said he didn't know of any that would qualify. There are only two (2) other projects that the OJRSA approved the drawings on; however, the OJRSA has not heard anything since May on the one and October for the other.

Mr. Bronson said that would be the only conflict with this increase but the same issue could come up for future increases. Mr. Eleazer agreed.

Ms. Myers asked if anything was sent out that stated before January 1, 2024 it's this rate, and after January 1, 2024 it's that rate? Mr. Eleazer replied no and added that on December 14, 2023, Ms. Amanda Kelley (OJRSA Records Clerk) sent out a standard boiler plate email with information on how to apply for the sewer permit and what the fees are. Then Ms. Stephens sent out a "friendly reminder" email on December 22, 2023 which stated the fees were increasing on January 1, 2024.

Ms. Myers asked if notifying people in the future when the fees go up would hinder someone from coming to ask for a variance later. Mr. Eleazer suggested this be addressed later, as he has been asked by the F&A Committee to look at upcoming fees as part of the budget process. Maybe the OJRSA can have a policy that they have 15-30 days from the date they received the quote to pay at the old rate.

The motion carried with a vote of: Yea: 8; Nay: 1 (Kevin Bronson).

- 2. Approve Sale of OJRSA Asset TRL-06 1999 Custom 12TA40 Trailer to City of Seneca for \$6,250 –** Mr. Moulder requested that all the board members from the City of Seneca recuse themselves from the vote due to conflict of interest; Mr. Ramey agreed.

Mr. Eleazer reported that the trailer is going to be replaced and was going to be advertised on GovDeals. It is functional and in good condition for its age. An employee from Seneca Light & Water asked if the OJRSA was interested in selling it to them. Mr. Lindsay did some research to find out what the trailer could be sold for on an auction website, this amount was given to the City of Seneca, and they made what is believed to be a fair offer. There is a possibility that the OJRSA could receive more on GovDeals, but it won't be much (if any); there is also the possibility that we could receive less.

Mr. Bronson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dial, to approve selling the trailer to the City of Seneca for \$6,250. The motion carried with a vote of: Yea: 5; Nay: 0; Abstain: 4 (Bob Faires, Marty McKee, Scott McLane, and Scott Moulder).

- 3. Approve OJRSA Resolution 2024-06 to Adopt Minor Revision to the Procurement & Property Disposal Policy as Approved by the Board on January 4, 2024 (Exhibit C) –** The Executive Director reported that the board approved revoking a 2003 policy on the way the OJRSA procures laboratory services. Mr. Parris explained during the January 4, 2024 board meeting why the policy was put in place and suggested a caveat in all contracts that prevent divulging information without the approval of the OJRSA. This policy revision addresses this.

Mr. Bronson made a motion, seconded by Mr. McKee, to adopt the minor revision to the Procurement & Property Disposal Policy. The motion carried.

- 4. Consider Resolution 2024-07 to Approve for 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 Additional Easement Width Necessary for the Sewer South Phase 2 Project (Exhibit D) –** Mr. Eleazer stated, that when taps were granted back in 2021 as part of the Sewer South Phase II project, the OJRSA did not waive impact fees for any of the customers who had properties where an easement was needed to extend

the gravity line. The parties were compensated and received a free connection which was supported by Oconee County at that time. This only applied to the properties where an easement was needed and there would be gravity sewer available. The Welcome Center has a 27,000 GPD treatment plant, and they also didn't get exempted from the impact fee, which could cost \$411,000.

Mr. Eleazer said he was asked by Mr. Bronson at the F&A Committee meeting how many free taps were given away. The OJRSA hadn't given away any; this was in conjunction with Oconee County, and anything that was given away or offered was paid for by Oconee County. There were a total of twenty-three (23) taps that were offered and granted along that sewer route, not including the one being requested today. As far as taps installed on the other side of the road while the trench was open, there were twenty-two (22) of those; however, those are not to be considered free taps, because those customers still must pay a tap fee (unless Oconee County elects to pay for these as well). The current value of a tap (according to the engineer based on contract documents with Moorhead Construction) is \$3,100 each.

Mr. Eleazer added that this is identical to documents done in the past which were done as a blanket by resolution to all parties. Shelton Properties requested two (2) additional connections for additional right-of-way which were granted by the board.

Mr. Brandt modified the version the OJRSA had for the blanket done previously, so this is specific for this tap. If approved by the board today, it will be offered to J&L Friendly Acres, LLC, along with the need to obtain the additional right-of-way that is currently being worked on.

Mr. Bronson asked if the OJRSA still has to compensate for the right-of-way in addition to the \$3,100 tap. Mr. Eleazer replied yes, because it is part of the federal grant where the OJRSA cannot give a tap in exchange for, or as compensation for, the right-of-way; however, it can be given as an incentive to connect.

Mr. Faires made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parris, to approve one additional 4" private sewer tap. The motion carried.

- 5. Approve for Public Notice the OJRSA Retail Sewer System Fees and Rates (Exhibit E)** – Mr. Eleazer distributed a letter from Ms. Brock (part of Exhibit E) stating that she supports the rates that were developed for the OJRSA by Willdan Consultants, the rates, and then comparison rates to other systems. This vote is for approval to put the rates out for public notice with a public hearing at the March board meeting.

Mr. Bronson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dial, to approve the public notice of the fees and rates. The motion carried.

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

- 1. Environmental and Regulatory Compliance** – Mr. Lindsay was asked to speak about the SSO and violation. Mr. Lindsay stated he was upset that this was his first violation in his 20-year career.

Due to the spillway at the dam downstream being closed during the rain event last month, the Coneross Creek flooded its banks and water inundated the manholes near the creek. The OJRSA stored 12.8 million gallons in all the tanks. The lower flow equalization and storage tank was almost full. The OJRSA lost its nitrification process, which gets rid of ammonia. The levels are usually around 8 but were at 11.9 causing the violation. In addition, the temperature of the water was extremely cold due to the cold temperatures and killed the bacteria. The OJRSA had to bring in 30,000 gallons of seed sludge to regulate the plant process. The OJRSA has been good for the subsequent four (4) weeks; this just happened that one (1) week. Mr. Eleazer added that the OJRSA expects a Notice of Violation for the weekly ammonia.

Mr. Lindsay stated that he spoke with Oconee County Emergency Services Director, Scott Krein, who located the owner of the dam. The owner agreed that when the creek rises ten feet (10') in the future, the spillway will be opened to avoid flooding in the future.

2. **Sewer South Update** – The monthly summary was passed out to the board members *(and made a part of these minutes)*. The pipe was installed under the lake and will be tied in soon. Everything remains currently on schedule, although there may be a delay with some equipment.
3. **FY 2025 Budget** – The FY 2025 budget development has started internally. The Director requested that if any of the board members have anything they want to be included in the budget, to let him know by March.
4. **Capital Contribution in Lieu of Payment of Impact Fees** – In the next month or so, a developer will approach the OJRSA with an offer to pay to replace the Seneca Pump Station force main in lieu of paying the impact fee for his development. The cost of the line installation will be approximately \$3,000,000-\$4,000,000. The Director stated a member of the O&P Committee asked him how many homes would it take to equal that in impact fees. The answer, based on \$15.25 per gallon and 150 gallons per home, is 1,750 homes for \$4,000,000 and 1,300 for \$3,000,000.

Mr. Bronson asked if there will be a contractual agreement for that payment. Mr. Eleazer said he (the developer) will pay for the construction himself like a developer would do for a subdivision and then turn it over to the OJRSA. He will do the installation with a contract that the OJRSA approves, and the OJRSA has already vetted the ones he plans on doing the work with. Mr. Bronson said he wants it to be clear to the developer that he's being given that contribution and has no other rights with that, and suggested a contractual agreement that would settle this.

Mr. Eleazer replied that the developer hasn't asked for anything extra, but he has two (2) projects he is working on. He added that the upsizing of this line from a 10" to a 16" pipe should gain the OJRSA about 200,000+ gallons per day of additional capacity without making any changes to the pump station, and he does not think the two (2) projects will even add up to half of that capacity.
5. **Satellite Sewer System I/I and Compliance Meeting (Regarding OJRSA Consent Order 21-025-W)** – As requested by the O&P Committee, the Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) meeting with the Cities will be part of their meeting this month on February 14, 2024. WK Dickson and the environmental attorney, Michael Traynham, will be attending the meeting.
6. **EPA Approval of Analytical Methods for PFAS and Impact to OJRSA and Significant Industrial Users** – The OJRSA received notice from the EPA that they have approved analytical methods for PFAS. There were two (2) methods identified, one of which was absorbable organic fluoride (a blanket that will assess numerous compounds that may fall into these contaminants of emerging concern for evaluation). The OJRSA was told it would impact our treatment plant as well as the industries. It doesn't put limits on the OJRSA right now. The OJRSA should expect this to be in the next NPDES permit, and the industries will have to monitor and report. The permit application was submitted last week.
7. **Miscellaneous (If Any)** – Mr. Parris asked at the O&P Committee meeting about what the impact fees would be associated with the design capacity for the sewer line extending to Exit 4 if it connects to the OJRSA. The gravity sewer capacity is 357,120 GPD of average daily flow. Using the \$15.25 per gallon, it is \$5,446,000. Using Mr. Gillespie's recommendation of \$24.50 per gallon, it is \$8,749,000.

M) Commissioners' Discussion – None.

N) Upcoming Meetings:

1. **Operations & Planning Meeting** – Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. *(Date of meeting changed by Committee.)*
2. **Finance & Administration Meeting** – Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. *(Date of meeting changed by Committee.)*
3. **Board of Commissioners Meeting** – Monday, March 4, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

O) Adjourn – Mr. Ramey adjourned the meeting at 6:36 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

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Board of Commissioners Meeting
OJRSA Operations & Administration Building
Lamar Bailes Board Room
February 5, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda

- A. Call to Order** – Brian Ramey, Board Chair
- B. Swearing in of Commissioner** – Larry Brandt, OJRSA Attorney
- Seat 2 Seneca: Timothy Scott Moulder
- C. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance** – Led by Commissioner Marty McKee
- D. Public Session** – Receive comments relating to topics that may or may not be on this agenda. Session is limited to a maximum of 30 minutes with no more than 5 minutes per speaker.
- E. Executive Session** *NOTE: Board may act on matters discussed in executive session upon returning to open session.*
- Receipt of legal advice – legal authority for bonds. *[Executive Session permissible under SC Law 30-4-70(a)(2), which states: Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim.]*
- F. Approval of Minutes**
- Board of Commissioners Meeting of January 4, 2024
- G. Committee and Other Meeting Reports**
- Annual Members' Meeting of January 4, 2024 – Brian Ramey, Board Chair
 - Operations & Planning Meeting of January 17, 2024 – Bob Faires, Committee Chair
 - Finance & Administration Meeting of January 23, 2024 – Celia Myers, Committee Chair
- H. Secretary/Treasurer's Report** (Exhibit A) – Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer
- I. Oconee County Government Update Regarding Matters Involving Wastewater** – Oconee County Administrator or Appointed County Representative
- J. Presentation and Discussion Items** *[May include Vote and/or Action on matters brought up for discussion]*
1. Discuss operation and maintenance of Sewer South assets not owned by the OJRSA – Chris Eleazer, Director
 2. Establish 2024 organizational goals by the Board of Commissioners – Led by Brian Ramey, Board Chair
 3. Consider changes to Board and Committee Meeting Policy as adopted on July 6, 2020 (Exhibit B) – Kevin Bronson, Commissioner
- K. Action Items**
1. Consider variance for Cascade Point Subdivision from increased capacity fees that took effect on January 1, 2024 – Tricia Chassen, Forestar Group, Inc. Greenville Division
 2. Approve sale of OJRSA Asset TRL-06 1999 Custom 12TA40 trailer to City of Seneca for \$6,250 – Chris Eleazer, Director
 3. Approve OJRSA Resolution 2024-06 to adopt minor revision to the Procurement & Property Disposal Policy as approved by the Board on January 4, 2024 (Exhibit C) – Chris Eleazer, Director
 4. Consider Resolution 2024- 07 to approve for 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 additional easement width necessary for the Sewer South Phase 2 project (Exhibit D) – Chris Eleazer, Director
 5. Approve for public notice the OJRSA retail sewer system fees and rates (Exhibit E) – Chris Eleazer, Director

L. Executive Director's Discussion and Compliance Matters – Chris Eleazer, Director

1. Environmental and regulatory compliance
2. Sewer South update
3. FY 2025 Budget
4. Capital contribution in lieu of payment of impact fees
5. Satellite sewer system I/I and compliance meeting (regarding OJRSA Consent Order 21-025-W)
6. EPA approval of analytical methods for PFAS and impact to OJRSA and Significant Industrial Users
7. Miscellaneous (*if any*)

M. Commissioners' Discussion – Brian Ramey, Board Chair

Discussion can be related to matters addressed in this meeting or for future consideration by the Board or Committee. Voting is not permitted during this session.

N. Upcoming Meetings *All meetings to be held in the Lamar Bailes Board Room unless noted otherwise.*

- Operations & Planning Committee – February 14, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. *Date of meeting changed by Committee. Meeting will include matters related to satellite sewer systems and the OJRSA Consent Order.*
- Finance & Administration Committee – February 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. *Date of meeting changed by Committee*
- Board of Commissioners – March 4, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

O. Adjourn



Secretary/Treasurer’s Report for Board of Commissioners

Prepared for the February 5, 2024 OJRSA Board of Commissioners Meeting

Cash and investment information stated herein come from bank and other financial records as of: January 31, 2024

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS CASH AND INVESTMENTS SUMMARY

Account/Fund Name	Cash (\$)	Investments (\$)	Total (\$)
Wholesale Operations & Maintenance (O&M)	431,769	980,000	1,411,769
Retail Operations & Maintenance (RO&M)	272,335	495,000	767,335
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	704,104	1,475,000	2,179,104

RESTRICTED FUNDS CASH AND INVESTMENTS SUMMARY

Account/Fund Name	Cash (\$)	Investments (\$)	Total (\$)
Projects and Contingency (PCF)	86,079	1,225,000	1,311,079
Wholesale Impact Fund (WIF)	451,133	3,340,000	3,791,133
Retail Impact Fund (RIF)	0	0	0
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	537,212	4,565,000	5,102,212

Combined Total for All Funds

Cash 1,241,316 Investments 6,040,000 Combined 7,281,316

See additional sheets for investment information

Account Notes:

The balance in the RO&M account dropped substantially from last month due to a check in the amount of \$661,883.84 issued to Don Moorhead Construction for Pay App #5 on 1/2/24.

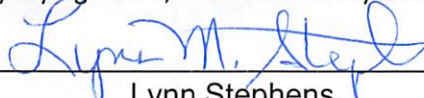
INDEPENDENT RECONCILIATION OF ACCOUNTS

All transactions for all funds have been satisfactorily reconciled by an independent accounting firm for the month of December 2023 : YES NO

See attached document from independent accountant.

Reconciliation Notes:

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



 Lynn Stephens
 OJRSA Secretary/Treasurer

INVESTMENTS UPDATE

Maturing Investment	Fund Code	Maturity Date	Amount (\$)	To Be Reinvested?
First Republic @ 4.70%	RO&M	02/16/2024	245,000.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Beal Bank @ 4.75%	WIF	02/21/2024	245,000.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Associated Bank @ 5.15%	WIF	02/22/2024	190,000.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Charles Schwab @ 4.70%	RO&M	02/22/2024	250,000.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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See additional sheets, if necessary

Investment Notes:

See additional sheets for 12-month cash and investment trends and other information.

From: [bookkeeping](#)
To: [Lynn Stephens](#)
Subject: December 2023 Bank Reconciliations
Date: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 3:04:17 PM
Attachments: [Dec 2023 Bank Recs.pdf](#)

Hey Lynn,

Please see attached bank reconciliations. All accounts were reconciled with no issues. The Retail Sewer Special Development Investments account was reconciled with a zero balance, so nothing printed. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Sorry for the page quality, my printer is giving me a hard time. I'll request a letter from Susan when I have the docs uploaded to our binder.

Publiq was giving me a heck of time, crashed after each reconciliation. Phewww.

Thank you,

Jared Williams
Stancil Cooley Estep & Stamey, LLP
Bookkeeper
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February 2, 2024

Lynn Stephens
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623 Return Church Road
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RE: Bank Reconciliations for OJRSA December 2023

Dear Lynn,

We have completed the bank reconciliations for the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority for the month ending December 31, 2023. Copies of the bank reconciliations are attached for your review. There are several old outstanding checks in the operating account that you may want to review. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Stamey, CPA
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December 13, 2023

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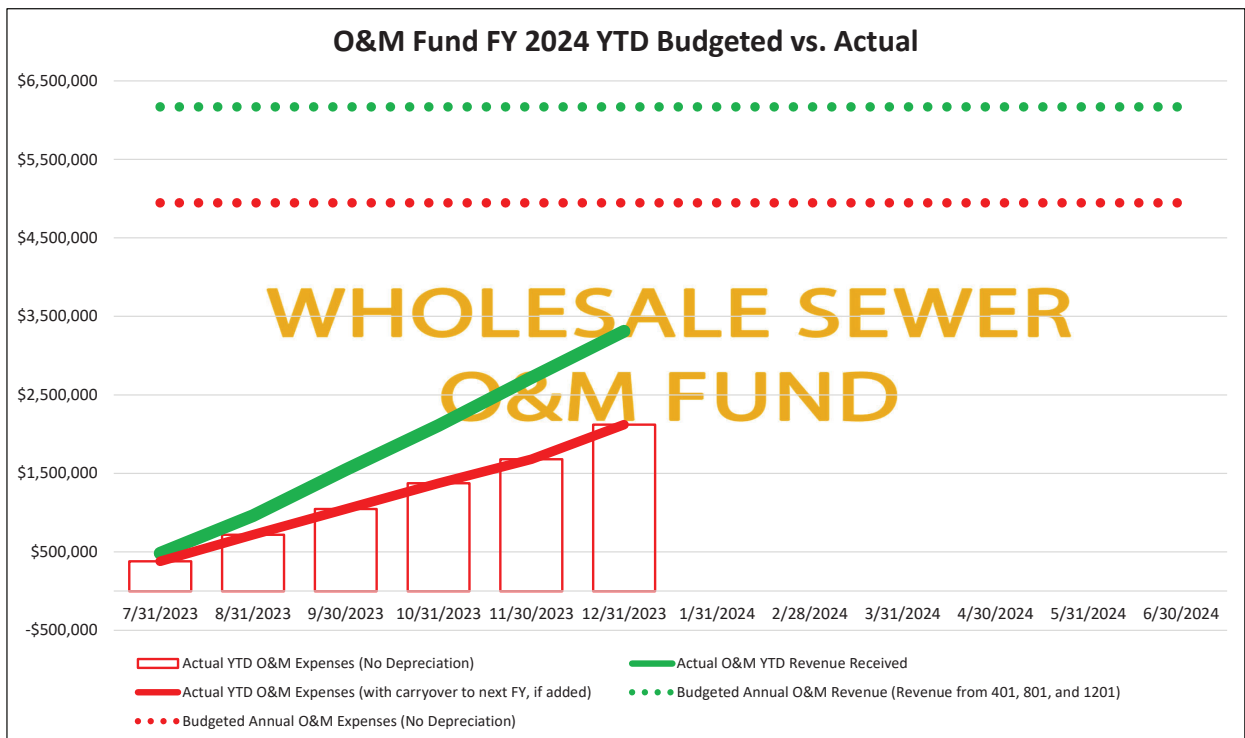
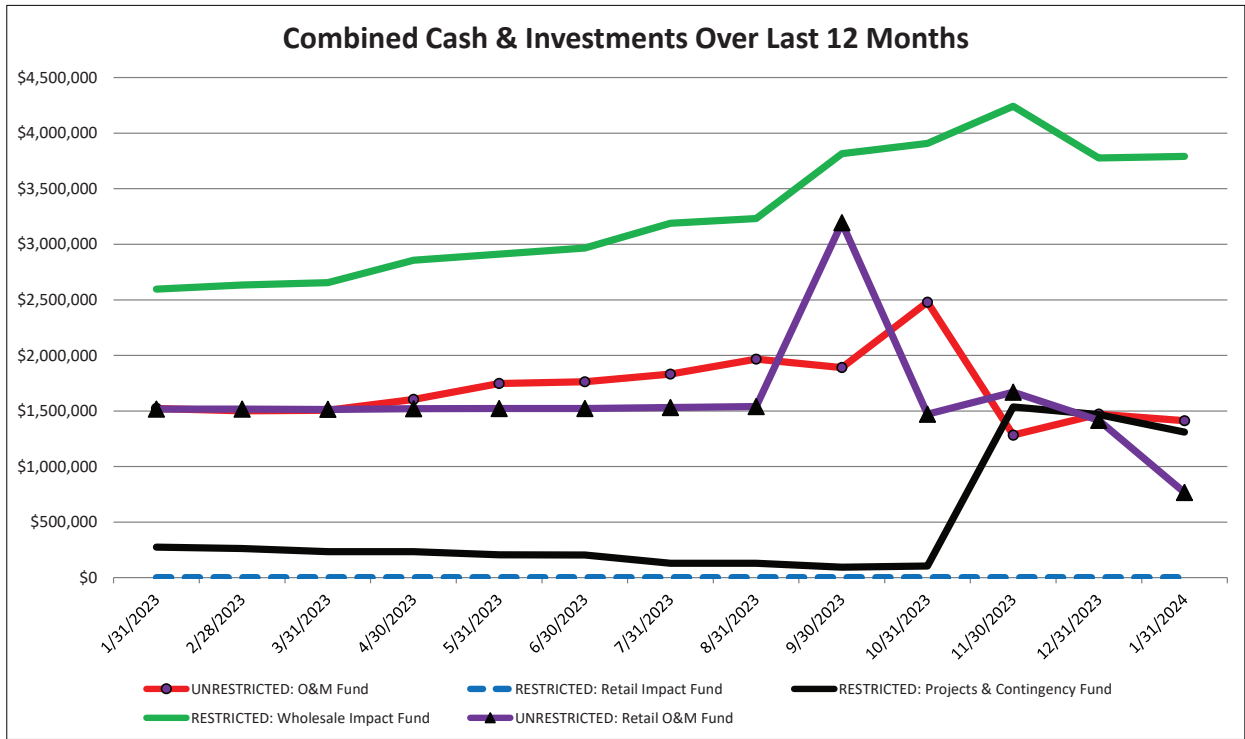
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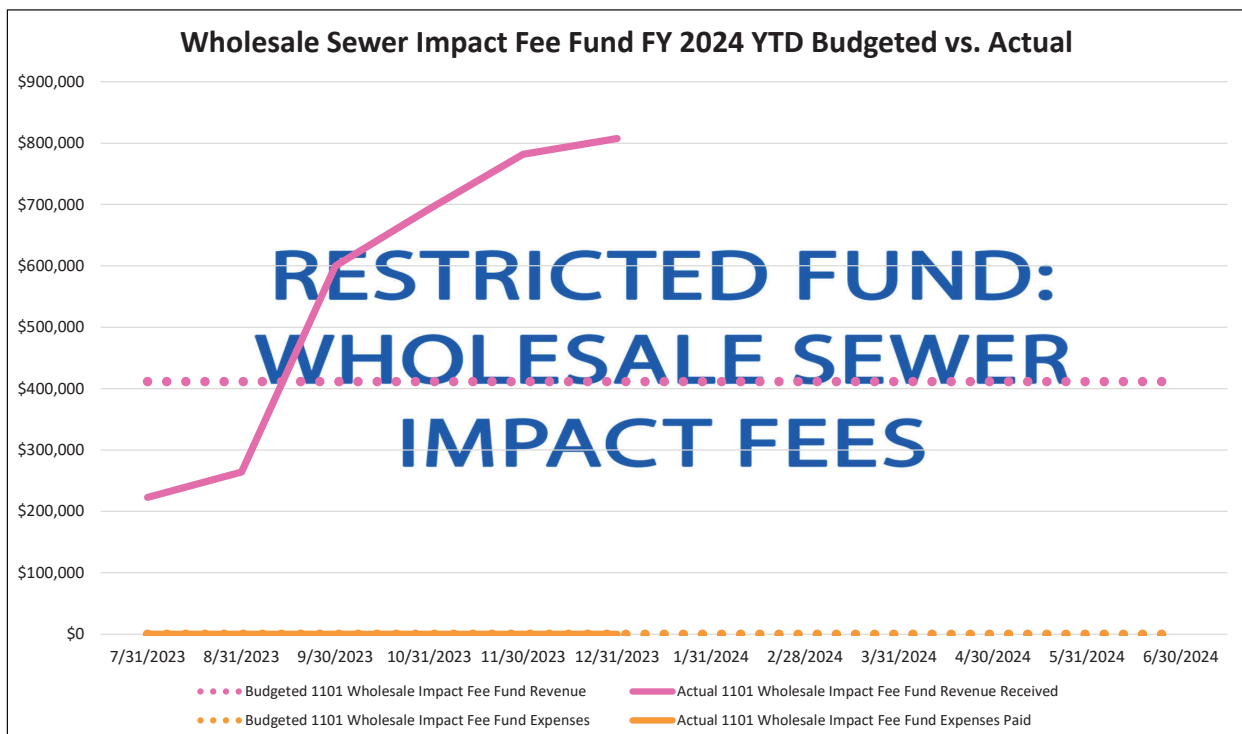
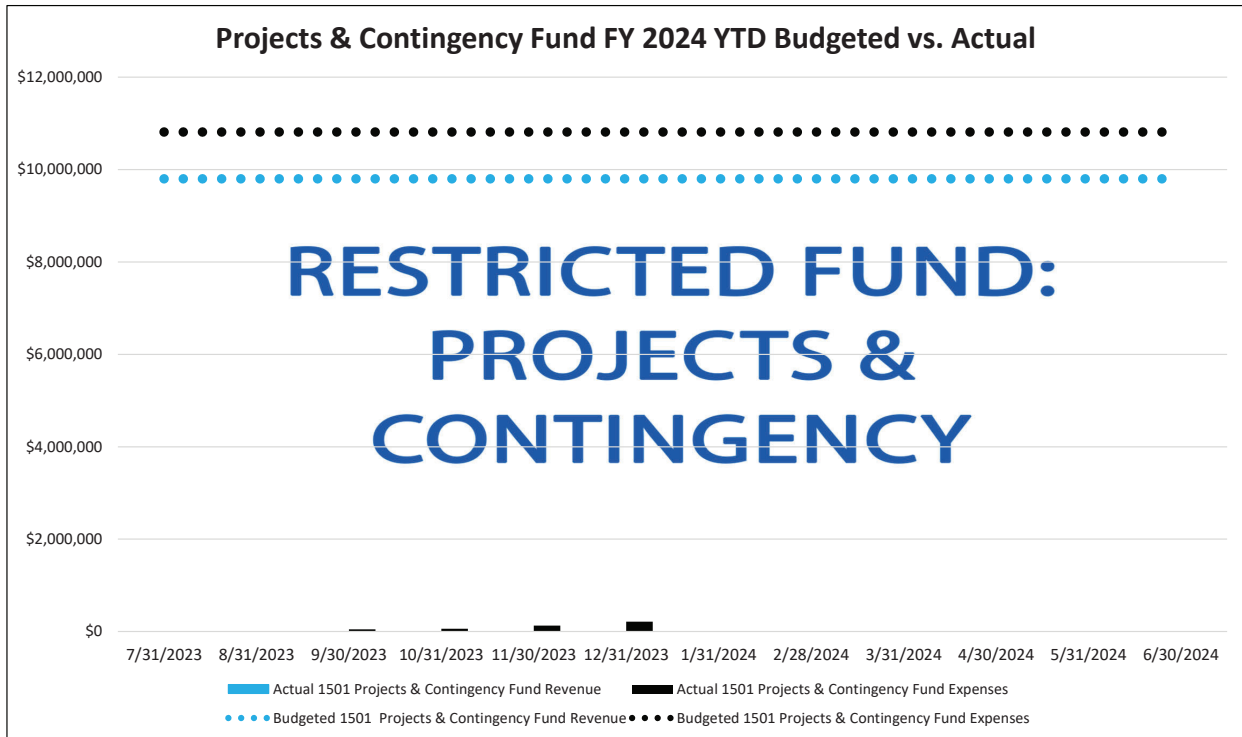
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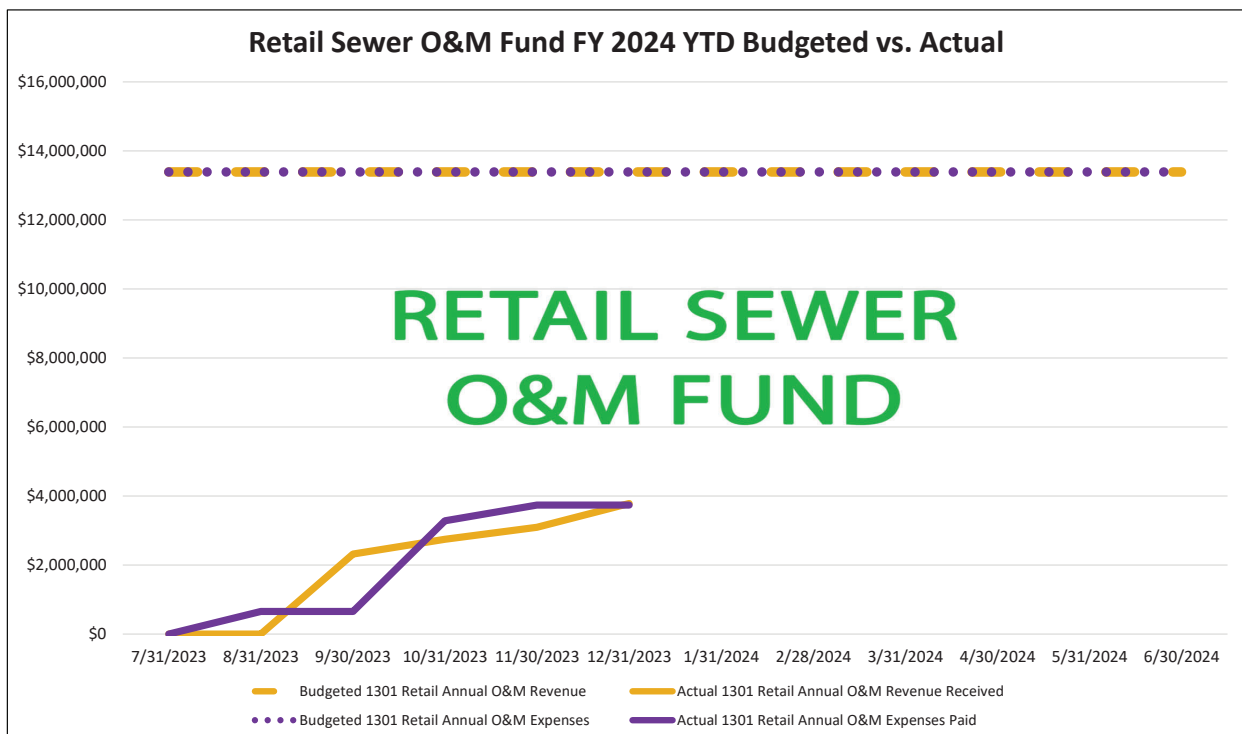
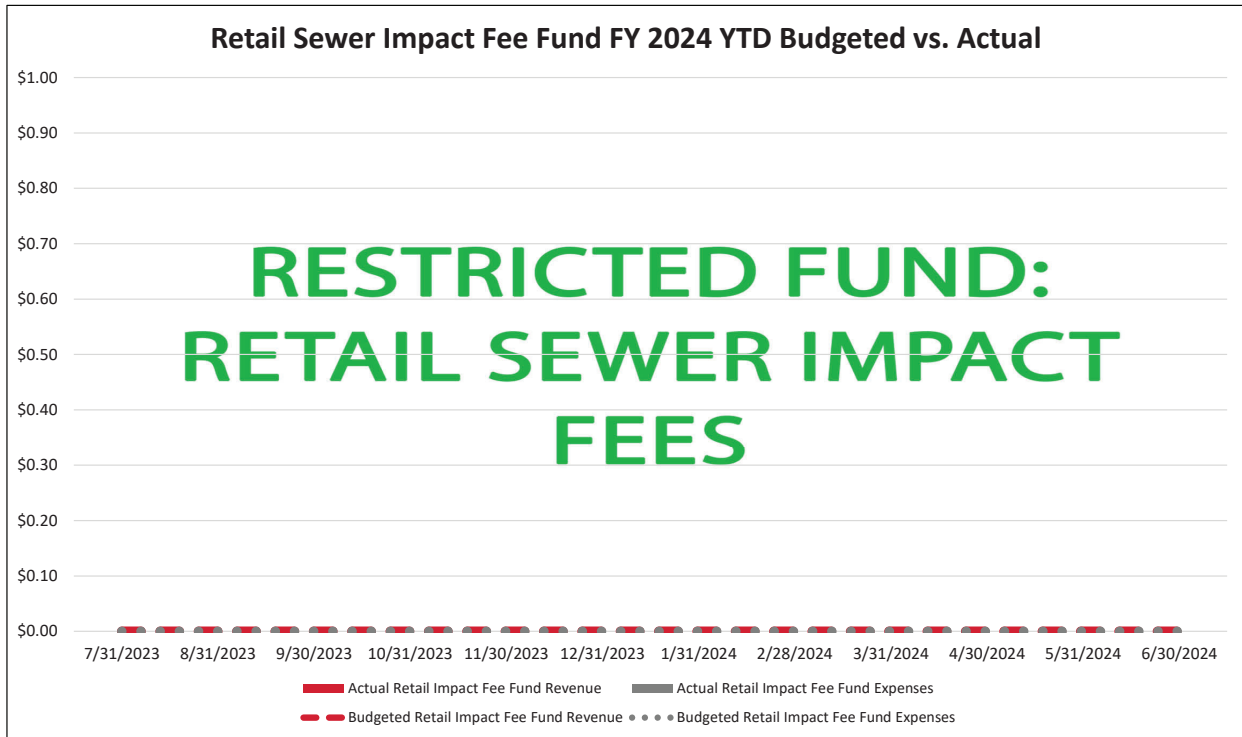
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RESOLUTION 2021-01

Board and Committee Meeting Policy

A RESOLUTION OF THE OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY (OJRSA) OF SENECA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ADOPT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR SCHEDULING AND ATTENDING BOARD OF COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The Board of Commissioners of the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority, does hereby resolve as follows:

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (OJRSA) Board of Commissioners (Board) has identified the need to have additional policies in place governing meetings of the Commissioners and Committees.

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS

- I. **Board:** The OJRSA Board of Commissioners.
- II. **Declared Emergency:** A proclamation that is made by either the President of the United States, Governor of South Carolina, any one of the councils governing one of the Member Cities, or Oconee County council when they believe a disaster has occurred or is imminent that is severe enough to cause substantial damages, loss, hardship, or suffering. It can be due to a natural or manmade disaster, severe weather, uncivil protest or rioting, disease, or other qualifying event.
- III. **Emergency Meeting:** Rare meetings that may occur due to a disaster or other activity which can impair public health or safety.
- IV. **Executive Committee:** As defined in Article VII Section 5 of the OJRSA Bylaws.
- V. **Freedom of Information Act (or FOIA):** South Carolina Code of Laws Title 30 Section 4. Its purpose is to have community business conducted in an open and public manner in order for the citizens to help formulate public policy and be advised of the performance of public officials.
- VI. **Meeting:** The convening of a quorum of the constituent membership of a public body, whether corporal or by means of electronic equipment, to discuss or act upon a matter over which the public body has supervision, control, jurisdiction, or advisory power. (SC Code of Laws 30-4-20(d)). Meetings can be of any type defined in the OJRSA Bylaws or within this Policy.
- VII. **Member City:** The cities of Seneca, Walhalla, and Westminster.
- VIII. **Non-Verbal Communication:** Notes, text messages, and other such forms of non-verbal communication exchanged by Commissioners with other Commissioners, governing officials (i.e., elected members of the Member Cities, Oconee Council members, etc.), or members of the public that may or may not be present at the meeting

SECTION 3: POLICY

- I. **General Meeting Policies**
 - A. The following conditions apply to all public meeting types held by the agency regardless of the format the meeting is held in as described in Section 3 of this Policy.

1. Non-verbal communications, as described in Section 2.VIII is strongly discouraged during meetings as such communications are outside the spirit of open discussion of topics under the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). If, however, a Commissioner participates in non-verbal communication, then the following applies:
 - (a) The documents are to be copied by the OJRSA Secretary/Treasurer and must be maintained with the meeting minutes as part of the record.
 - (b) The non-verbal communications are to be made available to the public upon request under the FOIA unless they are determined by the OJRSA Attorney to be exempt from public disclosure. The OJRSA Freedom of Information Act Policy applies to such requests.
 - (c) Any deviation from this requirement must be made by a majority vote of the Board on a case-by-case basis.
 2. Notes made for personal use during the meetings by commissioners are allowed and are not required to be submitted for the record.
- B.** Other conditions for meetings as stated in the current version of the OJRSA Bylaws applies to all meetings contained within this Policy.

II. Emergency Meetings

- A.** Emergency meetings only apply to the Board or the Executive Committee as defined in the OJRSA Bylaws.
- B.** To have an emergency meeting, the Board Chair or Executive Director must determine if a meeting is necessary due to a matter of public health or safety and that the emergency is so time-sensitive that the board cannot reasonably provide at least 24 hours' notice of the meeting to the public and media.
- C.** Rules requiring a quorum apply to emergency meetings; however, if there are not enough members of the Board to constitute a quorum, then an Executive Committee meeting shall be conducted and its decisions shall carry the weight as if considered and voted on by the Board as was authorized by the Board of Commissioners at its April 2, 2018 meeting.
- D.** Emergency meetings do not have a requirement for advance public notice per law; however, the OJRSA shall make every attempt to provide at least 24 hours' notice of the meeting to the public and media if possible and if not, as much notice as possible taking into account how immediately time sensitive the issue is.
- E.** Meetings must be held in person and be open to the public unless it meets the exceptions as stated in the FOIA or qualifies for hosting as an electronic meeting as stated within this Policy.
- F.** The only items eligible for consideration are those that are directly associated with the emergency.
- G.** Emergency meeting agendas do not have to provide a time for public comment and it is at the discretion of the Board Chair to determine if a public comment period will be allowed prior or following the discussion and action items as listed on the agenda.

III. Electronic Meetings

- A.** The decision to host a meeting electronically shall be made by the Board Chair following consultation with the Executive Director during declared emergencies only as defined within this Policy.
- B.** This policy is not intended to allow for Commissioners to participate in or vote in any meetings due to vacation, illness, or other such means. If a Board member elects to participate a meeting under these terms, then the following applies:
 1. Absent members are not considered to be present at the meeting and may not participate in any other manner than a member of the general public (i.e., they can only participate in discussion during public session portions of the meeting); and
 2. They are not eligible to receive a per diem for attending any portion of the meeting and their attendance will be counted as a "visitor" and not as a Commissioner.
- C.** Per South Carolina Code of Laws Title 30 Chapter 4 (Freedom of Information Act), public bodies such as the OJRSA may conduct meetings via means of electronic communication. All laws contained within the Freedom of Information Act are to be strictly adhered to.
- D.** A special media release shall be sent out to the press and other contacts informing them about the electronic meeting and how they can participate.

- E. The Board Chair will lead the electronic meeting in the same manner as a regular meeting. He/she has the ability to use tools contained within the selected electronic media method in order to moderate, receive public input, discuss agenda items, and vote.
- F. Electronic meetings shall not take place via social media, text messages, email, private phone conversations or any other method that violates the spirit of the FOIA. Such participation could be considered illegal and subject to penalties enforced by the State of South Carolina.
- G. All electronic meetings shall be recorded and preserved as required by the FOIA and the OJRSA Records Retention Policy as approved by the South Carolina Department of Archives and History.
- H. Minutes of all electronic meetings of the Board shall be made available to the public as required by the FOIA with matters exempt from disclosure pursuant to the Act redacted.
- I. Board members will receive a per diem for participating in electronic meetings.

IV. Rescheduling of Meetings

- A. Meetings can be rescheduled by vote of the Board or Committee in open session prior to the meeting that is to be rescheduled. The Executive Director cannot reschedule a meeting him/herself without approval from the Board or Committee.
- B. If a meeting is rescheduled as a result of conflict with the Executive Director's schedule, the per diem shall be paid to all members regardless of their ability to attend the meeting or not, including if the rescheduled meeting has to be canceled for any reason.
- C. If a meeting is rescheduled by the Board or Committee members, then those not attending the meeting are not eligible for their per diem.

V. Cancellation of Meetings

- A. Meetings may be canceled for any the following reasons:
 1. Vote or request by Board or Committee
 2. Lack of quorum
 3. Lack of response from members regarding their attendance; thus, it is not known whether a quorum will be present
 4. Lack of agenda items (as presented by either the Board/Committee members or the Executive Director)
 5. Conflict with OJRSA staff schedules that cannot be postponed
 6. Actual or potential impact caused by severe weather (other than thunderstorms, which are frequent occurrences to the area)
 7. A declared emergency as defined in this Policy
 8. At the request of the Governor or General Assembly of the State of South Carolina
- B. If a meeting is canceled for reasons identified in Section 3 parts V.A.1, V.A.2, or V.A.3 of the Policy, then a per diem shall not be paid to any members of the Board or Committee for the canceled meeting.
- C. The Board or Committee members shall receive their per diem if a meeting is canceled for other reasons.

SECTION 4: RESOLUTION AS RULE OF LAW

If any provision of this Resolution is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision, or the applications thereof, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Resolution are to be declared severable.

Passed and adopted by the Oconee Joint Regional Board of Commissioners, Seneca, South Carolina on this 6th day of July, 2020. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from the date of its passage.

 SIGNATURE ON FILE WITH MINUTES
Scott Moulder, Chair
 OJRSA Board of Commissioners

Attest: _____
 SIGNATURE ON FILE WITH MINUTES
Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer
 OJRSA Board of Commissioners -and-
 OJRSA Office Manager

Approved as to form:

 SIGNATURE ON FILE WITH MINUTES
Larry Brandt, OJRSA Attorney

Date: _____

< OJRSA seal >



RESOLUTION 2024-06

Adoption of Procurement and Property Disposal Policy Revision

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY OF THE OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY REGARDING FINANCIAL MATTERS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Commission (the "Commission"), the governing body of the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority, South Carolina ("OJRSA") in a meeting duly assembled as follows:

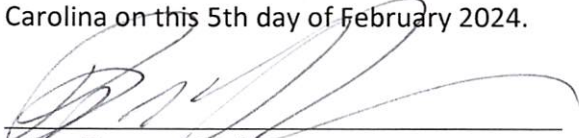
Section 1 Findings. The Commission hereby makes the following findings of fact in connection with the adoption of this resolution (this "Resolution"):

- A. OJRSA was established pursuant to Title 6, Chapter 25 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "Act") by its three member-municipalities: the City of Seneca, the City of Walhalla, and the City of Westminster under the terms of an Intergovernmental Agreement dated October 31, 2007 (the "Agreement").
- B. Pursuant to the Act and the Agreement, the Commission is tasked with the management and control over the joint regional sewer system owned by OJRSA.
- C. In fulfilling this charge, the Commission has determined it is in the best interest of OJRSA to adopt a formal policy regarding procurement and property disposal (the "*OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy*").

Section 2 Adoption. In accordance with the findings above, the Commission hereby adopts only the revisions to *OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy* as set forth at Exhibit A, which incorporates a minor revision as approved by the Commission following the acceptance of OJRSA Resolution 2024-05 on January 4, 2024. The remainder of the *OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy* shall remain as approved by Resolution 2024-05.

Section 3 Effective Date. The *OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy* is effective immediately upon the adoption of this Resolution. All resolutions or policies (including former financial policies) that are in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution or the *OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy* are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency or in their entirety where the conflict or inconsistency is not severable from such document.

DONE AND ADOPTED by the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Board of Commissioners, Seneca, South Carolina on this 5th day of February 2024.


Brian Ramey, Chair
 OJRSA Board of Commissioners

Attest: 
Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer
 OJRSA Board of Commissioners -and-
 OJRSA Office Manager

Approved as to form:


Larry Brandt, OJRSA Attorney

Date: 5 Feb 24

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Exhibit A

Attached beginning on following page



SECTION 1 – ADOPTION

The *OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy* shall become effective in accordance with OJRSA Resolution ~~2024-05~~2024-06.

SECTION 2 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1 PURPOSE AND APPLICATION

- A. **Purpose:** The *OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy* (“Policy”) is to provide for procedures and policies embodying sound principles of appropriately competitive Procurement and for equitable treatment in purchasing, to maximize purchasing value and to provide safeguards for maintaining quality, and integrity in compliance with SC Code Ann. §11-35-50.
- B. **Application:** This Policy applies to contracts for the Procurement of Supplies, Services, and Construction entered into by OJRSA upon and after the effective date of this Policy unless the parties agree to its application to contracts entered in to prior to the effective date. It shall apply to all expenditures of public funds irrespective of their source.
- C. **Anti-Discrimination in Purchasing Practices:** The OJRSA does not discriminate against any vendor on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, or veteran status in any area of the purchasing or property disposal process.
- D. **Specific Repealer:** All previously issued Resolutions, Rules, or Regulations pertaining to public Procurement for OJRSA are repealed.

2.2 PUBLIC ACCESS TO PROCUREMENT INFORMATION

- A. Procurement information shall be a public record to the extent required by Title 30 Chapter 4 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, (the “Freedom of Information Act” or “FOIA”) with the exception that commercial, financial or proprietary information obtained in response to a ‘Request for Bids’ or ‘Request for Proposals’ or any type of bid solicitation need not be disclosed, if designated as privileged and confidential by the submitter of the bid or proposal and is exempt from disclosure under SC Code Ann. §30-4-40(a)(1) or (5)(c) or other provision of the FOIA. Such information can be returned to the submitter upon request after the proposals or bids have been evaluated; no duty of confidentiality arises with regard to such records while the records are in the possession of OJRSA.
- B. Refer to FOIA and any policies that may be separately promulgated by the Board under the FOIA for guidance on those matters which can and cannot be disclosed, and for other policies on disclosure of public information by OJRSA.
- C. Consult with appropriate legal counsel as appropriate.

2.3 COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL OR STATE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS

When the Procurement involves the expenditure of State or Federal assistance or contract funds, the Procurement shall be conducted in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws, regulations, and requirements which are mandatory even though such requirements may not be presently reflected in this Policy. Nothing in this Policy shall prevent OJRSA from complying with the terms and conditions of any Grant, gift, or bequest which are otherwise consistent with law.

2.4 ETHICS IN PROCUREMENT

Standards of Conduct: In all actions involving Procurement of Supplies, Services, or Construction, OJRSA shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 8 (State Ethics Act), South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended and the *OJRSA Ethics Policy* adopted on September 11, 2023 as may be amended.

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

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

- parties, such as the Member Cities; and
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RESOLUTION 2024-06

Adoption of Procurement and Property Disposal Policy Revision

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY OF THE OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY REGARDING FINANCIAL MATTERS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Commission (the "Commission"), the governing body of the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority, South Carolina ("OJRSA") in a meeting duly assembled as follows:

Section 1 Findings. The Commission hereby makes the following findings of fact in connection with the adoption of this resolution (this "Resolution"):

- A. OJRSA was established pursuant to Title 6, Chapter 25 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "Act") by its three member-municipalities: the City of Seneca, the City of Walhalla, and the City of Westminster under the terms of an Intergovernmental Agreement dated October 31, 2007 (the "Agreement").
- B. Pursuant to the Act and the Agreement, the Commission is tasked with the management and control over the joint regional sewer system owned by OJRSA.
- C. In fulfilling this charge, the Commission has determined it is in the best interest of OJRSA to adopt a formal policy regarding procurement and property disposal (the "*OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy*").

Section 2 Adoption. In accordance with the findings above, the Commission hereby adopts only the revisions to *OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy* as set forth at Exhibit A, which incorporates a minor revision as approved by the Commission following the acceptance of OJRSA Resolution 2024-05 on January 4, 2024. The remainder of the *OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy* shall remain as approved by Resolution 2024-05.

Section 3 Effective Date. The *OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy* is effective immediately upon the adoption of this Resolution. All resolutions or policies (including former financial policies) that are in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution or the *OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy* are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict or inconsistency or in their entirety where the conflict or inconsistency is not severable from such document.

DONE AND ADOPTED by the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Board of Commissioners, Seneca, South Carolina on this 5th day of February 2024.

Brian Ramey, Chair
OJRSA Board of Commissioners

Attest: _____
Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer
OJRSA Board of Commissioners -and-
OJRSA Office Manager

Approved as to form:

Larry Brandt, OJRSA Attorney

Date: _____

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Exhibit A

Attached beginning on following page

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For Consideration
by OJRSA Board

OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy
February 5, 2024

SECTION 1 – ADOPTION

The *OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy* shall become effective in accordance with OJRSA Resolution ~~2024-05~~2024-06.

SECTION 2 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1 PURPOSE AND APPLICATION

- A. **Purpose:** The *OJRSA Procurement and Property Disposal Policy* (“Policy”) is to provide for procedures and policies embodying sound principles of appropriately competitive Procurement and for equitable treatment in purchasing, to maximize purchasing value and to provide safeguards for maintaining quality, and integrity in compliance with SC Code Ann. §11-35-50.
- B. **Application:** This Policy applies to contracts for the Procurement of Supplies, Services, and Construction entered into by OJRSA upon and after the effective date of this Policy unless the parties agree to its application to contracts entered in to prior to the effective date. It shall apply to all expenditures of public funds irrespective of their source.
- C. **Anti-Discrimination in Purchasing Practices:** The OJRSA does not discriminate against any vendor on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, disability, or veteran status in any area of the purchasing or property disposal process.
- D. **Specific Repealer:** All previously issued Resolutions, Rules, or Regulations pertaining to public Procurement for OJRSA are repealed.

2.2 PUBLIC ACCESS TO PROCUREMENT INFORMATION

- A. Procurement information shall be a public record to the extent required by Title 30 Chapter 4 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended, (the “Freedom of Information Act” or “FOIA”) with the exception that commercial, financial or proprietary information obtained in response to a ‘Request for Bids’ or ‘Request for Proposals’ or any type of bid solicitation need not be disclosed, if designated as privileged and confidential by the submitter of the bid or proposal and is exempt from disclosure under SC Code Ann. §30-4-40(a)(1) or (5)(c) or other provision of the FOIA. Such information can be returned to the submitter upon request after the proposals or bids have been evaluated; no duty of confidentiality arises with regard to such records while the records are in the possession of OJRSA.
- B. Refer to FOIA and any policies that may be separately promulgated by the Board under the FOIA for guidance on those matters which can and cannot be disclosed, and for other policies on disclosure of public information by OJRSA.
- C. Consult with appropriate legal counsel as appropriate.

2.3 COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL OR STATE PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS

When the Procurement involves the expenditure of State or Federal assistance or contract funds, the Procurement shall be conducted in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws, regulations, and requirements which are mandatory even though such requirements may not be presently reflected in this Policy. Nothing in this Policy shall prevent OJRSA from complying with the terms and conditions of any Grant, gift, or bequest which are otherwise consistent with law.

2.4 ETHICS IN PROCUREMENT

Standards of Conduct: In all actions involving Procurement of Supplies, Services, or Construction, OJRSA shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 13 of Title 8 (State Ethics Act), South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended and the *OJRSA Ethics Policy* adopted on September 11, 2023 as may be amended.

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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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RESOLUTION 2024-07

Additional Sewer Tap for Oconee County Parcel 337-00-01-002

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY OF THE OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY ALLOWING FOR AN ADDITIONAL SEWER TAP TO BE PROVIDED TO J&L FRIENDLY ACRES, LLC FOR OCONEE COUNTY PARCEL 337-00-01-002.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Commission (the "Commission"), the governing body of the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority, South Carolina ("OJRSA") in a meeting duly assembled as follows:

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- B. Pursuant to the Act and the Agreement, the Commission is tasked with the management and control over the joint regional sewer system owned by OJRSA.
- C. The OJRSA is the retail wastewater provider for this parcel at the time of construction of the sewer improvement project referred to as "Sewer South Phase 2" on South Carolina Highway 59.
- D. OJRSA Resolution 2021-08 as approved by the Commission on December 7, 2020 provided one (1) sewer tap for this and other qualified properties as part of Sewer South Phase 2.

Section 2 Adoption. The conditions for the OJRSA offering this one (1) additional tap are as follows:

1. The waiving of any impact or other fees is not permissible by adoption of this Resolution.
2. Including the previous tap granted by Resolution 2021-08, no more than two (2) taps are to be provided to this parcel under the conditions as stated within this Resolution and that of Resolution 2021-08.
3. This additional tap is to be based on the property boundaries at the time of the adoption of this Resolution.
4. The tap shall not exceed four (4) inches in diameter. If a larger tap is necessary, the property owner shall pay the difference between the four (4) inch tap fee and the size required. The amount they will be credited for shall be \$3,100, which is the cost of a four (4) inch tap based on the contractor price at the time of Sewer South Phase 2 construction.
5. The offer of the additional sewer tap shall only apply during the period in which the gravity sewer on and/or adjacent to this parcel is installed as part of Sewer South Phase 2 and is in use. It is not transferable to any other current or future sewer line or parcel unless said other parcel is created or directly severed from Parcel 337-00-01-002.
6. All other conditions must comply with OJRSA Sewer Use Regulations.
7. This Resolution will be provided as an exhibit with the executed Easement & Right-of-Way Agreement and recorded with the Oconee County Register of Deeds.

The OJRSA will either provide a sewer tap ("tap") at the time of construction or install a tap¹ as part of J&L Friendly Acres, LLC executing a binding Easement & Right-of-Way Agreement with the OJRSA. The offer of a tap can be made in whole or as a part of other compensation or considerations as recommended by either a licensed professional consultant in the state of South Carolina (e.g., certified appraiser or registered engineer) or the OJRSA Executive Director without approval by the Commission; however, the Board must authorize the execution of any Agreement on behalf of the OJRSA.

Section 3 Effective Date. This Resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

DONE AND ADOPTED by the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Board of Commissioners, Seneca, South Carolina on this 5th day of February 2024.



Brian Ramey, Chair
OJRSA Board of Commissioners

Attest: 

Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer
OJRSA Board of Commissioners -and-
OJRSA Office Manager

Approved as to form:



Larry Brandt, OJRSA Attorney

Date: 2-5-24

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¹ OJRSA reimbursement by Oconee County for costs associated with this tap shall be in accordance with all applicable Inter-governmental Agreements between the OJRSA and Oconee County, South Carolina.



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Brian Ramey, Chair
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January 24, 2024

Via E-Mail:

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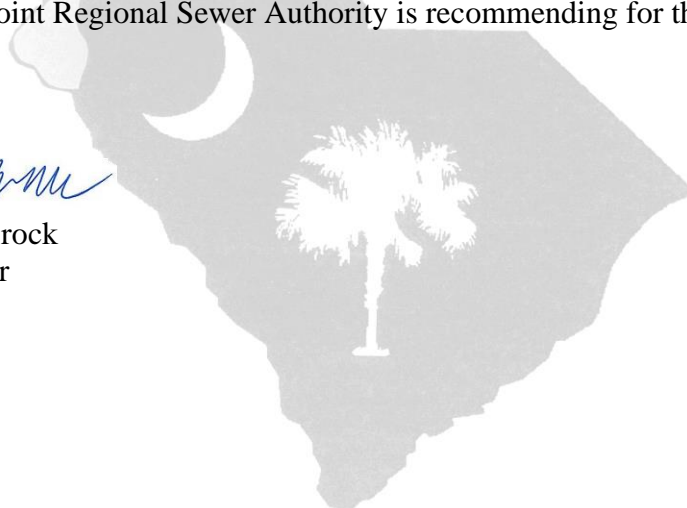
RE: Proposed Sewer Rates for 2024

Dear Mr. Eleazer:

Oconee County and the Oconee Economic Alliance have reviewed the proposed sewer rates for 2024. The volumetric rate of \$6.38 per 1,000 gallons is lower than the Golden Corner Commerce Park rate of \$7.37 per 1,000 gallons that was approved in July 2023. As a result, we support the recommended rates and charges the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority is recommending for this year.

Sincerely,

Amanda F. Brock
Administrator



From: [Daryll Parker](#)
To: [Chris Eleazer](#); abrock@oconeesc.com; [Jeff McGarvey](#); [Michael Cronan](#)
Subject: Sample Rates
Date: Monday, December 4, 2023 15:20:16
Attachments: [Sample Rate Structure.xlsx](#)

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

Seneca Sewer Rates
Effective July 1, 2023

Walhalla Sewer Rates
Effective July 1, 2023

Description	Amount
Seneca Inside City	
Residential Base	\$ 7.17
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 3.79
Commercial Base	\$ 7.17
Commercial Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 3.79
Seneca Outside City	
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
Walhalla Inside City	
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
Walhalla Outside City	
Residential Base	\$ -
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 1.40
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OJRSA Rates

Residential

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

Nonresidential

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

SENECA RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE

Monthly Inside Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month	
Seneca Base	\$ 7.17
Seneca Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 18.95
OJRSA Base	\$ 10.00
OJRSA Volumetric Base/1,000 Gallons	\$ 26.95
Total for 5,000 gal residential/month	\$ 63.07

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
Total for 5,000 gal residential/month	\$ 76.65

WALHALLA RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE

Monthly Inside 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
Total for 5,000 gal residential/month	\$ 43.95

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
Total for 5,000 gal residential/month	\$ 43.95

Westminster Sewer Rates
Effective July 1, 2023

West Union Sewer Rates
Effective July 1, 2023

Description	Amount
Westminster Inside City	
Residential Base <i>(removed OJRSA base fee)</i>	\$ 11.54
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons <i>(rem OJRSA fee)</i>	\$ 3.33
Westminster Outside City	
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
<i>Nonres. TN Base 4-inch</i>	<i>\$ 149.38</i>
<i>Nonres. TN 4-inch Vol./1,000 Gal</i>	<i>\$ 5.03</i>
<i>County Sewer Only Base</i>	<i>\$ 8.66</i>
<i>County Sewer Only Vol./1,000 Gallons</i>	<i>\$ 6.36</i>
OJRSA Rates	
Residential	
Base	\$ 10.00
Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 5.39
Nonresidential	
Base	\$ 15.00
Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 7.37

Description	Amount
West Union Inside City	
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
West Union Outside City	
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

WESTMINSTER RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE	
Monthly <i>Inside</i> Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month	
Westminster Base	\$ 11.54
Westminster Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 16.65
OJRSA Base	\$ 10.00
OJRSA Volumetric Base/1,000 Gallons	\$ 26.95
Total for 5,000 gal residential/month	\$ 65.14
Monthly <i>Outside</i> 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
Total for 5,000 gal residential/month	\$ 71.20

WEST UNION RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE	
Monthly <i>Inside</i> 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
Total for 5,000 gal residential/month	\$ 52.00
Monthly <i>Outside</i> 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
Total for 5,000 gal residential/month	\$ 57.50

Westminster Rates as Published with OJRSA Fees Included	
Westminster Inside City	
Residential Base	\$ 21.54
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 8.72
Westminster Outside City	
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 Rates as Published with OJRSA Fees Included	
West Union Inside City	
Residential Base	\$ 12.00
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 8.00
Commercial Base	\$ 25.00
Commercial Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 11.00
West Union Outside City	
Residential Base	\$ 15.00
Residential Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 8.50
Commercial Base	\$ 28.00
Commercial Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 11.50

Clemson City Sewer Rates
Effective July 1, 2023

Anderson County Sewer Rates
Effective July 1, 2023

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

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

CLEMSON CITY RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE

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

Clemson City Base	\$ 20.75
Clemson City Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 27.95

Total for 5,000 gal residential/month \$ 48.70

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

Clemson City Base	\$ 31.13
Clemson City Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 53.10

Total for 5,000 gal residential/month \$ 84.23

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

Total for 5,000 gal residential/month \$ 58.30

**Anderson City/Electric City Utilities Sewer Rates
Effective July 1, 2022**

**Easley Combined Utilities Sewer Rates
Effective April 1, 2023**

Description	Amount
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*NOTE: Anderson City/ECU bills based on 100 cubic feet used.
The figures below are based on a conversion of 748.05 gal/cuft
and should be considered approximate due to rounding.*

Anderson City/ECU Inside City

First 1,496.1 gallons (ECU = 12.85/200 cubic feet)	\$ 12.85
Additional 748.05 gallons (100 cubic feet)	\$ 5.84

Anderson City/ECU Outside City

First 1,496.1 gallons (ECU = 12.85/200 cubic feet)	\$ 25.70
Additional 748.05 gallons (100 cubic feet)	\$ 11.68

Description	Amount
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*NOTE: Easley Combined bills based on 100 cubic feet used.
The figures below are based on a conversion of 748.05 gal/cuft
and should be considered approximate due to rounding.*

ECU Inside City Monthly Sewer Base Charge by Water Meter Size

5/8-Inch	\$ 21.15
1.0-Inch	\$ 21.15
1.25-Inch	\$ 21.15
1.5-Inch	\$ 21.15
2.0-Inch	\$ 21.15
3.0-Inch	\$ 21.15
4.0-Inch	\$ 21.15
6.0-Inch	\$ 21.15

Inside City Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons

Rate approx. (converted 100 cubic feet to 1,000 gallon)	\$ 3.91
<i>ECU charges \$2.9234/100 cuft</i>	

ECU Outside City Monthly Sewer Base Charge by Water Meter Size

5/8-Inch	\$ 21.15
1.0-Inch	\$ 21.15
1.25-Inch	\$ 21.15
1.5-Inch	\$ 21.15
2.0-Inch	\$ 21.15
3.0-Inch	\$ 21.15
4.0-Inch	\$ 21.15
6.0-Inch	\$ 21.15

Outside City Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons

Rate approx. (converted 100 cubic feet to 1,000 gallon)	\$ 5.40
<i>ECU charges \$4.0419/100 cuft</i>	

ANDERSON CITY/ELECT CITY UTIL. RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE

Monthly Inside Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month

Anderson City/ECU First 1,496.1 Gallons	\$ 12.85
Anderson City/ECU Next 3,503.9 Gallons	\$ 27.35

Total for 5,000 gal residential/month \$ 40.20

Monthly Outside Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month

Anderson City/ECU First 1,496.1 Gallons	\$ 25.70
Anderson City/ECU Next 3,503.9 Gallons	\$ 54.71

Total for 5,000 gal residential/month \$ 80.41

EASLEY COMBINED UTILITIES RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE

Monthly Inside Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month

Easley Combined Utilities City Base	\$ 21.15
Easley Combined Utilities Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 19.54

Total for 5,000 gal residential/month \$ 40.69

Monthly Outside Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month

Easley Combined Utilities City Base	\$ 21.15
Easley Combined Utilities Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 27.02

Total for 5,000 gal residential/month \$ 48.17

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

**Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer Dist. Sewer Rates
Effective February 1, 2024**

Description	Amount
MetroConnects Rates	
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

Description	Amount
Monthly Sewer Base Charge by Water Meter Size	
5/8-Inch	\$ 5.96
1.0-Inch	\$ 12.48
1.5-Inch	\$ 23.33
2.0-Inch	\$ 36.37
3.0-Inch	\$ 66.78
4.0-Inch	\$ 110.22
6.0-Inch	\$ 218.82
8.0-Inch	\$ 349.14
10.0-Inch	\$ 501.19
Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	
District Rates [collection & treatment]	\$ 7.05
Subdistrict Rates [treatment only]	\$ 5.05

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
Total for 5,000 gal residential/month	\$ 67.37

SPARTANBURG SANITARY SEWER DIST. RESIDENTIAL EXAMPLE	
Monthly Residential Sewer for 5,000 Gallons/Month	
SSSD Base	\$ 5.96
SSSD Volumetric Rate/1,000 Gallons	\$ 35.25
Total for 5,000 gal residential/month	\$ 41.21

ReWa Retail Rates as Published	
Retail Collection Charges	
Base	\$ 13.81
Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 1.90
ReWa Trunk & Treatment Charges	
Trunk & Treatment Base	\$ 12.75
Trunk & Treatment Volumetric/1,000 Gallons	\$ 25.57

I-85 CORRIDOR SEWER EXPANSION PROJECT-OJRSA

CONTRACTOR: MOORHEAD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY ENGINEER: DAVIS & FLOYD, INC.

DATE: FEBRUARY 02, 2024

COUNCIL BRIEFING/UPDATE -

CONTRACTOR HAS UTILIZED A BLASTING SUBCONTRACTOR TO SURVEY THE ROCK ENCOUNTERED IN THE GRAVITY SEWER ROUTE ON SC HWY 59 AND HAS COMPLETED THE BLASTING EFFORT IN THE SUBJECT AREA. CONTRACTOR CONTINUES LAYING 21" GRAVITY SEWER ALONG SC HWY. 59 AND HAS INSTALLED SOME SERVICES ALONG SC HWY. 59, AS WELL.

ALL OF THE 12" FORCE MAIN FROM BROOMWAY PUMP STATION SITE HAS NOW BEEN INSTALLED.

THE DIRECTIONAL DRILLING AND LAKE-CROSSING FORCE MAIN PIPE HAS BEEN INSTALLED AT LAKE HARTWELL.

INSTALLATION OF NEW PUMP STATION AT THE WELCOME CENTER IS NOW UNDERWAY.

ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$12,311,447.00

ISSUED CHANGE ORDER NO. 1: (\$467,994.79)

CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT: \$11,843,452.21

APPROXIMATE VALUE OF WORK INSTALLED TO DATE: \$5,911,559.97 OR 50% OF CURRENT CONTRACT AMOUNT.

THEY APPEAR TO BE ON SCHEDULE WITH THIS WORK. DEPENDING UPON FINAL DELIVERY SCHEDULES FOR THE PUMPS, THE PROJECT IS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN THE EARLY SUMMER OF 2024.



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OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY

Operations & Planning Committee

February 14, 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
- Kyle Lindsay, Operations Director
- Allison McCullough, Regulatory Services Coordinator

Others present were:

- Kevin Bronson, City of Westminster
- Joe Swaim, W.K. Dickson
- Angie Mettlen, W.K. Dickson
- Chris Brabham, SL&W
- Emily Taylor, SL&W
- Terry Reed, City of Westminster
- Kevin Harbin, City of Westminster
- Kaiden Sweetnam, City of Walhalla
- Zane Thompson, City of Walhalla
- Mike Stevenson, Habitat for Humanity
- Jon Goyert, Habitat for Humanity
- Michael Traynham, Maynard Nexsen (by virtual Microsoft Teams meeting)
- Jeremy Brashears, WK Dickson (by virtual Microsoft Teams meeting)

A) Call to Order - Mr. Faires called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

B) Public Session – None.

C) Presentation and Discussion Items:

- 1. Consider Variance Request for Impact Fees Associated with Habitat for Humanity Eastpointe Subdivision Phase II** – Mr. Eleazer introduced the gentlemen from Habitat for Humanity who have come to request a variance for impact fees. Mr. Goyert and Mr. Stevenson introduced themselves, showed some slides to the committee (*made a part of these minutes*), and gave a little insight into their organization. Habitat pays for the homes through funding solely from mortgages, donations, and resale store sales. Habitat has also established an education fund for Habitat families. Habitat owners must buy their homes, but they get mortgages with 30-year interest free rates at an approximate cost of \$400 per month.

Mr. Goyert stated that Habitat is working on a new subdivision in West Union. Once the infrastructure is there, Habitat is planning to build four (4) homes per year for a total of twenty-seven (27) homes in seven (7) years' time. He explained that if they pay the impact fee for all

twenty-seven (27) homes at once, at a cost of approximately \$60,000, that would be around 10% of their total cost for the project. They are requesting a variance to either pay the impact fees for each home on a house-by-house basis as they are built or to pay the fee for four (4) homes each year.

Mr. Stevenson also explained how this project is different than any others they have done, as the subdivisions are usually fourteen to fifteen (14-15) homes, and this is the first time Habitat is responsible for the infrastructure to pay for the roads and utilities. Mr. Dial asked who oversees the power in that subdivision. Mr. Goyert said Duke is working on it at their cost and talking to them about possible donations.

Mr. Faires said there is no question about the value of what is provided, and it is an act of love from all the volunteers. Mr. Faires said the OJRSA will have this on the agenda for the full board, as this committee cannot make a decision on it. Mr. Eleazer replied that the O&P Committee can take this to the full board with or without recommendation.

Mr. Faires asked if Mr. Eleazer had any thoughts about this. Mr. Eleazer replied, no and that the OJRSA hasn't done this in the past that he's aware of. He added that the impact fee policy that was adopted years ago determined that when flows hit treatment plant (upon application for the building permit), that's when the fees were to be paid.

The Director added that Forestar, who asked (and was approved) for an impact fee variance at the board meeting earlier this month, is a for-profit developer, whereas Habitat is a non-profit organization, so this situation is a little different. Mr. Eleazer didn't offer any recommendations to the committee.

Mr. Dial said this situation is totally different, as Habitat is willing to pay the fee but just wants an alternate way to pay. Mr. Eleazer replied that Ms. Chassen of Forestar had the same request (to pay the fees for each house when they applied for the building permit instead of all of them at one time as the OJRSA policy now requires) about a year ago, and the O&P Committee denied that request. The Director added that the OJRSA has never waived an impact fee that he's aware of. One time the OJRSA donated to an organization in the amount of their impact fee cost, but the fee itself wasn't waived.

Mr. Faires said his thought was to charge the fee on a house-by-house basis. Mr. Dial asked Mr. Goyert and Mr. Stevenson which do they consider the best option out of the ones they stipulated. Mr. Goyert said it would be the house-by-house basis with a \$2,000-3,000 impact fee for each \$140,000 house.

Mr. Eleazer stated that Habitat would have to apply for capacity in the plant for the 27 homes and would normally pay the impact fee in full. Receipt of the application and payment would authorize the Executive Director to generate a letter to Habitat's engineer that OJRSA would accept waste which would get submitted with their construction permit application to SCDHEC. Without that letter from the OJRSA, SCDHEC would not authorize them to build the wastewater system to serve the development. There will be 8,100 gallons (27 homes x 300 gallons per day (GPD)) charged against the treatment plant as soon as SCDHEC issues the construction permit, no matter if the houses are constructed or not.

Mr. Eleazer said his only question that needs to be considered, if this variance is approved, is what fee would Habitat pay? Would they pay today's impact fee rate if they pay five (5) years from now, or would they pay the rate in place at the time? Scott Parris replied they would pay the fee at the time; all committee members agreed. Mr. Goyert stated that Habitat understands this and wouldn't expect different.

Mr. Stevenson reported that not in the presentation was the fact that there is a critical shortage of workforce housing, and the local cities are trying to keep the workforce (those who provide necessary services) in the local area and not moving elsewhere. In addition, it will help the Town of West Union with tax revenue and will also create more stable family units.

Mr. Dial asked if there would be one or two houses being built at a time. Mr. Goyert said that Habitat averages four (4) homes and year and has multiple foundations built first. Then the four (4)

homes are built in various stages where the construction crews can continuously work by moving to alternate houses according to weather conditions.

Mr. Parris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dial, to recommend to the full board to authorize Habitat for Humanity to pay impact fees on a house-to-house basis at the rate at the time of payment with the reason being they are non-profit. The motion carried.

Mr. Eleazer thanked Habitat for their service. Mr. Dial said it was a good organization that he worked with in the past during his time in the army. Mr. Stevenson invited the committee members to volunteer for the construction team at any time.

2. Update on Current Projects (Exhibit A) – Chris Eleazer, Director – Mr. Eleazer distributed the updated projects list. He reported that OJRSA personnel have significantly made progress on the projects, and the report also specifies the projects that will span multiple budget years or will be paid by restricted funds.

Mr. Dial asked why the paving project was on hold. Mr. Lindsay said Hubbard came out last year and gave the OJRSA a budgetary number which was included in this year's budget. King Asphalt bought Hubbard and then King gave a new quote which was twice as high. Another paving company is coming out today to look at the project and give a quote.

Mr. Eleazer added that the asphalt has degraded to the point where it is being a stormwater issue due to sand and grit going into the onsite stormwater system. The OJRSA has an industrial stormwater permit for the site, and this work will rectify this long-term issue.

Committee to Consider 2024 Organizational Goals for Discussion at the March 4, 2024 Board of Commissioners Meeting – The committee members stated the following goals:

- Mr. Faires said just like he said in the board meeting last week, he looks forward to the completion of the feasibility study. He asked if the committee members had any other thoughts on goals.
- Scott McLane said that the OJRSA needs to keep having regular meetings with Oconee County.
- There were no other suggestions or recommendations.

Ms. Mettlen said there should be some information for the Central Basin Study coming out in April. Some of the data from that will be used in the feasibility study, and it is anticipated that the feasibility study should be done sometime around June.

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

E) Executive Director's Discussion and Compliance Concerns:

1. Environmental and Regulatory Compliance – Mr. Eleazer reported on three (3) subjects:

- Cane Creek Pump Station Gravity Line Break – There was a gravity line break on February 6, 2024, which was caused by erosion washing away from a pipe coming from the Cane Creek Pump Station. There was a problem with a SCDOT culvert along East Main Street which caused erosion near the 12" vitrified clay pipe. SCDOT was notified and immediately made repairs to the culvert, and the spill was reported to SCDHEC. Tugaloo Pipeline was called in to repair the line, and the OJRSA staff had to remain overnight to continuously pump the line out using multiple septic haulers until the repair was completed. Mr. Lindsay added that approximately twenty-eight (28) feet of pipe was replaced.

SCDOT put riprap in and rock near the culvert causing the problem. OJRSA put in more rock near another culvert and installed an additional culvert on the other side. OJRSA staff are also continuing to fill in the ditch. Mr. Dial asked if SCDOT was responsive, and Mr. Lindsay replied yes; they were on site the next day.

- Force Main Break on Speeds Creek 14" Pipe – Mr. Lindsay reported that the Speeds Creek force main broke due to the same corrosion of the pipe that has been reported before. Mr. Eleazer reported that the spill was close to 14,000 gallons and that Tugaloo Pipeline assisted with this break. He added that the OJRSA is waiting on the results of the Weston & Sampson study to

determine what to do with that pipe, as it had been recommended to bypass the force main to Seneca Pump Station and reduce the Speeds Creek Pump Station and force main. Mr. Eleazer doesn't want to do anything with that line until the study is complete.

- Odor Complaint from SCDHEC Along Davis Creek Road – The OJRSA received another odor complaint from SCDHEC for the Davis Creek Pump Station area. This has made six (6) nuisance complaints in that area in the last four (4) months.

2. Miscellaneous (If Any) – The Director reported that the OJRSA board chair asked him to provide a list of concerns and questions to Ms. Amanda Brock and to report the answers to the full board at the March board meeting. Mr. Eleazer stated that his questions and concerns have been numerous stated in previous board and committee meetings.

Mr. Eleazer reported that he emailed the board members requesting they provide him with any questions or concerns that they may have. A meeting will be scheduled with Ms. Brock, and Mr. Eleazer asked that the board members provide their list of concerns/questions to him by the end of the day of February 20, 2024. He wants to provide Ms. Brock with a list of the questions and concerns prior to their meeting so she has an opportunity to consider them. He will also group similar questions/concerns together into one request.

F) Committee Members' Discussion – None.

G) Satellite Sewer System Inflow & Infiltration Meeting – Mr. Michael Traynham and Mr. Jeremy Brashears attended the meeting via a virtual Microsoft Teams meeting. Mr. Eleazer reported the OJRSA had been working with WK Dickson (WKD) since 2020 (before the OJRSA ever was even issued the Notice of Alleged Violation (NOAV) letter from SCDHEC) to identify the needs of the organization and obtain prices to incorporate into the budget. Shortly thereafter, the OJRSA received the NOAV and entered a Consent Order with SCDHEC due to several significant sanitary sewer overflows, and the partnership with WKD continued. Item #3 as stated in the requirement of the Consent Order is to work with the satellite sewer systems to address issues with their inflow and infiltration (I&I).

The Director stated that 2023 was a strange year with weather, with a majority of the year's rain occurring in the first half of the year and much less any rain in the last half of the year. There was a three month period where there was virtually no rainfall at all, and as a result, the OJRSA was able to identify the true wastewater baseflow during this period as the inflow from rainwater and infiltration from groundwater was nearly nonexistent.

Mr. Eleazer introduced Mr. Joe Swaim. Mr. Swaim stated he is a project manager and engineer with WKD and was tasked with some Consent Order components and Regional Feasibility Study items. As part of the Consent Order, Item #3 (as mentioned by Mr. Eleazer) is to evaluate I&I. WKD did some high-level analysis in October (during the period of little rainfall) to show where the system was at this point. Mr. Swaim showed the committee some slides (*made a part of these minutes*).

Mr. Swaim said the analysis was based on the 2023 flow station report. Inspection reports were used for the satellite sewer systems. WKD also evaluated what the dry-weather flow was and the estimated allowable I&I from the satellite sewer systems based off the October 2023 Sewer Use Regulation Section 4.15. The flow numbers were consistent during the dry-weather flow in October. WKD also tried to evaluate a less-than-5-year storm event per the Sewer Use Regulation and used the 3.02" rainfall during Christmas 2023 that was closest to a 1-year storm event. Mr. Swaim reported that, in determining the estimated allowable I&I from the satellite sewer systems, WKD made the effort to provide the municipalities with higher amounts of linear footage (boosted by 20%) so as to not pinpoint but find a balance. Excessive I&I was identified for all Member Cities' systems.

Ms. Mettlen added that there is I&I coming from everywhere, and everyone is working collectively to try and identify the issues and deal with them. She stated that SCDHEC ordered OJRSA to do this analysis and work with each satellite sewer system to get documentation of what is being done to address the I&I issues. It is very good that the base flow was identified, because it gives the opportunity to monitor and document what is working to reduce the I&I.

Mr. Traynham said the OJRSA will be looking to the Member Cities for their path forward. With budget season coming around, the Member Cities need to plan accordingly for addressing these issues to comply with the SCDHEC Consent Order as issued to the OJRSA. If I&I issues are not addressed and it continues to create non-compliance within the OJRSA system, the OJRSA (and likely the Member Cities as well) will be in a worse position with SCDHEC (getting another enforcement issue and/or civil penalties). The Member Cities will get a request for a Corrective Action Plan from the OJRSA in the next week or so. This is a cooperative opportunity to work through these issues to try to avoid it becoming an enforcement issue. Ms. Mettlen added the OJRSA must document for SCDHEC where things are being worked on and what is being done.

Mr. Dial asked if this study has been done in any other county in the state, and if so, how Oconee County compares. Ms. Mettlen replied that they have done this for Lancaster County, which has old systems in old mill areas. Both systems (Lancaster's and the OJRSA systems) are old with not a lot of rehabilitation until recently. The study was done a little at a time, identifying the worst of the worst, because it is too much to do it all. The regulations and guidelines state to try and evaluate at least ten percent (10%) of the collection system each year, which helps the organization routinely stay on top of it and become more proactive rather than reactive. She added that this is not unusual; Mr. Faires agreed. She mentioned that it is intended to be a continuous cycle; that once you finish your initial evaluation of the system, then you start it all over again, and then again after that. Ms. Mettlen added that this ebbs and flows from a regulatory perspective, and that the EPA took a strong hand approach several years ago by doing enforcement action above the SCDHEC due to sanitary sewer system overflows, and the EPA is starting to look at overflows again.

Mr. Eleazer stated that this presentation was mostly for the Member Cities, but he showed a map that was submitted to SCDHEC of the OJRSA's priorities to budget for the next fiscal year (*made a part of these minutes*). The third phase of this will be a part of the 2025 budget year. A lot of the area around Westminster (southern and northern sides) needs rehabilitation and will go out for bids. The OJRSA will use SCIIP money for those repairs, and WKD is finalizing the design. The OJRSA recently completed cleaning and inspecting the large diameter pipe from the plant for approximately 20 segments when the OJRSA ran out of budgeted funds. The rest of the segments to where the Westminster sewer line meets the OJRSA line will be added to the next phase for the next fiscal year. He added that the 10% evaluation of the collection system is a continuous process; once the whole system has been evaluated, it will start over again. He also stated that he doesn't believe the OJRSA trunk sewers were ever cleaned out and that there was a large amount of grit cleaned out last fall.

Mr. Dial asked if SCDHEC is happy as long as progress is being made. Ms. Mettlen replied yes. Now WKD can analyze and show where progress is occurring. Mr. Eleazer stated the proof of that justification is on the OJRSA. Mr. Traynham agreed, saying the OJRSA is the primary regulated entity, and the burden is on the OJRSA to ensure the issues are being addressed.

Mr. Eleazer said he must submit reports to SCDHEC in May and November each year the Consent Order is active and must include what has been done in the past six (6) months. There were eleven (11) items to be addressed in these reports. Some have been completed and some are longer-term. Information on these items to be addressed will be sent to the Member Cities with timeframes to get them done. The Corrective Action Plan will be presented to the OJRSA by the end of April and begin July 1, 2024. Ms. Mettlen said the Corrective Action Plan's current purpose is to identify where the problems are, what the plan is, and what is being done to fix them. The information can come from an engineer the Member City is working with or from the Member City itself.

Mr. Faires thanked the operations people from the Member Cities for attending the meeting. Mr. Faires asked if anyone had any comments or questions. Mr. Bronson pointed out his long-standing complaint with the flow data and added that Westminster's measure point with the OJRSA is far away from Westminster's system. There may be I&I attributed to Westminster, but Walhalla's line may overflow and affect Westminster's data - and vice versa. He also expressed concern about the flow meters at the Coneross FMS and heavy flows causing Walhalla's lines to impact the flow readings of

Westminster – and vice versa. Mr. Eleazer pointed out that Mr. Swaim collected the data he reported on in December when there was a 1-year rain event, and the two flows should not have impacted one another. Mr. Bronson said that should be part of what is being reported to SCDHEC.

Mr. Lindsay stated that OJRSA bought an electronic float system just last week that will trigger the Mission (SCADA) system to let OJRSA know when those overflows are happening, and then the data will be disregarded when internal flooding within the station occurs. Ms. Mettlen added that there was, to the Member Cities' favor, some padding put in the report where the I&I is suspected to come from. She added that as the cities put together their plan, it would be helpful to receive recommendations on where to put temporary flow meters. Mr. Bronson said he has already sent many emails to Mr. Eleazer with those recommendations.

Mr. Eleazer said the information the OJRSA receives from the Member Cities is not being sent to SCDHEC unless SCDHEC asks for it. He added that Ms. Allison McCullough, who is OJRSA's Regulatory Services Coordinator, will be the liaison for this information.

H) Upcoming Meetings:

1. **Finance & Administrative Committee** – Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. *(Date of meeting changed by Committee.)*
2. **Board of Commissioners** – Monday, March 4, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
3. **Operations & Planning Committee** – Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

I) Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Notification of the meeting was distributed on February 9, 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, SC DHEC, www.ojrsa.org, and posted at the OJRSA Administration Building.



Operations & Planning Committee Meeting

OJRSA Operations & Administration Building

Lamar Bailes Board Room

February 14, 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. Consider variance request for impact fees associated with Habitat for Humanity Eastpointe Subdivision Phase II – Oconee County Habitat for Humanity
 2. Update on current projects (Exhibit A) – Chris Eleazer, Director
 3. Committee to consider 2024 organizational goals for discussion at the March 4, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting – Bob Faires, Committee Chair
- 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. 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. **Satellite Sewer System Inflow & Infiltration Meeting** – to be led by OJRSA Staff, WK Dickson (OJRSA Consent Order Engineering Consultants), and Michael Traynham (OJRSA Environmental Counsel)
- H. **Upcoming Meetings** *All meetings to be held in the Lamar Bailes Board Room unless noted otherwise.*
 1. Finance & Administration Committee – February 20, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. *Date of meeting changed by Committee*
 2. Board of Commissioners – March 4, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
 3. Operations & Planning Committee – March 20, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.
- I. **Adjourn**

Everyone Has Heard of
Habitat for Humanity



**Volunteers build
Affordable Homes for
Families in Need**

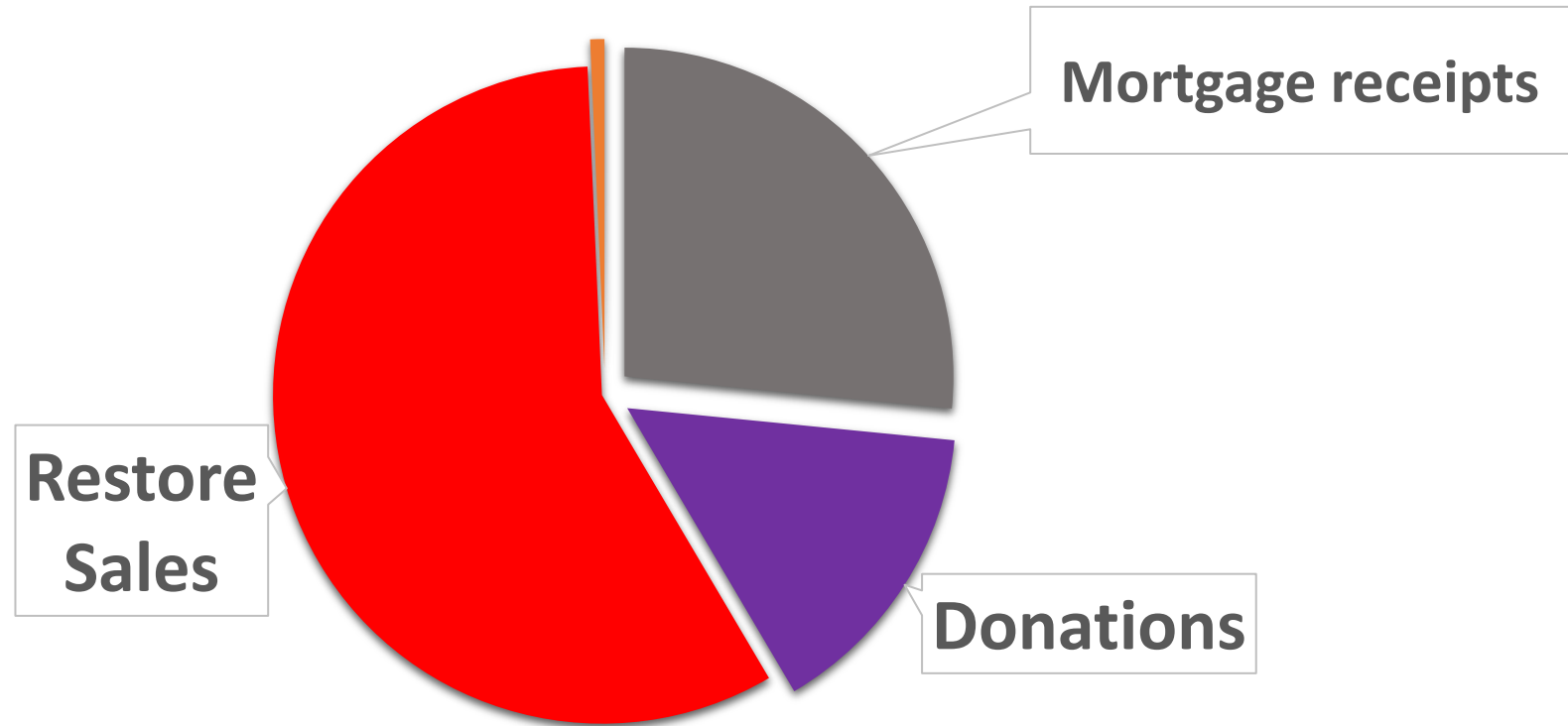
Did you Know?

Oconee County Habitat:

- Has no paid staff.
- Built 128 homes since 1986.
- Holds and manages 83 mortgages.
- Is the largest all volunteer affiliate in the US.
- Has more than 200 volunteers:
 - building homes
 - working at the ReStore, and
 - picking up donated furniture / household items.
- Established a higher education fund exclusively for Habitat families.



What are the Sources of Our Funding?





Who Qualifies for Habitat Homes?

Habitat Applicants:

- Must live in substandard housing
- Must meet specific financial income guidelines
- Must invest 250 hours of “Sweat Equity”
- Must take financial management courses



Habitat Homeowners:

- BUY their homes

Habitat for Humanity:

- Sells the home at their cost
- Provides a 30 year interest free mortgage
- Saves the homeowners over \$1,000 / month



Why are we here today?

- We have run out of buildable sites for our homes.
- We have initiated an infrastructure build on 10 acres of land in West Union to build 27 homes over 7 years
- We would like to discuss sewer impact fee Options:
 - Waive the fee completely – not gonna happen
 - Impose the fee on a house to house basis
 - Stagger the fee from year to year
 - Impose them all at one time



FY2024 O&M Fund Projects

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	O&M PROJECT MILESTONES												
	O&M Project (Project Number (if applicable); PM) <u>CANNOT CARRY OVER TO NEXT FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT BUDGET APPROVAL</u>	% 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)	100%	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)	100%	2/2/2024	14,745	9/29/2023	10/5/2023	1/22/2024	1/23/2024	14,745	0	ConSys: Millbrook PS 601-05110	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	21,000	11/17/2023	1/22/2024			0	21,000	WRF: Prof Svcs 701-02430	TBD		
				677,231	TOTAL FUNDS OBLIGATED/ACTUAL TO DATE:				403,227	-274,004	TOTAL AWARDED BUDGET REMAINING		

FY2024 O&M Fund Projects

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O&M Project <i>(Project Number (if applicable); PM)</i> <u>CANNOT CARRY OVER TO NEXT FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT BUDGET APPROVAL</u>	Notes
Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Sewer Use Regulation Revision and Adoption (CE)	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. COMPLETE .
Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Biannual Report (CE)	DUE TO DHEC EVERY SIX MONTHS. Reports submitted: 11/14/2021, 5/9/2022, 11/10/2022, 5/9/2023, 11/9/2023. Next due 5/10/2024.
CCTV for CMOM/Consent Order YEAR 2 (#2024-04; KL)	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: COMPLETE .
Engineering Projects WKD TO#10 (PS Evals: CON/PERK/MART/CHOE) (KL, CE)	For SCIIP Match. CONTINUATION OF FY 2023 PROJECT (Spent FY 2023: \$64,894 of \$70,000). 9/5: KL and MD reviewing. 9/15: KL sent comments to WK Dickson. 10/6: Received report. KL confirmed it is complete. COMPLETE .
Engineering Projects WKD TO#11 (COLSYS Eval of FY 2023 CCTV/SSES) (KL, CE)	For SCIIP Match. CONTINUATION OF FY 2023 PROJECT (Spent FY 2023: \$36,920 of \$41,500). 8/11: COMPLETE .
Engineering Projects WKD TO#9 (COLSYS Inspect Report/Recommend) (KL, CE)	For SCIIP Match. CONTINUATION OF FY 2023 PROJECT (Spent FY 2023: \$30,410 OF \$49,000). 9/5: COMPLETE . This was used to go out for bid that was awarded to Tugaloo.
GIS Improvements -- Easement Importation (CE)	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)
Hydraulic Model Update (CE)	FY 2023 project that was finalized in early FY 2024. 6/8: Received draft report. 7/14: COMPLETE
Install Fence and Gate at GCCP PS (MD)	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 COMPLETE .
Install Radar Level Indicators and Repair Pipes on Digesters (MD)	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. 1/24: Waiting on invoice from Vega.
NPDES Permit Renewal Phase 2 (JM, KL)	<u>Continued from Phase 1 FY 2023.</u> 1/16: KL going over to Goldie to enter info into ePermitting once OJRSA approves of draft. 1/29: Application submitted to DHEC. COMPLETE
PAA Study Phase 3 (30 day full scale test) (KL, JM)	CONTINUATION OF FY 2023 PROJECT (Spent FY 2023: \$29,250). 11/13: Goldie having to now do toxicity. Should be finished by end of month. 12/15: COMPLETE . Passed all criteria. Goal is to have it included in next NPDES permit.
Paving Around Solids Pad and Dewatering Building (JM)	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. ON HOLD.
Install Bypass Replace 3-way Valve at Millbrook PS (MD)	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. 1/24: COMPLETE . Waiting on invoice.
Replace/Paint Walkway Handrails (JM)	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.
Seneca Creek Pump Station and Force Main Replacement Design (#2023-05; CE, KL)	Continued from FY 2023. <u>FY 2024: \$120,000.</u> 1/26: A Brock said it will require 3 readings to get easement for Seneca Rail Park. County may request compensation for easement. 2/8: Received stormwater permit. Only need easements for force main construction.
Streambank & Easement Repairs (KL)	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.
Transformer/Switchgear Cleaning and Inspection at Pump Stations (MD)	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. COMPLETE
Transformer/Switchgear Cleaning and Inspection at WRF (MD)	8/17: Need to schedule. 9/5: MD called Instel to set up schedule 10/3: Scheduled for 12/6-7. 12/6: COMPLETE . Will need to budget to correct deficiencies found during inspection.
Utility Water Engineering Assessment (JM, KL)	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.

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)	12%	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%	2/28/2024	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)	18%	8/31/2025	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%	8/31/2025	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/Oconee Manufacturing Park PS/Sewer ENGINEERING (Oconee County #TBD; CE)	80%	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		110,137	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)	50%	6/30/2024	480,850	N/A	5/4/2023	5/4/2023		208,769	359,736	SSF: CIP 1401-06050	Davis & Floyd John Reynolds	
	Sewer South Phase II CONSTRUCTION (CE)	50%	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	
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15,065,464				TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS OBLIGATED/ACTUAL TO DATE:					5,517,378	-9,599,736	TOTAL AWARDED BUDGET REMAINING		

Restricted Fund Projects (Project Number (if applicable); Project Manager)	Notes
Central Oconee County Sewer Basin Study (CE)	To continue under #2022-01 (Southern Oconee/Western Anderson Sewer Master Plan). 11/8: Stakeholder meeting today. 12/15: Consultant working to schedule stakeholder meetings for 2024 Q1. 2/8: Began public workshops. Others to be held 2/15 and 2/22/
Consent Order Projects 2022 CONSTRUCTION Possible SCIP Match (#2024-02; CE, KL)	Carryover from FY 2023. 12/11: Began making repairs on Martin Creek gravity sewer. 1/16: Still working on east side of system. Weather has impacted project. 1/23: Extension granted to 2/28 due to weather (was 2/1/2024).
Consent Order Projects 2023 ENGINEERING (WKD TO#13) SCIP MATCH (#2021-01; CE, KL)	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.
Consent Order Projects 2023 CONSTRUCTION SCIP PROJECT (#20XX-XX; CE, KL)	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.
Dewatering Equipment Replacement ENGINEERING SCIP MATCH (#2024-06; KL)	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. 2/12: Revised and resubmitted CMAR letter to RIA based on their feedback.
Dewatering Equipment Replacement CONSTRUCTION SCIP PROJECT (#2024-XX; KL)	FY 2024 O&P Fund project "Dewatering Equipment Assessment FOR EVENTUAL SCIP PROJECT" must be completed first.
Exit 4/Oconee Manufacturing Park PS/Sewer ENGINEERING (Oconee County #TBD; CE)	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.
Flat Rock PS Replacement ENGINEERING/ CONST SVCS SCIP MATCH (#2022-03; CE)	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.
Flat Rock PS Replacement CONSTRUCTION (#2024-03; CE) SCIP PROJECT	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.
Regional Sewer Feasibility Study RIA GRANT (#2024-01; CE)	11/8: Stakeholder meetings today. 12/15: RFI to cities, county, OJRSA due today. 1/2: Meetings set up for later this month.
Sewer South Phase II ENGINEERING/ CONSTRUCTION/INSPECT SVCS (CE)	<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.
Sewer South Phase II CONSTRUCTION (CE)	1/11: Met with two property owners where additional easement acquisition is necessary. 1/17: Beginning to pull pipe under lake. 1/31: Pipe underneath lake complete and started work on pump stations.
Thickener Sludge Pump (P-113), Including Install (MD)	<i>Carryover from FY 2023. Some costs may have been paid during previous FY.</i> 9/15: COMPLETE.



Inflow/Infiltration (I/I) Discussion

February 14, 2024

Information Used For Analysis

- OJRSA Flow Station 2023 Report
- Best Available Information on Satellite System
 - Sources:
 - SCDHEC SSS Inspection Reports
 - Other best available sources (GIS, CMOM/CAP Summaries)
 - Information Used: Pipe diameter (in) and pipe lengths (miles)
- October 1, 2023 OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation – Section 4.15
 2. Allowable I&I Flow shall be calculated by the following equation (referenced in the *EPA Quick Guide for Estimating Inflow and Infiltration*) (See SECTION 4.15.2 for an example):
$$2,000 \text{ gpd} * [(Miles \text{ of } 8\text{-inch diameter pipe} * 8) + (Miles \text{ of } 10\text{-inch diameter pipe} * 10) + (Miles \text{ of } 12\text{-inch diameter pipe} * 12) \dots + (Miles \text{ of } X\text{-inch diameter} * X)]$$

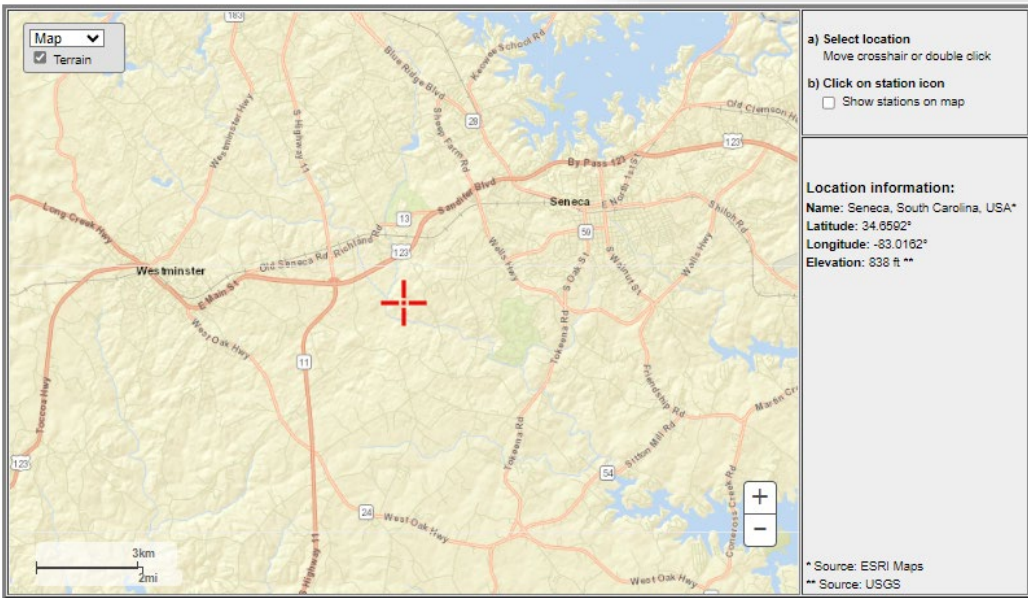
Where "X" represents each additional diameter pipe in the satellite sewer system

 - (a) For pipes of undetermined size, they shall be assumed to be eight inches (8-in.) until otherwise verified.
- Storm Event Evaluated: 12/25/2023-12/26/2023
 - 3.02 Inches, ~33 hours (Martin PS), ~1-Yr Rain Event

Flow Stations 2023

WEEK BEGINNING	SENECA		WALHALLA	WESTMINSTER		TOTAL FLOW	AVERAGE DAILY FLOW	GALLONS AS % OF TOTAL			Rainfall WRF	General Notes
	RICHLAND FMS	PERKINS PS	CONEROSS FMS	COLONELS FMS	MILLER BR FMS			SENECA	WALHALLA	WESTMINSTER		
1/1/23	770,700	16,926,137	7,533,200	2,973,800	3,862,900	32,066,737	4.581	55.19%	23.49%	21.32%	3.23	Flow held then emptied
1/8/23	620,500	12,718,139	4,815,200	1,542,100	1,934,800	21,630,739	3.090	61.67%	22.26%	16.07%	1.05	
1/15/23	555,500	10,774,295	4,141,600	1,222,100	1,777,200	18,470,695	2.639	61.34%	22.42%	16.24%	0.54	
1/22/23	671,600	16,783,038	7,027,500	2,667,200	3,208,000	30,357,338	4.337	57.50%	23.15%	19.35%	2.66	
1/29/23	600,300	12,136,588	4,814,200	1,730,800	1,974,600	21,256,488	3.037	59.92%	22.65%	17.43%	1.16	
2/5/23	609,200	10,898,222	4,044,400	1,306,300	1,704,800	18,562,922	2.652	61.99%	21.79%	16.22%	0.91	
2/12/23	644,900	12,744,692	5,591,200	1,927,000	2,213,600	23,121,392	3.303	57.91%	24.18%	17.91%	1.29	
2/19/23	619,500	11,898,602	4,169,300	1,459,800	1,912,100	20,059,302	2.866	62.41%	20.78%	16.81%	0.93	
2/26/23	660,200	11,514,786	4,161,100	1,551,600	2,289,500	20,177,186	2.882	60.34%	20.62%	19.04%	0.62	
3/5/23	621,600	10,629,232	3,821,000	1,276,200	1,956,700	18,304,732	2.615	61.46%	20.87%	17.66%	0.09	
3/12/23	589,500	11,024,714	4,556,100	1,607,600	2,053,600	19,831,514	2.833	58.56%	22.97%	18.46%	1.57	
3/19/23	576,500	10,298,086	3,892,700	1,253,400	1,948,100	17,968,786	2.567	60.52%	21.66%	17.82%	0.62	
3/26/23	594,900	11,529,130	4,793,500	1,596,200	1,846,600	20,360,330	2.909	59.55%	23.54%	16.91%	1.34	Flow backed up into Miller Branch FMS 3/30.
4/2/23	586,600	12,729,643	4,432,000	1,716,900	2,731,300	22,196,443	3.171	59.99%	19.97%	20.04%	3.20	
4/9/23	634,700	13,517,744	4,853,200	1,858,900	2,203,800	23,068,344	3.295	61.35%	21.04%	17.61%	0.24	Flow held then emptied
4/16/23	683,800	10,732,780	3,553,000	1,133,800	1,847,300	17,950,680	2.564	63.60%	19.79%	16.61%	0.52	
4/23/23	773,000	16,492,353	6,919,100	2,515,000	3,444,900	30,144,353	4.306	57.28%	22.95%	19.77%	3.61	Flow held then emptied
4/30/23	653,900	13,602,182	4,059,900	1,301,800	1,958,300	21,576,082	3.082	66.07%	18.82%	15.11%	0.34	
5/7/23	620,700	11,309,986	3,576,800	1,311,900	2,091,700	18,911,086	2.702	63.09%	18.91%	18.00%	1.15	
5/14/23	596,000	10,265,389	3,228,800	1,137,400	2,066,200	17,293,789	2.471	62.81%	18.67%	18.52%	1.37	
5/21/23	621,600	10,119,639	3,138,800	909,900	1,872,900	16,662,839	2.380	64.46%	18.84%	16.70%	0.75	
5/28/23	567,600	10,426,370	3,134,800	944,200	1,724,400	16,797,370	2.400	65.45%	18.66%	15.89%	0.79	
6/4/23	591,700	9,739,136	2,857,300	852,100	1,824,100	15,864,336	2.266	65.12%	18.01%	16.87%	0.00	
6/11/23	707,100	13,489,919	3,955,200	1,391,800	2,399,300	21,943,319	3.135	64.70%	18.02%	17.28%	2.27	
6/18/23	577,900	14,001,519	2,788,400	989,100	1,815,700	20,172,619	2.882	72.27%	13.82%	13.90%	4.59	6/21/23 All stations flow meter calibrations checked
6/25/23	472,400	11,118,724	2,163,300	545,600	1,108,300	15,408,324	2.201	75.23%	14.04%	10.73%	0.61	
7/2/23	396,200	11,292,822	2,235,500	504,100	1,063,600	15,492,222	2.213	75.45%	14.43%	10.12%	0.56	
7/9/23	461,200	10,191,477	1,956,500	427,900	1,036,400	14,073,477	2.010	75.69%	13.90%	10.40%	0.12	
7/16/23	503,300	9,748,091	1,771,900	397,400	1,100,400	13,521,091	1.932	75.82%	13.10%	11.08%	0.39	7/20/23 line break, Martins flow diverted to EQ tank.
7/23/23	494,700	10,162,684	1,729,900	306,800	1,150,800	13,844,884	1.978	76.98%	12.49%	10.53%	0.03	
7/30/23	525,200	11,707,661	2,033,500	1,301,100	1,989,100	17,556,561	2.508	69.68%	11.58%	18.74%	3.07	
8/6/23	513,500	10,491,712	2,287,700	641,800	1,279,800	15,214,512	2.174	72.33%	15.04%	12.63%	0.79	
8/13/23	494,200	10,232,020	2,072,300	531,200	1,261,500	14,591,220	2.084	73.51%	14.20%	12.29%	0.42	
8/20/23	489,900	9,996,441	1,882,500	485,100	1,267,800	14,121,741	2.017	74.26%	13.33%	12.41%	0.07	
8/27/23	509,100	10,372,555	2,183,200	1,039,100	1,907,600	16,011,555	2.287	67.96%	13.64%	18.40%	1.39	
9/3/23	408,000	9,629,016	1,926,100	475,800	1,140,300	13,579,216	1.940	73.91%	14.18%	11.90%	0.27	
9/10/23	468,200	9,706,689	2,099,800	539,800	1,240,900	14,055,389	2.008	72.39%	14.94%	12.67%	0.73	
9/17/23	400,400	9,773,198	2,068,500	613,600	1,202,300	14,057,998	2.008	72.37%	14.71%	12.92%	0.82	
9/24/23	425,700	9,408,329	1,997,700	465,700	1,070,800	13,368,229	1.910	73.56%	14.94%	11.49%	0.00	
10/1/23	443,600	9,348,455	1,950,800	455,200	1,070,600	13,268,655	1.896	73.80%	14.70%	11.50%	0.02	
10/8/23	409,800	9,156,860	1,895,900	485,700	1,035,400	12,983,660	1.855	73.68%	14.60%	11.72%	0.76	
10/15/23	424,700	9,347,047	1,990,900	506,600	1,041,800	13,311,047	1.902	73.41%	14.96%	11.63%	0.95	
10/22/23	343,100	9,299,829	1,936,200	481,300	1,112,400	13,172,829	1.882	73.20%	14.70%	12.10%	0.00	
10/29/23	423,000	9,453,187	1,889,900	489,100	1,020,700	13,275,887	1.897	74.39%	14.24%	11.37%	0.00	
11/5/23	423,100	9,549,603	1,904,700	506,400	999,200	13,383,003	1.912	74.52%	14.23%	11.25%	0.14	
11/12/23	387,300	9,397,619	1,940,800	600,600	896,400	13,222,719	1.889	74.00%	14.68%	11.32%	0.03	
11/19/23	312,300	9,266,848	1,896,600	767,500	747,800	12,991,048	1.856	73.74%	14.60%	11.66%	0.72	
11/26/23	438,700	9,405,948	1,928,900	745,700	719,500	13,238,748	1.891	74.36%	14.57%	11.07%	0.33	
12/3/23	414,300	10,566,255	2,291,300	1,017,800	723,200	15,012,855	2.145	73.14%	15.26%	11.60%	1.40	
12/10/23	445,900	10,273,490	2,782,700	1,022,100	701,000	15,225,190	2.175	70.41%	18.28%	11.32%	0.54	
12/17/23	588,700	8,960,919	1,987,800	809,500	786,300	13,133,219	1.876	72.71%	15.14%	12.15%	0.12	
12/24/23	631,200	15,546,276	6,192,200	2,825,700	2,041,800	27,237,176	3.891	59.39%	22.73%	17.87%	3.21	Flow held then emptied
Subtotals	27,997,200	579,706,076	168,855,400	57,165,100	85,378,100	919,101,876	2.525	66.12%	18.37%	15.51%		
TOTALS	607,703,276		168,855,400	142,543,200	919,101,876	2.525	WRF Rainfall Total (inches)			52.33		
AVERAGES	538,408	11,148,194	3,247,219	1,099,329	1,641,887	17,675,036	2.525				1.01	

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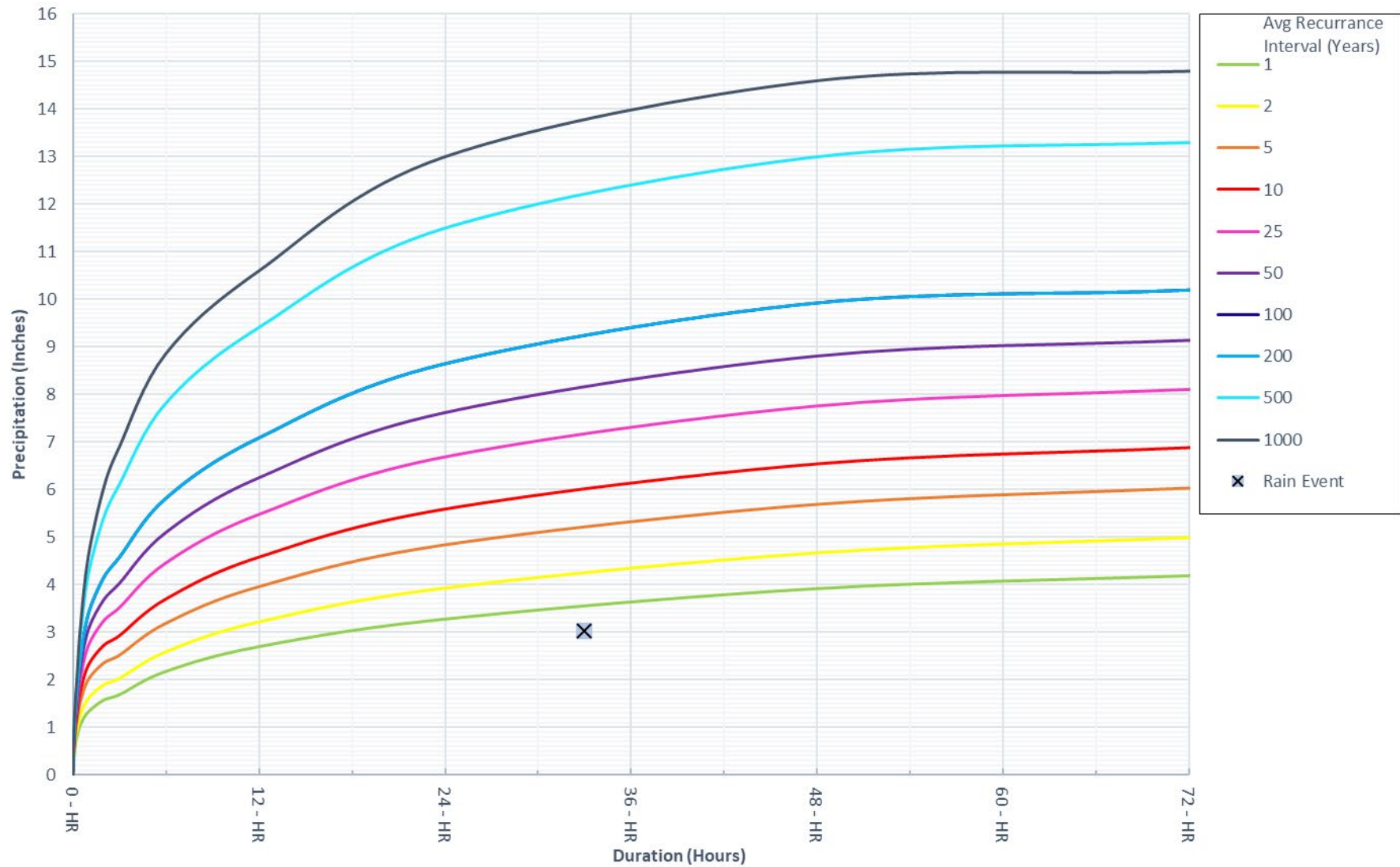
POINT PRECIPITATION FREQUENCY (PF) ESTIMATES
WITH 90% CONFIDENCE INTERVALS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
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PDS-based precipitation frequency estimates with 90% confidence intervals (in inches) ¹										
Duration	Average recurrence interval (years)									
	1	2	5	10	25	50	100	200	500	1000
5-min	0.390 (0.352-0.432)	0.461 (0.417-0.511)	0.544 (0.492-0.601)	0.605 (0.545-0.669)	0.684 (0.613-0.755)	0.743 (0.662-0.820)	0.801 (0.710-0.885)	0.856 (0.756-0.949)	0.929 (0.812-1.03)	0.985 (0.853-1.10)
10-min	0.623 (0.562-0.690)	0.738 (0.666-0.817)	0.871 (0.787-0.963)	0.968 (0.872-1.07)	1.09 (0.976-1.20)	1.18 (1.06-1.31)	1.27 (1.13-1.41)	1.36 (1.20-1.50)	1.47 (1.28-1.63)	1.55 (1.34-1.73)
15-min	0.779 (0.703-0.862)	0.927 (0.838-1.03)	1.10 (0.996-1.22)	1.22 (1.10-1.35)	1.38 (1.24-1.52)	1.50 (1.34-1.65)	1.61 (1.43-1.78)	1.71 (1.51-1.90)	1.85 (1.62-2.05)	1.95 (1.69-2.17)
30-min	1.07 (0.963-1.18)	1.28 (1.16-1.42)	1.56 (1.42-1.73)	1.78 (1.60-1.96)	2.05 (1.83-2.26)	2.26 (2.01-2.49)	2.46 (2.18-2.72)	2.67 (2.35-2.96)	2.94 (2.57-3.27)	3.15 (2.73-3.51)
60-min	1.33 (1.20-1.47)	1.61 (1.45-1.78)	2.01 (1.81-2.22)	2.31 (2.08-2.55)	2.72 (2.44-3.01)	3.06 (2.72-3.38)	3.39 (3.01-3.75)	3.74 (3.30-4.14)	4.22 (3.69-4.69)	4.60 (3.99-5.13)
2-hr	1.58 (1.43-1.76)	1.90 (1.72-2.12)	2.36 (2.13-2.63)	2.73 (2.46-3.04)	3.25 (2.91-3.62)	3.69 (3.28-4.10)	4.15 (3.66-4.62)	4.65 (4.07-5.19)	5.38 (4.68-6.03)	5.99 (5.15-6.74)
3-hr	1.70 (1.53-1.89)	2.03 (1.84-2.27)	2.52 (2.28-2.82)	2.93 (2.64-3.27)	3.52 (3.14-3.92)	4.03 (3.57-4.48)	4.57 (4.02-5.09)	5.17 (4.51-5.77)	6.07 (5.22-6.80)	6.83 (5.81-7.70)
6-hr	2.18 (1.98-2.44)	2.60 (2.36-2.90)	3.20 (2.90-3.56)	3.71 (3.35-4.13)	4.45 (3.99-4.95)	5.09 (4.53-5.66)	5.80 (5.11-6.45)	6.58 (5.75-7.33)	7.75 (6.68-8.67)	8.76 (7.44-9.84)
12-hr	2.71 (2.46-3.00)	3.23 (2.94-3.58)	3.97 (3.61-4.40)	4.59 (4.15-5.07)	5.48 (4.93-6.04)	6.24 (5.57-6.87)	7.06 (6.26-7.78)	7.96 (7.00-8.76)	9.30 (8.06-10.2)	10.4 (8.95-11.5)
24-hr	3.30 (3.07-3.56)	3.95 (3.68-4.27)	4.86 (4.52-5.25)	5.61 (5.20-6.05)	6.69 (6.17-7.20)	7.60 (6.97-8.19)	8.60 (7.82-9.28)	9.69 (8.74-10.5)	11.3 (10.1-12.2)	12.7 (11.2-13.8)
2-day	3.93 (3.68-4.22)	4.69 (4.39-5.04)	5.71 (5.34-6.13)	6.56 (6.11-7.03)	7.77 (7.21-8.33)	8.79 (8.11-9.42)	9.89 (9.06-10.6)	11.1 (10.1-11.9)	12.8 (11.5-13.9)	14.3 (12.7-15.6)
3-day	4.21 (3.95-4.50)	5.01 (4.70-5.36)	6.05 (5.68-6.47)	6.90 (6.46-7.37)	8.12 (7.56-8.67)	9.13 (8.46-9.75)	10.2 (9.40-10.9)	11.4 (10.4-12.2)	13.1 (11.8-14.1)	14.6 (13.0-15.8)
4-day	4.48 (4.22-4.78)	5.32 (5.02-5.68)	6.39 (6.02-6.81)	7.25 (6.82-7.72)	8.46 (7.92-9.01)	9.46 (8.82-10.1)	10.5 (9.74-11.2)	11.6 (10.7-12.4)	13.4 (12.2-14.4)	14.8 (13.3-16.0)
7-day	5.23 (4.95-5.55)	6.21 (5.87-6.59)	7.42 (7.00-7.87)	8.41 (7.93-8.92)	9.81 (9.21-10.4)	11.0 (10.3-11.6)	12.2 (11.3-13.0)	13.5 (12.5-14.4)	15.4 (14.1-16.5)	17.0 (15.3-18.2)
10-day	5.97 (5.67-6.32)	7.06 (6.69-7.47)	8.35 (7.91-8.83)	9.41 (8.90-9.95)	10.9 (10.3-11.5)	12.1 (11.4-12.8)	13.4 (12.5-14.2)	14.7 (13.7-15.7)	16.7 (15.3-17.8)	18.2 (16.8-19.5)
20-day	8.07 (7.67-8.50)	9.47 (9.00-9.99)	11.0 (10.4-11.6)	12.1 (11.5-12.8)	13.7 (13.0-14.5)	15.0 (14.2-15.8)	16.3 (15.3-17.2)	17.6 (16.5-18.6)	19.3 (18.0-20.6)	20.7 (19.2-22.1)
30-day	9.88 (9.42-10.4)	11.6 (11.0-12.1)	13.2 (12.6-13.9)	14.4 (13.8-15.2)	16.1 (15.3-16.9)	17.4 (16.5-18.3)	18.6 (17.8-19.6)	19.9 (18.8-21.0)	21.5 (20.2-22.8)	22.8 (21.3-24.2)
45-day	12.6 (12.0-13.1)	14.7 (14.0-15.3)	16.4 (15.7-17.2)	17.8 (17.0-18.6)	19.5 (18.6-20.4)	20.8 (19.8-21.7)	22.0 (20.9-23.0)	23.2 (22.0-24.3)	24.6 (23.3-25.9)	25.7 (24.3-27.1)
60-day	15.1 (14.5-15.8)	17.6 (16.8-18.3)	19.6 (18.7-20.4)	21.0 (20.1-21.9)	22.8 (21.8-23.8)	24.2 (23.1-25.2)	25.4 (24.2-26.5)	26.5 (25.3-27.7)	28.0 (26.8-29.3)	29.0 (27.5-30.4)

¹ Precipitation frequency (PF) estimates in this table are based on frequency analysis of partial duration series (PDS). Numbers in parenthesis are PF estimates at lower and upper bounds of the 90% confidence interval. The probability that precipitation frequency estimates (for a given duration and average recurrence interval) will be greater than the upper bound (or less than the lower bound) is 5%. Estimates at upper bounds are not checked against probable maximum precipitation (PMP) estimates and may be higher than currently valid PMP values. Please refer to NOAA Atlas 14 document for more information.

Martin Creek PS, Precip Frequency Graph

12/25/2023-12/26/2023 Rain Event, 3.02-in, 33 hrs



Dry Weather Average Flow (Week of 10/22/2023)

	SENECA			WALHALLA		WESTMINSTER			OJRSA
Flow Unit	Richland FMS	Perkins PS	<u>TOTAL</u>	Coneross FMS	<u>TOTAL</u>	Colonels FMS	Miller BR FMS	<u>TOTAL</u>	TOTAL
Gallons/Week	343,100	9,299,829	9,642,929	1,936,200	1,936,200	481,300	1,112,400	1,593,700	13,172,829
Gallons/Day	49,014	1,328,547	1,377,561	276,600	276,600	68,757	158,914	227,671	1,881,833

- Dry Weather Flow taken from OJRSA Flow Station 2023 Report the week of 10/22/2023.
- No recorded precipitation was experienced across OJRSA and satellite systems the week of 10/22/2023
- Lower than average Summer and Fall precipitation optimal to establish Dry Weather Flow

High Level Estimated Allowable I/I (<5-Yr Event)

	SENECA	WALHALLA/ WEST UNION	WESTMINSTER
Gravity System (Miles)*	173	52	36
Average Pipe Diameter (IN)*	8.35	8.1	8.00
Allowable I/I (gpd x in / mile)	2,000	2,000	2,000
Sub Total Allowable I/I per Day (Entire System)* (gpd)	2,889,100	842,400	576,000
Measuring Equipment Inaccuracy (5%)	144,455	42,120	28,800
Total Allowable I/I per Day (Entire System)* (gpd)	3,033,555	884,520	604,800

* Calculation using best available information from each municipality. OJRSA system lengths and diameter accounted for by adding 20% to estimated satellite system Gravity System Milage.

High Level Estimated RDII (12/25/23 – 12/26/23)^A

	SENECA			WALHALLA/ WEST UNION		WESTMINSTER		
	Richland FMS	Perkins PS	<u>TOTAL</u>	Coneross FMS	<u>TOTAL</u>	Colonels FMS	Miller BR FMS	<u>TOTAL</u>
Dry Weather Gal/WK	343,100	9,299,829	9,642,929	1,936,200	1,936,200	481,300	1,112,400	1,593,700
12/24/23 Wet Weather Gal/ WK	631,200	15,546,276	16,177,476	6,192,200	6,192,200	2,825,700	2,041,800	4,867,500
12/24/23 Total RDII Gal/WK	288,100	6,246,447	6,534,547	4,256,000	4,256,000	2,344,400	929,400	3,273,800
Est. Average Daily RDII* Gal/Day	144,050	3,123,224	3,267,274	2,128,000	2,128,000	1,172,200	464,700	1,636,900
Total Allowable I/I per Day (Entire System) (gpd)			3,033,555			884,520		
High Level I/I Deduction			Excess I/I			Excess I/I	Excess I/I	

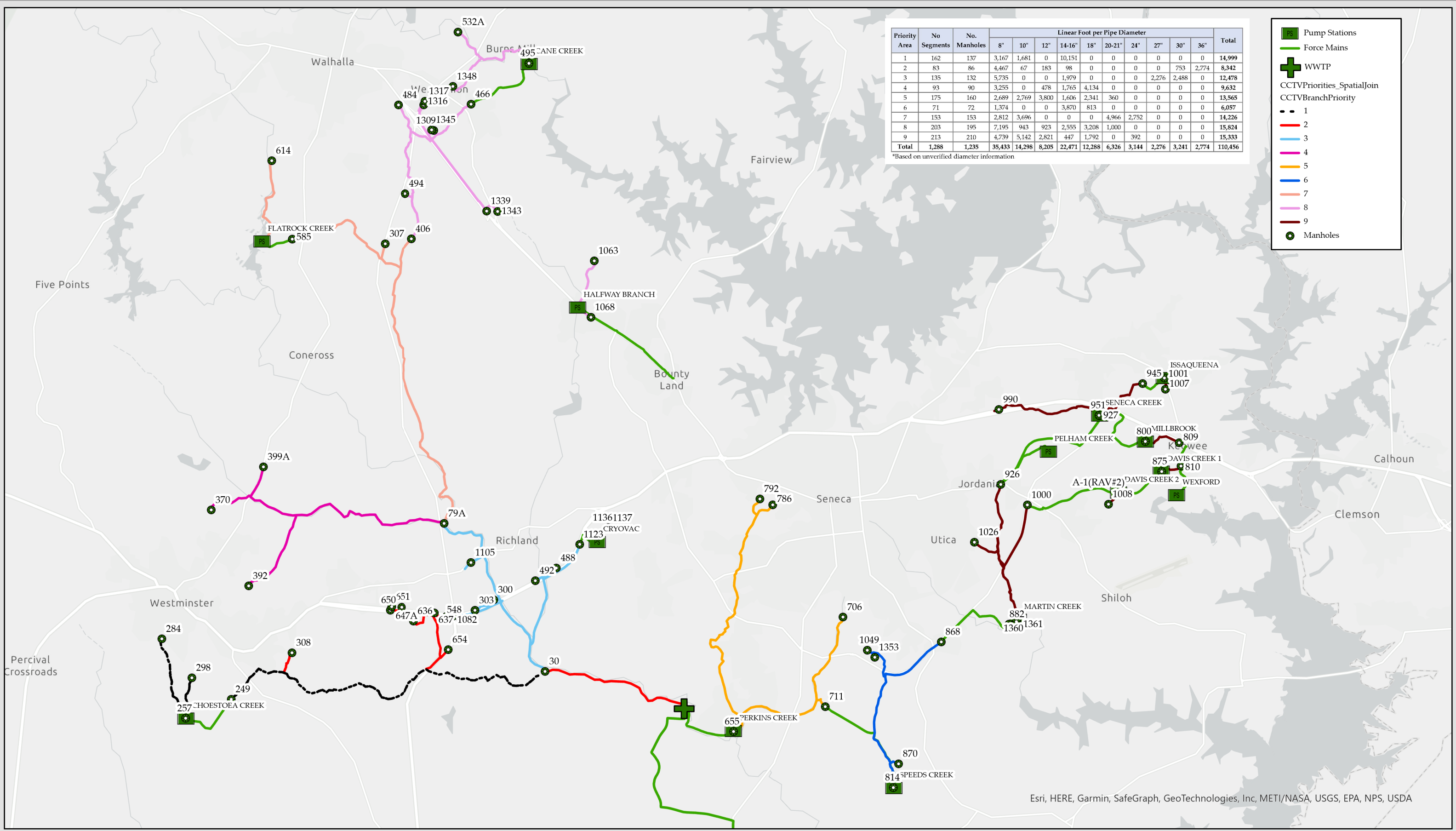
* Note SUR indicates RDII municipality can not exceed amount on ANY given DAY. OJRSA Flow Station 2023 Report provided are by week. Wet weather response is typically 1-2 days. For this calculation it is assumed the RDII is distributed equally over two days for this high level analysis. Typically the day of the rain event will incur the significant majority of I/I in the OJRSA system.

^A This is a very high level analysis intended to gain understanding of the system. Municipal lengths are taken from best available information.

Priority Area	No Segments	No. Manholes	Linear Foot per Pipe Diameter									Total		
			8"	10"	12"	14-16"	18"	20-21"	24"	27"	30"		36"	
1	162	137	3,167	1,681	0	10,151	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,999
2	83	86	4,467	67	183	98	0	0	0	0	753	2,774	8,342	
3	135	132	5,735	0	0	1,979	0	0	0	2,276	2,488	0	12,478	
4	93	90	3,255	0	478	1,765	4,134	0	0	0	0	0	9,632	
5	175	160	2,689	2,769	3,800	1,606	2,341	360	0	0	0	0	13,565	
6	71	72	1,374	0	0	3,870	813	0	0	0	0	0	6,057	
7	153	153	2,812	3,696	0	0	0	4,966	2,752	0	0	0	14,226	
8	203	195	7,195	943	923	2,555	3,208	1,000	0	0	0	0	15,824	
9	213	210	4,739	5,142	2,821	447	1,792	0	392	0	0	0	15,333	
Total	1,288	1,235	35,433	14,298	8,205	22,471	12,288	6,326	3,144	2,276	3,241	2,774	110,456	

*Based on unverified diameter information

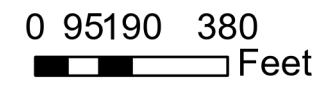
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