



ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
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WESTMINSTER, SOUTH CAROLINA

February 28, 2025

GENERAL INFORMATION

Statement of Economic Interests (SEI) for the South Carolina Ethics Commission

A reminder to all city councilmembers to file 2024 SEI's prior to noon on March 30th. The website is <https://ethics.sc.gov/>

School District Security Devices at Westminster Recreation Fields

SDOC has partnered with Centegix to install security beacons in their facilities across the county. They interface with a device teachers will wear to alert and provide an exact location in the event of an emergency. The installation company mistakenly installed these at the City's ball fields at Hall Road and Mefleh Field (due to their proximity to the schools). SDOC has informed Westminster that those devices were placed by mistake and will be removed in the coming weeks. The Recreation Department has received several questions from parents, coaches, and athletes about the matter.

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

- Westminster Recreation will host the 2025 Western District Basketball Tournament for 14u boys and 17u boys this weekend. 8u girls and 10u girls will play at Pickens Recreation, 8u boys will play at Liberty Recreation, 10u boys will play at Walhalla Recreation, 12u girls will play at Mauldin Recreation, and 12u boys will play at Abbeville Recreation.
- Volleyball teams have started practicing. Games will begin early to mid-March.
- Several more sponsors are needed for volleyball, T-ball, baseball, and softball.
- Baseball, softball, and t-ball games will begin in the coming weeks.
- We will distribute donated volleyball knee pad, bats, and baseball/softball/t-ball practice shirts during registration for players that need them.

SCIIP Sewer Project

Tugaloo/McClam have move on to manholes on Spring St. Contractors have ran into issues with a 2" water line where the new sewer line will be installed that was not anticipated. The City is working with them to move the service connections of the 2" line to a nearby 6" water line to allow for the 2" galvanized line to be decommissioned, improving water quality and pressure to those connections.

Anderson Park

The shade structures were installed this week along with the swing sets. The swing sets will be painted by city staff once the contractor has completed its work in that area of the park. Next up will be setting

and forming the new sidewalks and parking area. City staff are planning the installation of the fence that will run parallel to Abbey Street.

Horton Outdoor Recreational Area

The contractor continued to make progress this week excavating and grading the site. It was a good week from a weather perspective. Materials for irrigation and other undercarriage portions of the fields were delivered this week. City Staff continue to clean, level and groom the areas of the site that are not under construction.

Heirloom Farms

The developers have paid the remaining water project costs, and a notice to proceed has been issued to J&M Construction. The project was previously placed on hold because the developer had not paid the City for the installation of lines.

Long and Sons has issued a sewer change order for \$5,000 for remobilization; this cost will be the responsibility of the developer.

Long Creek Highway Chauga River Bridge *(from Utilities Director Scott Parris)*

Materials are on site and HDH has Completed construction of Phase 1 of the 10" Water line. Phase 2 will be bid out by the Crowder Construction (Bridge Contractor) to begin as soon as the bridge is complete. DOT continues to review the MOA and verify the compliance of the proposal with state law for reimbursement of costs. DOT hopes to have a final decision soon. FEMA has verbally informed us that the cost of the upgrade is an eligible expense for reimbursement.

Bridge demolition is complete with new construction has begun. SCDOT has installed the foundation of bridge footing.

Westminster Board of Zoning Appeals

The Westminster Board of Zoning Appeals met on February 25th and granted a variance request to subdivide property located at 403 S Hampton Street (TMS # 530-22-11-008). The draft minutes are attached.

SCDOT to hold a drop-in public information meeting in Oconee County

SCDOT will hold a drop-in public information meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2025 regarding a proposed intersection improvement project at US 76/US 123 (Clemson Boulevard) and SC 130 (Rochester Highway/East North 1st Street) in Oconee County.

The meeting will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 13 at Seneca City Hall, 221 E. N. 1st Street, Seneca, SC 29678.

SCDOT representatives will be available at the meeting to discuss the proposed project with members of the community. There will be no formal presentation.

SCDOT will accept public comments on this proposed project from February 27 to March 28, 2025. Visit the project website for additional information: <https://us-76-and-us-123-at-sc-130-intersection-scdot.hub.arcgis.com/>

Westminster Planning Commission

Nothing to report.

OJRSA

The draft meeting minutes for the Operations & Planning Committee and the Finance & Administration Committee are attached. As a reminder, the monthly OJRSA Board meeting will be held Thursday, March 6, 2025.

PMPA

Members of the PMPA Board attended the American Public Power Association rally in Washington, D.C. this week. The attending members visited each member of the congressional delegation to speak on matters of importance to public power. The briefing documents provided to the delegation members are attached.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- March 6, 2025 at 4:00 pm OJRSA Board Meeting at OJRSA *(date changed)*
- March 11, 2025 at 4:00 pm City Council Budget Workshop at the Westminster Fire Department**
- March 11, 2025 at 6:00 pm City Council Meeting at the Westminster Fire Department**
- March 13, 2025 at 9:00 am OJRSA Ad-hoc Feasibility Implementation Committee at OJRSA
- March 18, 2025 at 8:30 am Operations & Planning Committee at OJRSA
- March 20, 2025 at 10:00 am PMPA Board Meeting at PMPA
- March 25, 2025 at 9:00 am Finance & Administration Committee at OJRSA

City Council Meeting Schedule

January 14, 2025		6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
February 11, 2025	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	Budget Workshop/City Council Meeting
March 11, 2025	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	Budget Workshop/City Council Meeting
April 8, 2025	4:00 PM	6:00 PM	Budget Workshop/City Council Meeting
April 29, 2025	4:00 PM		Budget Workshop
May 13, 2025		6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
June 17, 2025		6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
July 8, 2025		6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
August 12, 2025		6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
September 9, 2025		6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
October 14, 2025		6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
November 18, 2025		6:00 PM	City Council Meeting
December 9, 2025		6:00 PM	City Council Meeting

Special Events Calendar

March 15, 2025 Westminster 150th Birthday Kickoff at the Westminster Depot

Festivities, vendors, and a live band to celebrate the City of Westminster's 150th Birthday; Oconee County History Museum Presentation on the History of Westminster will begin at 10:00am at the Depot. A flyer is attached.

May 17, 2025 Music on Main in Downtown Westminster

Westminster Music Centre presents Music on Main. Car Show will begin at 3:00.

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Saturday, March 15th from 11:00 AM- 2:00 PM on Main Street

City of Westminster
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
February 25, 2025, 4:00 pm
Westminster City Hall Conference Room

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm. In attendance were Boyce Snipes and Jim Spearman

Assistant City Administrator, Regan Osbon
City Staff, Rebecca Overton

Approval of October 23, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

Consideration of Variance Request for 403 S Hampton Street – Public Hearing

Mr. Osbon informed the Board that Holly Douglas is seeking a variance to allow for subdivision of property located at 403 S Hampton Street. He added that the front and side setbacks and minimum square footage of Highway Commercial do not allow for the subdivision of the property. Mr. Osbon added that once the property is subdivided, the portion of the property fronting Highway 123 will remain zoned Highway Commercial.

There were no public comments.

Upon a motion by Mr. Snipes and seconded by Mr. Spearman, the motion to approve the variance request for 403 S Hampton Street passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Upon a motion by Mr. Spearman and seconded by Mr. Snipes, the motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.

(Minutes prepared by Rebecca Overton)



OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY

Finance & Administration Committee

February 25, 2025

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

Commissioners that were present:

- Seat 2 (Seneca): Scott Moulder
- Seat 4 (Seneca At-Large): Marty McKee
- Seat 7 (Westminster): Scott Parris

Commissioners that were not present:

- Seat 5 (Walhalla): Celia Myers, Chair

OJRSA appointments and staff present were:

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

Others present were:

- Dick Mangrum, WGOG Radio
- Bob Faires, Seneca Light & Water (also an OJRSA Commissioner)

A) Call to Order - Mr. Moulder led the meeting in Ms. Myers absence and called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

B) Public Session – None.

Ms. Stephens stated that the meeting is not being livestreamed due to technical difficulties, but the recording will be put on YouTube after the meeting.

C) Presentation and Discussion Items:

- 1. Update on Current Projects (Exhibit A)** – Mr. Eleazer distributed the project list update and stated that the maintenance department is finally back to being fully staffed, so this will help Mr. Kyle Lindsay, OJRSA Operations Director, to gain assistance to run some of the projects that were budgeted for the plant.
- 2. Consideration for Suspension of Impact Fees Under Certain Defined Circumstances** – Mr. Faires [who is also an OJRSA Commissioner but was at the meeting as a citizen] stated that an Oconee County resident, who is working with some non-profits, asked him if the sewer impact fees could be waived for these non-profit organizations. Mr. Faires said he told this resident he didn't think so, and the resident then asked if it could be presented to the OJRSA board for consideration. Mr. Faires said due to the resident travelling a lot, he is here to speak on the resident's behalf. The question being posed is if the OJRSA would entertain variances on impact fees for non-profit organizations that wish to tie into the system.

Mr. Moulder asked if this was a general request or was there a certain project that this pertains to. Mr. Faires replied that the resident did not name any specific project. Mr. Eleazer said he knows the project in question; it is for the Rosa Clark project in Walhalla. Mr. Eleazer said he spoke to Ms. Thompson (director at Rosa Clark) who mentioned the developer asked to make this request.

Mr. Moulder asked if they were opening a new location or were they relocating their existing location. Mr. Parris said he knew they were opening a location behind Zaxby's, and he thinks it's an additional location.

Mr. Moulder asked if the OJRSA has ever given a variance on impact fees in the past. He stated he knew Mr. Brent Little was given one for his project; however, Mr. Little made a significant contribution of over \$4,000,000 to the sewer system to increase capacity beyond his own project. Mr. Eleazer confirmed this and stated that Mr. Little's contribution was greater than he would have paid in impact fees for his project. Mr. Eleazer also said the OJRSA gave a variance to the American Legion in Walhalla; however, it wasn't a waiver but rather the OJRSA made a donation in the amount of the impact fee to the American Legion.

Mr. Parris asked what the flow was from the Rosa Clark project. Mr. Eleazer said it will be approximately eight hundred (800) gallons per day (GPD) on this line.

The Director stated that he spoke with the engineer and said that impact fees would have to be paid before the OJRSA could issue a letter of acceptance to be included with the construction permit application. Mr. Eleazer added he told Ms. Thompson that the OJRSA would pull the building permit out, so when they apply for service, it would be handled like any other project with the impact fees being paid at that time. Ms. Thompson was happy with that, as she would be paying for the line being put in not just for her building but several other parcels that the line goes by as well. Now this is being treated as a line extension with multiple connections rather than just for one designated project.

Mr. Faires stated he didn't know how a variance would be framed. He said he would think this would need to be on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Moulder replied that a case-by-case basis is dangerous, because the OJRSA would have to pick and choose which non-profit it would help. He stated he felt the OJRSA should develop a policy if this is to be considered. He added that he didn't think the OJRSA should do this; however, he is willing to allow the impact fees to be spread out by giving them a longer timeframe to pay the full fee.

Mr. Eleazer stated that Ms. Thompson did not have a problem with paying the impact fee. She just wanted to get the sewer line in. He added that Habitat for Humanity was given the ability to pay impact fees each time they applied for a building permit, but that was for a complete subdivision. When they pay the fee for each connection, it will be based on the impact fees in place at the time of the application.

A vote was not taken; however, the committee did not seem interested in considering an impact fee variance at this time.

D) Committee Action Items:

- **Review January and Year-to-Date Financial Reports (Exhibit B)**

Mr. Parris made a motion, seconded by Mr. McKee, to approve the January 2025 and fiscal year-to-date financial report. The motion carried.

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

- **Consider Organizational Goals for the F&A Committee and Board of Commissioners** – The Director stated he asked the Operations & Planning Committee to individually come up with some goals and then email them to him by Friday at noon. He said he would like to do the same for the Facilities & Administration Committee and will extend the deadline to Monday.

Mr. Moulder stated that he felt there is currently enough on OJRSA's plate with all the projects and the Feasibility Study, and there is no need to add anything more. The committee agreed.

F) Executive Director's Discussion and Compliance Matters:

1. **Proposed South Carolina House Bill 3656** – Mr. Eleazer provided a handout to the committee. *A copy of this handout is included with these minutes.* A bill has been proposed in South Carolina that states even though water and sewer are available near a property, utilities cannot require the

property owner to connect to the system. This is an issue for the OJRSA, as currently landowners are required to connect if they have sewer nearby and are involved with new construction or requiring new septic tanks.

Mr. Eleazer said this bill is being pushed by a group called the South Carolina Groundwater Association who are well drillers. He said this will be on the agenda for the March board meeting to discuss whether the OJRSA should send a formal response to state its concerns to the delegation, and he may even draft a letter to present to the board for consideration.

2. **OJRSA Capital Improvement (CIP) & Rehabilitation Plan** – Mr. Eleazer provided a handout to the committee. *A copy of this handout is included with these minutes.* Mr. Eleazer stated that Mr. Daryll Parker of Willdan Financial Services wanted one or two additional priorities. Priority #1 was divided into two (2) priorities: #1A is for like-for-like replacement with no growth; #1B is for like-for-like replacement with growth. Then a Priority #4 was added for growth-related projects only (except for alkalinity control which may need to be done).
3. **Miscellaneous (If Any)** – The OJRSA is working on an electronic records policy (which would include items like emails) that will be part of its Retention Policy. The OJRSA is also working on an electronic signature policy in case it accepts electronic signatures on permits in the future.

G) Committee Members' Discussion – None.

H) Upcoming Meetings:

1. **Board of Commissioners** – Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. *(Note special date for meeting.)*
2. **Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee** – Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
3. **Operations & Planning Committee** – Friday, March 21, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. *(Note special date for meeting.)*
4. **Finance & Administration Committee** – Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

I) Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Notification of the meeting was distributed on February 7, 2025 to *Upstate Today*, *Anderson Independent-Mail*, *Westminster News*, *Keowee Courier*, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, City of Seneca Council, City of Walhalla Council, City of Westminster Council, Oconee County Council, SC DHEC, www.ojrsa.org, and posted at the OJRSA Administration Building.



Finance & Administration Committee Meeting

OJRSA Operations & Administration Building

Lamar Bailes Board Room

February 25, 2025 at 9:00 AM

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

Agenda

- A. Call to Order** – Celia Myers, Committee Chair
- B. Public Session** – Receive comments relating to topics on this agenda. Session is limited to a maximum of 30 minutes with no more than 5 minutes per speaker.
- C. Presentation and Discussion Items** *[May include vote and/or action on matters brought up for discussion]*
 - 1. Update on current projects (Exhibit A) – Chris Eleazer, Director
 - 2. Consideration for suspension of impact fees under certain defined circumstances – John Hamrick, Lake Keowee Real Estate and/or Bob Faires, Seneca Light & Water Utilities Director and OJRSA Commissioner
- D. Committee Action Items**
 - Review January and Year-to-Date Financial Reports (Exhibit B) – Chris Eleazer, Director and Lynn Stephens, Secretary/Treasurer and Office Manager
- E. Action Items to Recommend to the Board for Consideration**
 - Consider organizational goals for the F&A Committee and Board of Commissioners for – Led by Celia Myers, Committee Chair
- F. Executive Director's Discussion and Compliance Matters** – Chris Eleazer, Director
 - 1. Proposed South Carolina House Bill 3656
 - 2. OJRSA Capital Improvement & Rehabilitation Plan
 - 3. Miscellaneous *(if any)*
- G. Committee Members' Discussion** – Led by Celia Myers, Committee Chair
Discussion can be related to matters addressed in this meeting or for future consideration by the Board or Committee. Voting is not permitted during this session.
- H. Upcoming Meetings** *All meetings to be held in the OJRSA Lamar Bailes Board Room unless noted otherwise.*
 - Board of Commissioners – March 6, 2025 at 4:00 PM *Please note special date for meeting*
 - Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad hoc Committee – March 13, 2025 at 9:00 AM
 - Operations & Planning Committee – March 21, 2025 at 8:30 AM *Please note special date for meeting*
 - Finance & Administration Committee – March 25, 2025 at 9:00 AM
- I. Adjourn**



Finance & Administration Committee Sign-in Sheet

Date: 2/25/25 Time: 9am Location: WWTP Board Room

NAME (Print)	POSITION/TITLE	ORGANIZATION
DICK MANGRUM	Reporter	WG OG

FY2025 O&M FUND PROJECTS

CONSENT ORDER ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE TASKS

2/21/2025 11:00

Row #	FY 2025 O&M Project (Project # (if applicable); PM) <u>CANNOT CARRY OVER TO NEXT FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT BUDGET APPROVAL</u>	Approx % Complete	Anticipated Completion	Budget/PO/ Contract Amount (\$)	O&M PROJECT MILESTONES				Obligated/ Spent (\$)	Budget Remaining (\$)	GL Code (XXXXX = get from Office Mgr)
					Bids/RFQ/etc. Issue/Advertised	Req/Contract Signed	Started Work	Completed			
1	Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Biannual Compliance Report (CE)	0%	5/9/2025	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11/8/2024	0	0	N/A
2	GIS Update and Upgrade (CE)	100%	11/10/2024	32,000	N/A	7/30/2024	8/1/2024	12/18/2024	38,641	(6,641)	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430
3	For Feasibility Study: Establish Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee (CE)	100%	11/13/2024	0	N/A	N/A	9/9/2024	11/4/2024	0	0	N/A
4	For Feasibility Study: Legal counsel prepare new governance and consolidation evaluations (CE)	100%	12/6/2024	0	N/A	N/A	9/10/2024	11/26/2024	0	0	Admin Services 501-02420
5	For Feasibility Study: Financial/Rate Cost of Service Study (CE)	90%	3/10/2025	29,800	N/A	N/A	10/21/2024		16,390	13,410	Admin Services 501-02420
6	For Feasibility Study: Ad Hoc Committee to Report to Board and County its Recommendations (CE)	0%	5/13/2025	0	N/A	N/A			0	0	N/A
7	ISS PS Generator Installation (MD)	0%	3/31/2025						0	0	Conv Sys R&M: PS 601-05090
8	Coneross Creek PS Pump Control Upgrade (MD)	0%	4/30/2025		N/A Prof Services				0	0	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05030
9	Martin Creek PS Pump Restraint System (MD)	100%	3/31/2025	35,000	In-kind replacement	2/9/2024	7/30/2024	7/30/2024	32,017	2,983	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05100
10	Martin Creek Storage Aerator Motor Replacement (MD)	0%	4/25/2025	12,422 also need crane	N/A OEM Equip/Svc				0	0	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05100
11	Pelham Creek PS Manual Transfer Switch Installation (MD)	0%	4/30/2025	24,134	9/11/2024	11/6/2024			0	24,134	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05120
12	Perkins Creek PS Wet Well Cleanout (KL, MD)	0%	12/15/2024	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05130
13	Richland Flow Meter Station Electrical Rewiring (MD)	0%	4/30/2025	13,000	9/4/2024	11/13/2024			0	13,000	Con Sys R&M: FMS 601-04030
14	Paint Flow Meter Stations (MD)	0%	5/30/2025	3,800	2/17/2025				0	3,800	Con Sys Bldgs & Grnds 601-02550
15	Martin Creek PS/FM H2S Control ENGINEERING AND PERMITTING (KL)	0%	FY 2026	For FY 2026	For FY 2026	For FY 2026	For FY 2026	For FY 2026	0	0	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05100
16	Southern Oconee Sewer PS/FM H2S Control STUDY (CE, KL)	90%	1/31/2025	22,500	N/A	10/31/2024	11/4/2024		14,625	7,875	Retail O&M: Prof Svcs 1301-02430
17	Martin Creek PS Basin and Southern Westminster Trunk Sewer CCTV/Clean (KL, CE)	100%	12/20/2024	264,202	6/6/2024	8/6/2024	8/6/2024	9/19/2024	237,926	26,276	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430
18	Seneca Creek FM Replacement Constr Administration/Inspect (#2023-05; CE, KL)	0%	TBD	140,000	N/A	4/29/2024	2/3/2025		0	140,000	O&M CIP: Con Sys 1401-06071
19	WRF Replace Disinfection System Lightning Mixer (JM)	0%	5/30/2025	Waiting for other costs	12/4/2024	12/4/2024			0	0	WRF R&M 701-03000
20	WRF Util Water Pump (1 unit only)/Valve, Flow Eq Flow Control, RAS/WAS Pump/Mag Meter/Valve Install (JM)	5%	5/30/2025	362,100	RFB #2025-05 11/1/2024	1/8/2025	1/8/2025		0	362,100	WRF R&M 701-03000
21	WRF Waterproofing Admin Building Roof/Walls and Chloring Building Roof (KL)	0%	2/28/2025	125,145	RFB #2025-07 11/18/2024	1/9/2025			1,950	123,195	Admin Contingency 501-02440

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22	WRF Paving Around Biosolids Storage Pad and Solids Processing Building (KL)	0%	5/30/2025	31,500	12/6/2024				0	31,500	WRF Bldgs & Grnds 701-02550	
23	WRF Tank & Wet Well Clanouts (Primary Splitter Box and Digester #1) (JM)	5%	2/28/2025	40,680	RFB #2025-04 10/24/2024	12/16/2024	2/17/2025		0	40,680	WRF R&M 701-03000	
24	WRF Replace/Paint Walkway Handrails (continued from FY 2024) (JM)	100%	11/30/2024	N/A	N/A	N/A	As time allows	As time allows	N/A	N/A	WRF R&M 701-03000	
25	WRF Digesters/Solids Handling Tanks Grinder Rebuild (MD)	100%	10/31/2024	17,000	8/26/2024	8/26/2024	9/30/2024	10/4/2024	16,999	1	WRF R&M 701-03000	
26	WRF Biological Reactor Basin Oxidation Zone Gearbox Replacement (JM)	100%	5/30/2025	46,848	12/4/2024	12/4/2024	1/6/2025	1/28/2025	46,848	0	WRF R&M 701-03000	
27	EMERGENCY Hurricane Helene Debris Removal (KL, MM)	100%	2/28/2025	262,500	Emergency Procurement	1/13/2025	1/13/2025	1/24/2025	54,350	208,150	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430	
28	EMERGENCY Hurricane Helene Debris Management (KL, MM)	60%	6/30/2025	99,000	Emer 10/18/2024 RFP 12/30/2024	Emer 10/18/2024 RFP 1/23/2025	Emer 10/18/2024 RFP 1/23/2025		0	99,000	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430	
29									0	0		
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31									0	0		
TOTAL AWARDED				1,549,209	TOTAL FUNDS OBLIGATED/ACTUAL TO DATE:				459,745	1,089,463	TOTAL AWARDED BUDGET REMAINING	

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Row #	FY 2025 O&M Project (Project # (if applicable); PM) <u>CANNOT CARRY OVER TO NEXT FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT BUDGET APPROVAL</u>	Comp. Performing (and Project Mgr)	Notes
1	Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Biannual Compliance Report (CE)	OJRSA Chris Eleazer	DUE TO SCDES EVERY SIX MONTHS. Reports submitted: 11/14/2021, 5/9/2022, 11/10/2022, 5/9/2023, 11/9/2023, 5/10/2024, 11/8/2024. Next report due 5/10/2025.
2	GIS Update and Upgrade (CE)	Weston & Sampson Danny Gant	Project to begin updating OJRSA, Satellite Sewer System, and other User assets and information for asset management and compliance purposes. 9/18: Met with D Gant to review easement progress. 11/22: Progress meeting with D Gant. 2/17: Training today.
3	For Feasibility Study: Establish Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee (CE)	OJRSA Chris Eleazer	10/7: Discussed at board meeting. Will consider committee at next meeting. 11/4: List approved by Board. COMPLETE. Update sent to Bonnie Ammons and Sophia Mazza with RIA on 11/13. First meeting to be held 12/2.
4	For Feasibility Study: Legal counsel prepare new governance and consolidation evaluations (CE)	OJRSA Chris Eleazer	9/10: Authorized Pope Flynn (L Flynn and Gary Pope) to begin development of new governance agreement as well as consolidation with another multi-county organization. 11/26: Received from Pope Flynn. COMPLETE. 12/2: Shared memo with Ad Hoc Committee.
5	For Feasibility Study: Financial/Rate Cost of Service Study (CE)	Willdan Daryll Parker	12/4: Reviewed model with D Parker and A Mettlen. Will schedule time for it to be presented to Board. To be discussed at F&A Comm meeting in Dec. 1/24/2025: To be presented to board on 3/6.
6	For Feasibility Study: Ad Hoc Committee to Report to Board and County its Recommendations (CE)	Ad Hoc Comm Comm Chair	
7	ISS PS Generator Installation (MD)	OJRSA OJRSA Maint	OJRSA staff will perform the moving because others wanted too much to do it. Will need to determine what project will require for installation. We're considering making it a portable generator. KL to speak with A Maddox to find out how to make this happen.
8	Coneross Creek PS Pump Control Upgrade (MD)	Border States Stuart Reynolds	9/17: Expect quote later today. 10/8: Border States came out to look at site. 11/5: Still waiting for update. 12/11: Waiting on revised quote. 2/4/2025: Waiting on new Maint Super to start.
9	Martin Creek PS Pump Restraint System (MD)	TBD	Ordered during FY 2024 but did not receive until FY 2025. 7/15/2024: Ordered as in-kind unit with new pump head assembly. 7/30: COMPLETE
10	Martin Creek Storage Aerator Motor Replacement (MD)	OJRSA OJRSA Maint	12/11: Ordered. Expected to arrive in January. \$11,243 for motor, need to rent crane. 1/7/2025: Motor to be delivered tomorrow. Likely need to contract out install. 2/4: Delivery will now be April. Total cost \$12,422.
11	Pelham Creek PS Manual Transfer Switch Installation (MD)	Mason Electric TBD	11/4. Approved low bid for equipment and installation. 12/11: Ordered. We purchased ATS for WW Williams (5,664). Mason will do install (\$18,470). 2/4/2025: KL will call to make sure they have us on schedule. 2/17: Scheduled 3/25.
12	Perkins Creek PS Wet Well Cleanout (KL, MD)	TBD	8/6: Will need to bid. Will do with splitter box and digeter #1. 9/3: KL nearly complete with RFB. 9/17: After further evaluation, do not need to perform and money will be better spent on Coneross PS. REMOVED.
13	Richland Flow Meter Station Electrical Rewiring (MD)	Davis Power TBD	9/3: Staff met with electrician last week to get quote. 9/17: Waiting on 1 more quote. 11/5: Approved low bid. 12/11: Waiting on contractor to begin work. 2/4/2025: KL will call to make sure they have us on schedule. 2/17: Scheduled 3/31.
14	Paint Flow Meter Stations (MD)	TBD	9/3: Waiting on quotes. 9/17: Need 2 more quotes. 11/5: Still waiting on quotes. 12/11: Met with painters for stations. 2/5/2025: Received low bid. Will schedule soon. 2/17: Received quotes. Will award - \$3,800.
15	Martin Creek PS/FM H2S Control <u>ENGINEERING AND PERMITTING</u> (KL)	Garver Will Nading	9/3: KL to reach out to Garver for next steps. 9/17: Need to determine permanent fix to this and where it goes in overall OJRSA priority list. 10/10: Spoke with W Nading and he is putting together scope. 11/4: OJRSA will need to publicly solicit work (est. \$140,000)
16	Southern Oconee Sewer PS/FM H2S Control <u>STUDY</u> (CE, KL)	Garver Will Nading	Project #2025-06 10/31: Sent signed agreement to Garver. 90 days to completion per doc. 12/11: Garver has visited sites. 1/17/2025: W Nading said he will have draft to us soon for review. 1/31: Received draft report. 2/10: Provided comments to Garver.
17	Martin Creek PS Basin and Southern Westminster Trunk Sewer CCTV/Clean (KL, CE)	Secure Sewer & Svc Michael Bevelle	10/1: All contracted work is complete. OJRSA staff have to finish inspecting manholes and smoketest. 12/5: Finished additional work. 1/17: Smoke testing complete by OJRSA. COMPLETE.
18	Seneca Creek FM Replacement Constr Administration/Inspect (#2023-05; CE, KL)	GMC Michael Knapp	Reimbursible by Fountain Residential Properties LLC per agreement. 11/4: Board approved Corrective Easement for force main. 1/17/2025: Preconstruction meeting scheduled for 1/29. 2/3: Contractor began mobilization.
19	WRF Replace Disinfection System Lightning Mixer (JM)	OJRSA OJRSA Maint	10/14: Receive updated quote but it did not include upper bearing cost. 12/11: Ordered and expect to receive in February. \$44,432. Still need motor, which is easy to get. 2/4: Delivery date at end of February.
20	WRF Util Water Pump (1 unit only)/Valve, Flow Eq Flow Control, RAS/WAS Pump/Mag Meter/Valve Install (JM)	Cove Utility Jeff Caffrey	1/8/2025: Board approved earlier in week, executed agreement. 1/10: Longer lead items have been ordered by Cove. 2/17: Cove verified items at site. Everything has now been ordered.
21	WRF Waterproofing Admin Building Roof/Walls and Chloring Building Roof (KL)	BEE Group Rick Cook	To be funded with O&M Contingency. 12/3: Pre-bid meeting held. 12/4: Addendum #1 issued. 1/6/2025: Board approved \$110,145 plus owner contingency of NTE\$15,000. Will execute contract. 2/13: Pre-con meeting held. Items are now on order.

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22	WRF Paving Around Biosolids Storage Pad and Solids Processing Building (KL)	TMS Asphalt TBD	9/17: May need this money for dewatering project concrete. 10/14: KL cannot get anyone to return calls or come see site. Will need to begin again. 12/11: Have 3 quotes, will award soon. 2/4/2025: Have awarded. 2/17: Work to be done in March or April.
23	WRF Tank & Wet Well Clanouts (Primary Splitter Box and Digester #1) (JM)	Greenstone Const TBD	10/18: KL finalizing draft solicitation for bid. 10/24: Ad on SCBO. 11/26: Issued Addendum #1. 12/4: Received bids. Low bid--Greenstone Construction. 12/16: Contract executed. 2/17/2025: Started work on Digester 1.
24	WRF Replace/Paint Walkway Handrails (continued from FY 2024) (JM)	TBD	8/6: Purchased more paint. 10/14: Front end of plant complete. Now painting some items on back end of plant.
25	WRF Digesters/Solids Handling Tanks Grinder Rebuild (MD)	TBD	8/6: Getting updated quotes. 9/3: Has been ordered. 9/17: Rebuild kit arrived last week. 10/4: COMPLETE.
26	WRF Biological Reactor Basin Oxic Zone Gearbox Replacement (JM)	OJRSA OJRSA Maint	9/17: Need updated quote for this and WRF Disinfection System Lightning Mixer. 10/14: KL to review. 12/11: Ordered. \$42,187. Still need motor, which is easy to get. 1/28/2025: COMPLETE.
27	EMERGENCY Hurricane Helene Debris Removal (KL, MM)	Strick's Forestry Donald Strickland	Contract not to exceed \$262,500. Grinding/removing debris from OJRSA easements. 1/24/2025: COMPLETE.
28	EMERGENCY Hurricane Helene Debris Management (KL, MM)	ICF Incorporated Larry Hughes	Have multi-term contract with ICF Incorporated LLC (1/23/2025 through 1/23/2028 with possibility for extension Contract NTE \$99K/FY. 2/12/2025: Cat A debris removal documentation presented to FEMA.
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FY2025 RESTRICTED FUND PROJECTS

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Row #	Restricted Fund Projects (Project Manager)	OJRSA Project #	Approx % Complete	Anticipated Completion	OJRSA Funding Amount (\$)	Max Funding by Others (\$)	PO/Contract Amount (\$)	RESTRICTED FUND PROJECT MILESTONES				Obligated/ Spent Curr + Prev Years (\$)	Budget Remaining (\$)	GL Code (XXXXX = get from Office Mgr)	Comp. Performing (and Project Mgr)
								Bids/RFQ/etc. Issue/Advertised	PO/Contract Signed	Started Work	Completed				
A	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2022 CONSTRUCTION SCIIP MATCH (CE, KL)	2024-02	100%	4/30/2024	351,291	0	351,291	7/28/2023	10/17/2023	12/4/2023	7/15/2024	316,577	34,714	PROJ & CONT 1501-09008	Tugalo Pipeline Ed Hare
B	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 ENGINEERING SCIIP MATCH (CE, KL)	2024-08	75%	8/31/2025	398,000	0	398,000	N/A	9/15/2023	10/3/2023		194,082	203,918	PROJ & CONT 1501-09009	WK Dickson Priya Verravalli
C	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 CONSTRUCTION SCIIP GRANT (CE, KL)		2%	8/31/2025	0	5,478,319	4,076,461	8/14/2024	11/20/2024	1/27/2025		0	4,076,461	PROJ & CONT 1501-09009	Frank Brinkley Bio-Nomic Services
D	Dewatering Equipment Replacement ENGINEERING SCIIP MATCH (KL)	2024-06	75%	PHASE II 6/30/2026	440,300	0	440,300	9/15/2023	12/19/2023	1/11/2024		213,249	227,051	PROJ & CONT 1501-09011	KCI Technologies Tom Vollmar
E	Dewatering Equipment Replacement CONSTRUCTION SCIIP GRANT (KL)		5%	PHASE II 6/30/2026	0	2,800,000	30,000	3/22/2024	7/30/2024	7/26/2024		0	30,000	PROJ & CONT 1501-09011	Harper GC Justin Jones
F	Exit 4/Oconee Manufacturing Park ("Sewer South Phase III") PS/Sewer ENGINEERING (CE)	TBD	98%	11/1/2024	0	0	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ	Sometime in 2022		0	0	TBD	Thomas & Hutton Lee Brackett
G	Flat Rock PS Replacement ENGINEERING/CONST SVCS SCIIP MATCH (CE)	2022-03	100%	10/23/2024	177,800	0	177,800	2/14/2022	7/5/2055	7/1/2022	10/10/2024	151,548	26,252	PROJ & CONT 1501-09005	KCI Technologies Tom Vollmar
H	Flat Rock PS Replacement CONSTRUCTION SCIIP GRANT (CE)	2024-03	100%	9/30/2024	0	1,321,656	1,321,656	6/7/2023	8/29/2023	3/25/2024	8/27/2024	1,321,656	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-09005	Cove Utilities Jeff Caffery
I	Oconee County & Western Andeson County Sewer Master Plan (CE)	2022-01	100%	6/3/2024	217,800	100,000	317,800	N/A	8/9/2023	9/12/2023	7/1/2024	317,476	324	PROJ & CONT 1501-09007	Weston & Sampson Kip Gearhart
J	Regional Sewer Feasibility Study RIA GRANT (CE)	2024-01	100%	11/29/2024	0	100,000	100,000	5/26/2023	10/10/2023	11/8/2023	9/9/2024	100,000	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-09010	WK Dickson Angie Mettlen
K	I-85 Corridor Phase II ENG/INSPECT SVCS COUNTY FUNDED (CE)	2019-XX	99%	10/31/2024	0	480,850	480,850	Inherited from Oconee Co	5/4/2023	5/4/2023		384,779	96,071	SSF: CIP 1401-06050	Davis & Floyd John Reynolds
L	I-85 Corridor Phase II CONSTRUCTION EDA/RIA/COUNTY FUNDED (CE)	2023-06	100%	10/31/2024	0	12,311,447	11,687,329	9/27/2022	3/23/2023	6/1/2023	2/4/2025	11,687,329	(0)	SSF: CIP 1401-06050	Kevin Moorhead Moorhead Construct
M	Martin Creek PS Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review (KL, CE)	2025-03	90%	3/31/2025	96,000	0	96,000	Consent Order Prof Svcs	9/30/2024			21,189	74,811	PROJ & CONT 1501-09012	Priya Verravalli WK Dickson
N	Southern Westminster Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review (KL, CE)	2025-03	90%	3/31/2025	76,000	0	76,000	Consent Order Prof Svcs	9/30/2024			19,140	56,860	PROJ & CONT 1501-09012	Priya Verravalli WK Dickson
O	Martin Crk PS Basin Flow Study and Compare to Perkins Crk PS Basin to Quantify I/I (CE)	2025-03	0%	3/31/2025	45,000	0	45,000	Consent Order Prof Svcs	9/30/2024			3,094	41,906	PROJ & CONT 1501-09013	Priya Verravalli WK Dickson
P	Speeds Creek PS Force Main Replacement ENGINEERING (CE, KL)	TBD	0%	TBD								0	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-TBD	TBD
Q	Speeds Creek PS Force Main Replacement CONSTRUCTION (CE, KL)		0%	TBD									0	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-TBD
R	I-85 Corridor Phase II Streambank Stabilization & Welcome Center Waterline (CE)	2019-XX	0%	TBD	0	78,650	78,650	Contract Amend #3	2/20/2025			0	78,650	SSF: CIP 1401-06050	Davis & Floyd John Reynolds
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					1,802,191	22,670,922	19,677,137	TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS OBLIGATED/ACTUAL TO DATE:				14,730,119	4,947,018	TOTAL AWARDED BUDGET REMAINING	

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Row #	Restricted Fund Projects (Project Manager)	Notes
A	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2022 CONSTRUCTION SCIIP MATCH (CE, KL)	Carryover from FY 2023 OJRSA CONG: \$40,000 . 5/20: COMPLETE. Used \$6,785.98 of budgeted/approved Owner Contingency for additional concrete work on final repair.
B	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 ENGINEERING SCIIP MATCH (CE, KL)	PO/Contract Amount includes \$700,000 owner contingency 11/7: Setting up pre-con meeting for mid-November. Construction to start early 2025. 11/20: Pre-con held today. NTP for 1/2/2025. Bio-Nomic to send out construction schedule and shop drawings for engineer review. 1/21/2025: Bio-Nomic was scheduled to start this week but delayed one week due to incoming winter weather. 1/27: Began CCTV work.
C	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 CONSTRUCTION SCIIP GRANT (CE, KL)	
D	Dewatering Equipment Replacement ENGINEERING SCIIP MATCH (KL)	11/4: 60% completion should be complete by end of week. Cost around \$3.8-3.9M currently and will operate 100% of current plant's rating. 11/7: Authorized KCI to use \$3,000 of project contingency for redoing layout for Schwing presses. 12/2: Signed Construction Permit Application, etc.
E	Dewatering Equipment Replacement CONSTRUCTION SCIIP GRANT (KL)	1/6/2025: Received 90% plans, Jackson Electric visited site to assess. 1/22: Received SCDES construction permit application payment request of \$550. 2/4: Board approved contracts. Signed, submitted stormwater permit application.
F	Exit 4/Oconee Manufacturing Park ("Sewer South Phase III") PS/Sewer ENGINEERING (CE)	10/8: Approved all plans. Need info from T&H. Sent Lee Brackett email for info. 1/6/2025: T&H submitted const permit app to SCDES. 2/19: G Hart mentioned that he found that A Brock had submitted it and they haven't heard anything from SCDES yet.
G	Flat Rock PS Replacement ENGINEERING/CONST SVCS SCIIP MATCH (CE)	9/3: Rain over weekend caused washing. Contractor to better stabilize area. 9/17: Cove/KCI have identified some solutions for stabilization. 9/18: Received SCDES Permit to Operate. Need record drawings, electronic files, site stabilization completion, etc. 10/10: Received final engineering invoice.
H	Flat Rock PS Replacement CONSTRUCTION SCIIP GRANT (CE)	10/14: Received GIS information. COMPLETE. Retained approx. \$26,252 for PM and inspection funds not used, making OJRSA funding amount \$151,548.
I	Oconee County & Western Andeson County Sewer Master Plan (CE)	To continue under #2022-01 (Fair Play and Townville Area Sewer Basin Plan). 6/26: Provided W&S comments on draft. Have received 1/2 of "grant" for study. 7/1: Presented to Board and report finalized and put on website. 8/5: Board adopted. COMPLETE.
J	Regional Sewer Feasibility Study RIA GRANT (CE)	8/5: Presented to Board as draft. Needs to be finalized. Will be considered 9/9. 9/9: Board approved. Next phase is implementation. This will be tracked in FY2025 O&M Projects. COMPLETE. 10/31: Received RIA Grant Close Out Letter.
K	I-85 Corridor Phase II ENG/INSPECT SVCS COUNTY FUNDED (CE)	1/29: Withdrew LD assessment but Moorhead still has some punchlist items remaining. These were addressed in letter sent to Kevin Moorhead. Final pay app (#12) processed. Still some engineering work remaining. 2/5: Still need GIS from D&F. 2/5: Received message from A Brock saying county approved Amendment #3 contract for streambank stabilization and water line. She will sign. Amount-\$78,650. 2/6: Received update letter from Justin Brooks w/ Moorhead.
L	I-85 Corridor Phase II CONSTRUCTION EDA/RIA/COUNTY FUNDED (CE)	
M	Martin Creek PS Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review (KL, CE)	1/2/2025: KL to see if it is complete or if they still need smoke test info. Need to now look at flow study analysis. 1/9: Received prelim report from WKD. Will review and provide comments. 1/27: Provided comments to Priya.
N	Southern Westminster Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review (KL, CE)	11/7: WKD began spot checking data. 12/12: Waiting on missing CCTV data and smoke test results. 1/2/2025: Engineer now has all CCTV data. They still need smoke testing. 1/27: Provided smoke test data to engineer.
O	Martin Crk PS Basin Flow Study and Compare to Perkins Crk PS Basin to Quantify I/I (CE)	11/7: WK Dickson waiting on "frequent" storm for I/I analysis. TS Helene will be considered Act of God and not appropriate to use for study. 12/12: Rainfall event on 12/10 considered first qualifying event. WKD continuing to monitor flow meters.
P	Speeds Creek PS Force Main Replacement ENGINEERING (CE, KL)	CONSENT ORDER ITEM 7/15/2024: As identified in the 20 Year Master Plan, this force main should be replaced with similar sized pipe. 2/3/2025: Mentioned during board meeting that we had another break on line and it was mentioned that OJRSA will have to begin design during next fiscal year.
Q	Speeds Creek PS Force Main Replacement CONSTRUCTION (CE, KL)	B Faires asked to have this added as an agenda item for O&P Comm meeting.
R	I-85 Corridor Phase II Streambank Stabilization & Welcome Center Waterline (CE)	2/10/2025: Received signed agreement from A Brock, CE executed agreement and sent to D&F. 2/10: Roger Sears responded to R Love's email saying water line will need to be handled through encroachment process.
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00401 REVENUE**

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Accounts	Budget Appropriation	Supplemental Appropriation	Adjusted Budget	Current Pd Revenue	Curr Pct	Year To Date Revenue	YTD Pct	Budget Balance
010 OJRSA FUND								
004 REVENUE								
00401 REVENUE								
01770 CONNECTION FEES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$3,552.20	0	(\$3,552.20)
01790 UNRESTRICTED INTEREST	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$8,487.21	34	\$83,561.92	334	(\$58,561.92)
01820 GRANTS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$1,305,492.29	0	(\$1,305,492.29)
01830 HAULED WASTE SVCES	\$213,308.00	\$0.00	\$213,308.00	\$18,205.00	9	\$121,047.30	57	\$92,260.70
01840 OTHER REVENUE	\$158,622.00	\$0.00	\$158,622.00	\$1,583.76	1	\$12,704.80	8	\$145,917.20
01880 CAPACITY FEES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	(\$3,400.00)	0	\$3,400.00
01910 USER FEES	\$5,717,028.00	\$0.00	\$5,717,028.00	\$412,905.59	7	\$3,555,437.52	62	\$2,161,590.48
Total Revenue	\$6,113,958.00	\$0.00	\$6,113,958.00	\$441,181.56	7	\$5,078,396.03	83	\$1,035,561.97
00801 PRETREATMENT								
01850 INDUSTRIES	\$174,852.00	\$0.00	\$174,852.00	\$20,079.29	11	\$113,971.59	65	\$60,880.41
Total Pretreatment	\$174,852.00	\$0.00	\$174,852.00	\$20,079.29	11	\$113,971.59	65	\$60,880.41
01101 IMPACT FEES								
01780 RESTRICTED INTEREST	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$7,907.13	8	\$134,780.34	135	(\$34,780.34)
01880 CAPACITY FEES	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$141,400.00	14	\$448,100.00	45	\$551,900.00
01930 UNUSED CAPACITY FEES	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00	\$3,943.35	3	\$64,990.54	43	\$85,009.46
Total Impact Fees	\$1,250,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,250,000.00	\$153,250.48	12	\$647,870.88	52	\$602,129.12
01201 CONTRACT OPERATIONS								
01900 INTERGOV. REIMBURSEMENT	\$44,072.00	\$0.00	\$44,072.00	\$12,689.95	29	\$37,837.15	86	\$6,234.85
Total Contract Operations	\$44,072.00	\$0.00	\$44,072.00	\$12,689.95	29	\$37,837.15	86	\$6,234.85
01301 RETAIL SERVICES								
01780 RESTRICTED INTEREST	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$5,924.97	0	(\$5,924.97)
01821 GRANTS - SEWER SOUTH	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$2,411,022.50	0	(\$2,411,022.50)
01880 CAPACITY FEES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,400.00	0	\$3,400.00	0	(\$3,400.00)
01900 INTERGOV. REIMBURSEMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,872.58	0	\$89,910.82	0	(\$89,910.82)
Total Retail Services	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,272.58	0	\$2,510,258.29	0	(\$2,510,258.29)
Total REVENUE	\$7,582,882.00	\$0.00	\$7,582,882.00	\$653,473.86	9	\$8,388,333.94	111	(\$805,451.94)
Total OJRSA FUND	\$7,582,882.00	\$0.00	\$7,582,882.00	\$653,473.86	9	\$8,388,333.94	111	(\$805,451.94)
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$7,582,882.00	\$0.00	\$7,582,882.00	\$653,473.86	9	\$8,388,333.94	111	(\$805,451.94)

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00501 ADMINISTRATION

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Accounts	Budget Appropriation	Supplemental Appropriation	Current Pd Expenditures	Curr Pct	Year To Date Expenditures	YTD Pct	Encumbered Balance	Unencumbered Balance	Une Pct
010 OJRSA FUND									
005 EXPENSES									
00501 ADMINISTRATION									
01140 100% DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	\$1,222,487.00	\$0.00	\$101,873.92	8	\$713,117.44	58	\$0.00	\$509,369.56	42
01300 PAYROLL: SALARIES	\$1,154,105.00	\$0.00	\$124,075.01	11	\$686,560.99	59	\$0.00	\$467,544.01	41
01310 OVERTIME	\$41,194.00	\$0.00	\$3,017.47	7	\$21,090.26	51	\$0.00	\$20,103.74	49
01350 PAYROLL: FICA/MEDICARE WH	\$97,367.00	\$0.00	\$10,198.29	10	\$56,254.33	58	\$0.00	\$41,112.67	42
01380 PAYROLL: RETIREMENT	\$221,848.00	\$0.00	\$15,056.11	7	\$120,789.19	54	\$0.00	\$101,058.81	46
02200 COMMISSIONER EXPENSES	\$13,680.00	\$0.00	\$840.00	6	\$6,120.00	45	\$0.00	\$7,560.00	55
02220 GROUP INSURANCE	\$215,280.00	\$0.00	\$19,789.42	9	\$138,769.90	64	\$0.00	\$76,510.10	36
02240 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	\$20,791.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$10,922.00	53	\$0.00	\$9,869.00	47
02250 INSURANCE-PROPERTY/GENERAL	\$81,363.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$636.74	1	\$0.00	\$80,726.26	99
02260 EMPLOYEE WELLNESS	\$2,600.00	\$0.00	\$473.93	18	\$5,694.41	219	\$0.00	(\$3,094.41)	(119)
02270 UNIFORMS	\$31,475.00	\$0.00	\$1,324.82	4	\$11,573.70	37	\$588.30	\$19,313.00	61
02280 TRAVEL & POV MILEAGE	\$8,650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$210.00	2	\$0.00	\$8,440.00	98
02290 AGENCY MEMBERSHIPS	\$11,715.00	\$0.00	\$1,850.00	16	\$2,650.00	23	\$0.00	\$9,065.00	77
02300 LICENSES/CERTIFS/MEMBERSHIPS	\$4,563.00	\$0.00	\$967.00	21	\$1,978.00	43	\$0.00	\$2,585.00	57
02310 SEMINARS/WKSHOPS & TRAINING	\$42,020.00	\$0.00	\$1,531.62	4	\$13,416.10	32	\$0.00	\$28,603.90	68
02320 EVENTS & MEETING EXPENSES	\$4,300.00	\$0.00	\$555.83	13	\$2,743.76	64	\$0.00	\$1,556.24	36
02340 PUBLIC RELATIONS & ADVERTISING	\$16,250.00	\$0.00	\$896.89	6	\$5,689.42	35	\$0.00	\$10,560.58	65
02360 MAILING/SHIPPING	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$337.92	45	\$0.00	\$412.08	55
02370 SAFETY EQUIPMENT	\$33,050.00	\$0.00	\$984.34	3	\$28,887.10	87	\$0.00	\$4,162.90	13
02380 OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$79,822.00	\$0.00	\$1,016.48	1	\$26,022.85	33	\$0.00	\$53,799.15	67
02410 TECHNOLOGY: PHONES/INTERNET/TV	\$14,436.00	\$0.00	\$1,089.57	8	\$9,102.21	63	\$0.00	\$5,333.79	37
02420 ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	\$237,823.00	\$0.00	\$15,203.56	6	\$215,441.24	91	\$0.00	\$22,381.76	9
02440 O&M CONTINGENCY	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$16.26	0	\$0.00	\$149,983.74	100
02520 FUEL: VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT	\$37,250.00	\$0.00	\$2,904.58	8	\$18,088.90	49	\$0.00	\$19,161.10	51
02530 R&M: VEHICLES/TRAILERS/EQUIP	\$38,500.00	\$0.00	\$733.81	2	\$33,292.75	86	\$6.34	\$5,200.91	14
02560 FEES & PENALTIES	\$4,487.00	\$0.00	\$118.41	3	\$3,632.41	81	\$0.00	\$854.59	19
Total Administration	\$3,785,806.00	\$0.00	\$304,501.06	8	\$2,133,037.88	56	\$594.64	\$1,652,173.48	44
00601 CONVEYANCE SYSTEM									
02400 SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$84.74	1	\$9,870.61	66	\$439.69	\$4,689.70	31
02401 MAINTENANCE TOOLS & SUPPLIES	\$13,000.00	\$0.00	\$476.92	4	\$9,144.57	70	\$152.28	\$3,703.15	28
02411 TECHNOLOGY: SCADA	\$22,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$15,269.20	69	\$0.00	\$6,830.80	31
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$476,110.00	\$0.00	\$78,787.35	17	\$356,773.46	75	(\$370.45)	\$119,706.99	25
02450 CHEMICALS: SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE	\$35,834.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$13,402.64	37	\$3,324.16	\$19,107.20	53
02455 CHEMICALS: HERBICIDE/PESTICIDE	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	100
02490 ELECTRICITY	\$266,700.00	\$0.00	\$19,183.63	7	\$133,659.98	50	\$0.00	\$133,040.02	50
02500 WATER	\$8,950.00	\$0.00	\$403.24	5	\$5,151.57	58	\$0.00	\$3,798.43	42
02521 FUEL: GENERATORS	\$6,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$5,843.20	86	\$0.00	\$956.80	14
02540 EQUIPMENT RENTALS	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	100
02550 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$1,292.94	24	\$0.00	\$4,207.06	76

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02590 ROLLING STOCK & EQUIPMENT	\$275,080.00	\$0.00	\$7,036.36	3	\$272,529.86	99	\$0.00	\$2,550.14	1	
04000 FLOW MONITOR STAS	\$16,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$16,500.00	100	
04010 FLOW MONITOR STAS: COL'S FORK	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$13.03	0	\$0.00	(\$13.03)	0	
05000 PUMP STATIONS	\$228,450.00	\$0.00	\$80.41	0	\$9,561.96	4	\$4,837.84	\$214,050.20	94	
05010 PUMP STATIONS: CANE PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$2,273.71	0	\$0.00	(\$2,273.71)	0	
05020 PUMP STATIONS: CHOESTOEIA PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$10,465.84	0	\$0.00	(\$10,465.84)	0	
05030 PUMP STATIONS: CONERROSS PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$52.96	0	\$0.00	(\$52.96)	0	
05040 PUMP STATIONS: CRYOVAC PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$209.63	0	\$223.59	0	\$0.00	(\$223.59)	0	
05050 PUMP STATIONS: DAVIS CRK 1 PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$1,501.97	0	\$0.00	(\$1,501.97)	0	
05060 PUMP STATIONS: DAVIS CRK 2 PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,837.53	0	\$18,080.66	0	\$1,990.68	(\$20,071.34)	0	
05080 PUMP STATIONS: HALFWAY BR PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$51.24	0	\$51.24	0	\$0.00	(\$51.24)	0	
05090 PUMP STATIONS: ISS PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$20.17	0	\$0.00	(\$20.17)	0	
05100 PUMP STATIONS: MARTIN CREEK PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$35,833.61	0	\$0.00	(\$35,833.61)	0	
05110 PUMP STATIONS: MILLBROOK PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39.66	0	\$190.52	0	\$148.65	(\$339.17)	0	
05120 PUMP STATIONS: PELHAM CREEK PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,098.54	0	\$1,115.05	0	\$0.00	(\$1,115.05)	0	
05130 PUMP STATIONS: PERKINS PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19,736.25	0	\$24,901.83	0	\$0.00	(\$24,901.83)	0	
05140 PUMP STATIONS: SENECA PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$2,604.62	0	\$0.00	(\$2,604.62)	0	
05160 PUMP STATIONS: WEXFORD PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$5,701.93	0	\$0.00	(\$5,701.93)	0	
05210 DUCK POND ROAD PS	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$1,770.66	0	\$0.00	(\$1,770.66)	0	
05230 GRAVITY SEWER & FORCE MAINS	\$130,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,945.51	4	\$72,933.39	56	\$2,767.85	\$54,298.76	42	
Total Conveyance System	\$1,513,524.00	\$0.00	\$134,971.01	9	\$1,010,234.77	67	\$13,290.70	\$489,998.53	32	
00701 WRF OPERATIONS										
02400 SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$311.11	3	\$4,750.34	40	\$0.00	\$7,249.66	60	
02411 TECHNOLOGY: SCADA	\$12,500.00	\$0.00	\$707.40	6	\$2,666.80	21	\$0.00	\$9,833.20	79	
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$18,102.00	\$0.00	\$4,112.66	23	\$35,932.66	199	\$0.00	(\$17,830.66)	(99)	
02451 CHEMICALS: CHLORINE	\$60,242.00	\$0.00	\$9,911.11	16	\$39,660.34	66	\$0.00	\$20,581.66	34	
02452 CHEMICALS: POLYMER	\$66,450.00	\$0.00	\$4,085.75	6	\$30,661.43	46	\$0.00	\$35,788.57	54	
02454 CHEMICALS: SODIUM BISULFITE	\$21,474.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$5,691.80	27	\$0.00	\$15,782.20	73	
02457 CHEMICALS: OTHER	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$1,380.12	23	\$0.00	\$4,619.88	77	
02470 GARBAGE	\$2,067.00	\$0.00	\$27.75	1	\$194.25	9	\$0.00	\$1,872.75	91	
02480 NATURAL GAS	\$1,855.00	\$0.00	\$194.66	10	\$532.66	29	\$0.00	\$1,322.34	71	
02490 ELECTRICITY	\$336,000.00	\$0.00	\$28,719.23	9	\$180,217.34	54	\$0.00	\$155,782.66	46	
02500 WATER	\$3,710.00	\$0.00	\$1,645.00	44	\$12,378.62	334	\$0.00	(\$8,668.62)	(234)	
02510 SLUDGE DISPOSAL	\$319,289.00	\$0.00	\$12,813.75	4	\$65,209.45	20	\$0.00	\$254,079.55	80	
02521 FUEL: GENERATORS	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	100	
02540 EQUIPMENT RENTALS	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	100	
02550 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$83,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$9,854.67	12	\$0.00	\$73,545.33	88	
03000 WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY	\$619,450.00	\$0.00	\$47,033.04	8	\$74,068.89	12	\$770.28	\$544,610.83	88	
Total Wrf Operations	\$1,571,539.00	\$0.00	\$109,561.46	7	\$463,199.37	29	\$770.28	\$1,107,569.35	70	
00801 PRETREATMENT										
01300 PAYROLL: SALARIES	\$77,472.00	\$0.00	\$9,173.07	12	\$48,135.33	62	\$0.00	\$29,336.67	38	
01380 PAYROLL: RETIREMENT	\$14,379.00	\$0.00	\$1,135.00	8	\$8,269.72	58	\$0.00	\$6,109.28	42	

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02220 GROUP INSURANCE	\$7,522.00	\$0.00	\$679.96	9	\$4,459.12	59	\$0.00	\$3,062.88	41
02300 LICENSES/CERTIFS/MEMBERSHIPS	\$425.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$425.00	100
02310 SEMINARS/WKSHOPS & TRAINING	\$2,975.00	\$0.00	\$390.00	13	\$390.00	13	\$0.00	\$2,585.00	87
02380 OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$3,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$4,036.80	109	\$0.00	(\$336.80)	(9)
02410 TECHNOLOGY: PHONES/INTERNET/TV	\$748.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$374.68	50	\$0.00	\$373.32	50
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$38,489.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	1	\$13,633.72	35	\$0.00	\$24,855.28	65
Total Pretreatment	\$145,710.00	\$0.00	\$11,878.03	8	\$79,299.37	54	\$0.00	\$66,410.63	46
00901 LABORATORY									
02400 SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$2,787.11	46	\$0.00	\$3,212.89	54
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$73,377.00	\$0.00	\$2,245.73	3	\$16,866.13	23	\$0.00	\$56,510.87	77
02456 CHEMICALS: LABORATORY	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$1,791.02	36	\$0.00	\$3,208.98	64
Total Laboratory	\$84,377.00	\$0.00	\$2,245.73	3	\$21,444.26	25	\$0.00	\$62,932.74	75
01201 CONTRACT OPERATIONS									
02411 TECHNOLOGY: SCADA	\$625.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$707.40	113	\$0.00	(\$82.40)	(13)
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$20,610.00	\$0.00	\$112.50	1	\$10,422.50	51	\$0.00	\$10,187.50	49
02500 WATER	\$1,365.00	\$0.00	\$38.05	3	\$346.01	25	\$0.00	\$1,018.99	75
02521 FUEL: GENERATORS	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$500.00	100
02550 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$500.00	100
05170 PUMP STATIONS: GCCP-PS	\$10,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$1,475.75	14	\$0.00	\$9,024.25	86
Total Contract Operations	\$34,100.00	\$0.00	\$150.55	0	\$12,951.66	38	\$0.00	\$21,148.34	62
01301 RETAIL SERVICES									
02400 SUPPLIES/TOOLS	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$500.00	100
02411 TECHNOLOGY: SCADA	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	100
02430 SERVICES: PROFESSIONAL/CONSULT	\$7,406.00	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	65	\$5,145.00	69	\$0.00	\$2,261.00	31
02490 ELECTRICITY	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$637.92	30	\$5,474.17	261	\$0.00	(\$3,374.17)	(161)
02500 WATER	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$1,050.00	100
05180 PUMP STATIONS: WELCOME CTR	\$725.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$725.00	100
05190 PUMP STATIONS: BROOMWAY LN	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$860.66	0	\$0.00	(\$860.66)	0
Total Retail Services	\$13,031.00	\$0.00	\$5,437.92	42	\$11,479.83	88	\$0.00	\$1,551.17	12
01401 CAPITAL PROJECTS									
06050 SEWER SOUTH PHASE II	\$3,700,000.00	\$0.00	\$659.65	0	\$1,709,956.45	46	\$0.00	\$1,990,043.55	54
06060 CONVEYANCE SYSTEM	\$140,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	\$140,000.00	100
Total Capital Projects	\$3,840,000.00	\$0.00	\$659.65	0	\$1,709,956.45	45	\$0.00	\$2,130,043.55	55
01501 CONTINGENCY FUND									
09005 FLAT ROCK PS UPGRADE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$596,905.76	0	\$0.00	(\$596,905.76)	0
09007 CENTRAL OCONEE SWR MASTER PLAI	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$6,580.00	0	\$0.00	(\$6,580.00)	0
09009 COLLECTION SYSTEM REHAB	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,226.16	0	\$47,695.04	0	\$0.00	(\$47,695.04)	0
09010 REG SEWER FEASIBILITY STUDY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$26,542.50	0	\$0.00	(\$26,542.50)	0
09011 DEWATERING EQUIP REPLACEMENT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$100,025.00	0	\$0.00	(\$100,025.00)	0
09012 MARTIN CRK & WESTMINSTER CCTV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,806.70	0	\$31,470.65	0	\$0.00	(\$31,470.65)	0
09013 MARTIN/PERKINS CRK FLOW STUDY	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$426.80	0	\$3,093.60	0	\$0.00	(\$3,093.60)	0

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Total Contingency Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,459.66	0	\$812,312.55	0	\$0.00	(\$812,312.55)	0
Total EXPENSES	\$10,988,087.00	\$0.00	\$576,865.07	5	\$6,253,916.14	57	\$14,655.62	\$4,719,515.24	43
Total OJRSA FUND	\$10,988,087.00	\$0.00	\$576,865.07	5	\$6,253,916.14	57	\$14,655.62	\$4,719,515.24	43
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$10,988,087.00	\$0.00	\$576,865.07	5	\$6,253,916.14	57	\$14,655.62	\$4,719,515.24	43

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H. 3656**STATUS INFORMATION**

General Bill

Sponsors: Reps. Ligon and Hardee

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Introduced in the House on January 14, 2025

Currently residing in the House

Summary: Wells and Septic Tanks

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Body</u>	<u>Action Description with journal page number</u>
12/12/2024	House	Prefiled
12/12/2024	House	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
1/14/2025	House	Introduced and read first time (House Journal-page 282)
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2/4/2025	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hardee

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A BILL

11 TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-1-320 SO AS
12 TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FROM DENYING
13 PROPERTY OWNERS THE RIGHT TO REPAIR OR REPLACE A WELL OR SEPTIC TANK IN
14 CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

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18 SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

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20 Section 44-1-320. The Department of Environmental Services shall not deny a property owner the
21 right to repair and replace any well or septic tank existing on the effective date of this act solely because
22 of any other available water or sewer service, or both.

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24 SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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27 **Received from South Carolina Water Quality Association by email on February 10, 2024:**

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29 **The bill is being pushed by the SC Groundwater Association (well-drillers).**

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31 **3656 AMENDMENT 1**

32 **ADD AN APPROPRIATELY NUMBERED SUBSECTION THAT READS:**

- 33 a. A county, municipality, or water authority shall not deny or prohibit the installation of a private
- 34 irrigation water well, regardless of whether the property is connected to, or served by, a public water
- 35 system.
- 36 b. The irrigation water well shall not be interconnected to plumbing that is connected to any public
- 37 water system and will be used for irrigation or other non-potable purposes only.
- 38 c. For purposes of this section, "irrigation water well" means a well that produces water for uses other
- 39 than human consumption, to include, but not be limited to, lawn and landscape watering.
- 40 d. A county, municipality, or water authority shall not deny or prohibit the installation of a septic system
- 41 on a parcel of land that meets Department of Environmental Services guidelines for a septic system,
- 42 regardless of whether the property is connected to, or served by, a public sewer system.

OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY 20-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN & REHABILITATION PLAN

Includes projects identified in *Oconee County & Western Anderson County Sewer Master Plan Scenario 4* as recommended by Weston & Sampson/Bolton & Menk (2024) and known/anticipated O&M and rehabilitation projects. All costs in July 2024 Dollars.

December 2024 (priorities updated February 2025)

Priorities -- **1A:** Critical O&M/Consent Order with No Growth **1B:** Critical O&M/Consent Order with Growth **2:** Approaching End of Life with No Growth **3:** Approaching End of Life with Growth **4:** Growth Only **N/A:** Not Applicable

PRIORITY	PROJECT	LOCATION	DRIVER	FUNDING SOURCE	FISCAL YEAR(S)	CONSENT ORDER	SIGNIF O&M COST?	TOTAL PROJECT COST	PRIORITY COST	CUMULATIVE COST
1A	Systemwide Improvements (Rehab 100% of System Plus Misc. Gravity Sewer Improvements)	Conveyance	O&M	Primary Debt	ALL 20 YEARS = \$1,228,750/Yr	YES	No	\$ 24,575,000		
	CCTV/Cleaning	Conveyance	O&M	Annual (O&M)	ALL 20 YEARS = \$200,000/Yr	YES	YES	\$ 4,000,000		
	Engineering/Flow Metering	Conveyance	O&M	Annual (O&M)	ALL 20 YEARS = \$800,000/Yr	YES	YES	\$ 8,000,000		
	GIS/Mapping	Conveyance	O&M	Annual (O&M)	ALL 20 YEARS = \$29,550/Yr	YES	YES	\$ 591,000		
	Coneross Influent PS Replace Soft Starts	WRF	O&M	Annual (O&M)	2026	No	No	\$ 104,650		
	Primary Clarifiers: Prim Clarifier Sludge #3 Pump Replacement	WRF	O&M	Annual (O&M)	2026	No	No	\$ 30,000		
	Choestoea Creek PS Replacement	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	YES	No	\$ 2,887,500		
	Pelham Creek PS Replacement CAN BE ELIMINATED BY DAVIS CREEK SEWER PROJECT	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 2,000,000		
	Speeds Creek Force Main Replacement	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	YES	No	\$ 2,713,000		
	Aeration: Gate Replacements	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 300,000		
	Aeration: Motor Repair / Replacement	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 107,620		
	Biological Reactor Basin: Valve / Gate Replacements	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 293,020		
	Digesters / Sludge Holding Tanks: Mixer Replacement for #1	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 273,000		
	Digesters / Sludge Holding Tanks: Replace Blowers	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 560,300		
	Electrical: Backup Power - Portable Generator Connection (inc. Engineering)	WRF	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 212,875		
	Flow Equalization & Storage: Day Tank Mixing and Control Equipment	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 232,473		
	Secondary Clarifiers: Rebuild / Replace Mechanical Equipment	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 375,800		
	Coneross Influent PS Flood Protection	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2027-2028	No	No	\$ 154,700		
	Digesters / Sludge Holding Tanks: Repair Decanter System	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2029-2030	No	No	\$ 149,500		
	ISS PS Replacement	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2033-2034	No	No	\$ 1,155,000	\$ 48,715,438	
1B	Martin Creek H2S Control	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	YES	\$ 1,000,000		
	Millbrook PS Upgrade CAN BE ELIMINATED BY DAVIS CREEK SEWER PROJECT	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	YES	\$ 2,000,000		
	Perkins Creek PS Replacement	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	2026-2027	YES	No	\$ 6,930,000		
	Seneca Creek PS Upgrade POSSIBLE ELIMINATION BY DAVIS CREEK SEWER PROJECT	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	2026-2027	No	YES	\$ 3,750,000		
	Coneross Creek WRF Upgrade Phase 1 (Upgrade to 10.4 mgd)	WRF	Growth	Primary Debt	2027-2032	No	YES	\$ 52,000,000		
	Martin Creek Pump Station & Force Main	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	2034-2035	YES	No	\$ 38,486,000	\$ 104,166,000	\$ 152,881,438
2	Septage Receiving Station: Rehabilitation	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026	No	No	\$ 85,000		
	Digesters / Sludge Holding Tanks: Blower Room Repairs	WRF	O&M	Annual (O&M)	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 14,960		
	Primary Clarifiers: Scum Pump #2 Replacement	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 40,000		
	Secondary Clarifiers: Replace RAS Valves and Check Valves	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 70,000		
	Primary Clarifiers: Rehabilitate Distribution Box	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2027-2028	No	No	\$ 86,710		
	Cane Creek PS Upgrade	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2031-2032	No	No	\$ 2,887,500		
	Cryovac PS Upgrade	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2032-2033	No	No	\$ 1,155,000		
	Speeds Creek PS Replacement	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	2034-2035	No	No	\$ 4,620,000		
	Wexford PS Replacement	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2034-2035	No	No	\$ 1,155,000	\$ 10,114,170	\$ 162,995,608
3	US 123 / 76 West Seneca RR Bridge Crossing / Bottleneck	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 1,000,000		
	Davis Creek Road Gravity Sewer / PS Elimination	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	2026-2028	No	No	\$ 5,281,000	\$ 6,281,000	\$ 169,276,608
4	Davis Creek Road No. 1 Pump Station & Force Main (Newry Area development)	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	2026-2028	No	YES	\$ 22,143,000		
	Martin Creek Gravity Sewer (needed to serve Newry Area development)	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	2026-2028	No	No	\$ 7,318,000		
	Newry Area Pump Station & Force Main	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	2026-2029	No	YES	\$ 19,751,000		
	Richland Creek Trunk Sewer Extension	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	2026-2029	No	No	\$ 7,900,000		
	Richland Road Gravity Sewer	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	2027-2028	No	No	\$ 2,100,000		
	Primary Clarifiers: Alkalinity Control	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2029-2030	No	YES	\$ 694,850		
	West Perkins Creek Gravity Sewer	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	2032-2034	No	No	\$ 5,132,000		
	Lower Westminster Gravity Sewer	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	2036-2038	No	No	\$ 1,872,000		
	Shiloh Road Gravity Sewer	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	2036-2037	No	No	\$ 1,802,000		
	Flat Rock Downstream Gravity Sewer	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	2040-2042	No	No	\$ 1,890,000		
	Coneross Creek WRF Upgrade Phase 2 (Upgrade to 13.0 mgd)	WRF	Growth	Primary Debt	2040-2045	No	YES	\$ 52,000,000		
	Lower Seneca Creek Sewer Improvements	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	2041-2043	No	YES	\$ 4,033,000		
	Choestoea Creek Gravity Sewer	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	2042-2044	No	No	\$ 1,790,000		
West Oak Sewer Extension	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	2042-2044	No	YES	\$ 4,712,000			
Valley View Sewer Improvements	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	2043-2045	No	YES	\$ 5,459,000	\$ 138,596,850	\$ 307,873,458	
N/A	I-85 Region Sewer OCONEE COUNTY FUNDED (2022 Dollars: \$16,000,000)	Conveyance	Growth	Oconee Co	TBD	No	YES	\$ -		
	TBD	TBD (if needed)	TBD (if needed)	N/A	TBD	No	No	\$ -		
	TBD	TBD (if needed)	TBD (if needed)	N/A	TBD	No	No	\$ -		
								\$ 307,873,458		

Priority/Fiscal Years	Total Project Costs/Fiscal Years
1A	\$ 48,715,438
2026	\$ 134,650
2026-2027	\$ 9,955,588
2027-2028	\$ 154,700
2029-2030	\$ 149,500
2033-2034	\$ 1,155,000
ALL 20 YEARS = \$1,228,750/Yr	\$ 24,575,000
ALL 20 YEARS = \$200,000/Yr	\$ 4,000,000
ALL 20 YEARS = \$800,000/Yr	\$ 8,000,000
ALL 20 YEARS = \$29,550/Yr	\$ 591,000
1B	\$ 104,166,000
2026-2027	\$ 13,680,000
2027-2032	\$ 52,000,000
2034-2035	\$ 38,486,000
2	\$ 10,114,170
2026	\$ 85,000
2026-2027	\$ 124,960
2027-2028	\$ 86,710
2031-2032	\$ 2,887,500
2032-2033	\$ 1,155,000
2034-2035	\$ 5,775,000
3	\$ 6,281,000
2026-2027	\$ 1,000,000
2026-2028	\$ 5,281,000
4	\$ 138,596,850
2026-2028	\$ 29,461,000
2026-2029	\$ 27,651,000
2027-2028	\$ 2,100,000
2029-2030	\$ 694,850
2032-2034	\$ 5,132,000
2036-2037	\$ 1,802,000
2036-2038	\$ 1,872,000
2040-2042	\$ 1,890,000
2040-2045	\$ 52,000,000
2041-2043	\$ 4,033,000
2042-2044	\$ 6,502,000
2043-2045	\$ 5,459,000
N/A	\$ -
TBD	\$ -
TBD	\$ -
TBD	\$ -
Grand Total	\$ 307,873,458



OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY

Operations & Planning Committee

February 19, 2025

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): Laramie Hinkle
- Seat 9 (Walhalla & Westminster): David Dial

Commissioners that were not present:

- None. All Commissioners were in attendance.

OJRSA appointments and staff present were:

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

Others present were:

- None.

A) Call to Order - Mr. Faires called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. and stated that the meeting will not be livestreaming today due to technical difficulties. Ms. Stephens added that the meeting video would be uploaded to YouTube after the meeting today.

B) Public Session – None.

C) Presentation and Discussion Items:

1. Update on Current Projects (Exhibit A) – Mr. Eleazer reported on the following:

Tank Cleaning – Greenstone Construction is currently cleaning the tanks out at the plant (project list item #23). The job should be completed within a couple of weeks.

Waterproofing Admin Building Roof/Walls – This project (project list item #21) was anticipated to be completed by February 28, 2025, and Mr. Dial asked if it would be done by the end of February. Mr. Eleazer replied that the contractor came to the plant to do a pre-construction meeting last week and colors were selected. He stated that this \$125,145 project is a small job for the contractor, and they have placed it between other bigger jobs they are doing. They anticipate the project to be done by June 1, 2025.

Seneca Creek Force Main Project – The contractor for this project (project list item #18) mobilized last week and began work. Mr. Richard Phillips of Goodwyn, Mills, & Cawood is the inspector on this project. OJRSA is hopeful that this will relieve some of the pressure with growth on the Seneca Creek Pump Station for a little while.

2. Discuss Speeds Creek Force Main Replacement – The Director reported that the OJRSA is replacing the pipes one stick at a time as they break. He stated he was trying to hold off until completion of the 20-year Master Plan which would determine when the force main would be rerouted from Martin Creek and bypass this station (which would likely downsize the pump station and force main).

The study was presented to the OJRSA in July 2024, and the rerouting project is still a number of years away in addressing. Mr. Eleazer stated that the OJRSA cannot wait that long to fix this problem.

The Director stated that the OJRSA will have to put the cost to replace this line in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. It will not be replacing like-for-like, as the existing pipe is 14" ductile iron pipe (an uncommon size that must be specially made) and will likely have to be replaced with 15" PVC pipe (common size diameter as required by the OJRSA's Development Policy).

Mr. Eleazer stated the project is estimated to cost \$2.7 million and will need to be paid for by cash on hand. The cost for the design work (at a minimum) will be included in the budget request for Fiscal Year 2026. He may also consider having the cost for half of the work included in the upcoming fiscal year with the balance in the following fiscal year.

20-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) & Rehabilitation Plan – Mr. Dial asked if he understood correctly that the March board meeting was moved to Thursday to allow for the consultant to present the rates. Mr. Eleazer replied yes: Mr. Daryll Parker of Willdan will be here to present the rates and has a model with a database.

Mr. Eleazer said that the cities were asked to develop a 5-year plan with the Feasibility Study (including rehabilitation-type work, routine maintenance, capital improvements, etc.). The OJRSA was asked to develop a 20-year CIP as there was a 20-year Master Plan in place. Mr. Parker asked for this information so that he could work it up in the model.

The OJRSA had three (3) priorities in its original CIP, but Mr. Parker also asked the OJRSA to break it down further. The current CIP split priority #1 into two: 1A (critical O&M - not much growth associated) and #1B (critical O&M - growth associated with this). Priority #2 (approaching end of life – no growth) and Priority #3 (approaching end of life – with growth) remained. Then priority #4 (growth only) was added.

Mr. Eleazer stated that Mr. Parker will provide the rates needed for different priorities to be completed, and then he will provide time for a question-and-answer segment.

Mr. Eleazer provided some history on rates. He stated he only knows of one (1) rate increase since 2013 which happened around January 2022. At that time, the OJRSA was doing a *pro rata share* model. He then provided a brief history lesson of rate development over the last several years.

There was some additional discussion about the different priorities for the Martin Creek project as well as discussion about the Newry project and how it is currently unknown how this approximately \$20,000,000 project will be funded.

Mr. Dial spoke about the new project between Walmart and Westminster on Highway 123 and asked if the contractor would be doing the sewer work and connecting into Richland. Mr. Eleazer replied that this is correct; however, OJRSA and Seneca, both, have very limited capacity. He stated that the Richland Creek Trunk Sewer Extension project is approximately \$8,000,000 and is in priority #4 for growth. Mr. Hinkle asked how much this project would affect the capacity. How much have they said they were going to use? Mr. Eleazer replied that the OJRSA does not have a final number, because the project is being built in phases, but it is around 60,000 gallons for Phase 1. The Director added that there are a lot of customer requests for sewer around that area, and it's like a race to see who gets their line in the ground first.

Mr. Dial stated that he is looking at the \$307,000,000 grand total for all the projects, and dividing it by twenty (20) years, that is \$15,000,000 per year that Oconee County has to come up with to complete this list. He said it will be interesting to see how the models work. Mr. Eleazer added that this is in addition to the projects that are mandated by the Consent Order. Mr. Dial and Mr. Hinkle spoke a little about the cities' customers having to pay these increased rates. Mr. Eleazer replied that this is the sad thing about the "pay me now" or "pay me later" approach to performing routine versus deferred maintenance and replacement; the OJRSA is at the point of "pay me later", and the later cost is always more expensive.

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

- **Consider Organizational Goals for the O&P Committee and Board of Commissioners for 2025 –**
Mr. Eleazer explained how former OJRSA Chairman, Mr. Brian Ramey, requested several years ago that the OJRSA annually develop goals and discuss the progress on them. In continuing with this process, he is asking that each committee develop its own goals to be brought before the full board to consider for adoption. He asked if this committee had any goals to present. Mr. Faires felt that focusing on getting through the Ad Hoc Committee review and recommendations should be a goal.
Mr. Faires asked if any of the committee members had any goals to discuss, and no one had any. It was decided that each member would consider some goals and email them individually to Mr. Eleazer by midday next Friday, February 28, 2025. Mr. Eleazer stated he would send these goals out for consideration by the board at the March board meeting.
Mr. Dial requested that the list of previous goals be sent to the committee members for review. Mr. Eleazer said he would email them out.

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

1. Environmental and Regulatory Compliance Matters –

Sewer System Overflow – There was a sewer system overflow (SSO) following a rain event on February 13, 2025. Wetwell levels at Perkins Pump Station were high from 11:00 p.m. on February 13, 2025 through lunch hour on February 14, 2025. This SSO was caused by debris clogging up the pumps.

Mr. Al Shadwick of Cross Creek Golf Course contacted the OJRSA about the overflow. At first it was thought that the SSO was isolated to one manhole segment with only a few minutes of spill estimated to be around four hundred (400) gallons. This was reported to the SC Department of Environmental Services (SCDES).

Upon OJRSA personnel inspecting the area, it was discovered that there were solids on the golf course fairway as well as data from the pump station showing the possibility of overflows earlier than the one reported during the storm. The OJRSA updated the estimate to four thousand, seven hundred (4,700) gallons spilled.

The OJRSA could not confirm whether the spill reached a waterway or not. Although it was not a 2-year storm event, the ground was so saturated that the spill created small ponds in low areas of the golf course.

The OJRSA cleaned the areas in the golf course that were affected and treated it with lime. Ms. Amy Towe of SCDES came out to inspect the spill area. Ms. Towe was satisfied with the OJRSA's response to the spill and stated that, due to the inability to edit SSO reporting, this would be treated as one (1) continuous event rather than separate overflows.

Corrective Action Plan – The OJRSA has received Corrective Action Plans from the cities of Seneca and Westminster. The City of Walhalla requested an additional month to get its plan to the OJRSA, because Mr. Hinkle just began employment with the city and hadn't gotten a chance to review it yet. Mr. Hinkle added that he was hit with a Consent Order and Walhalla was having email issues at the same time which required his attention, but he is getting closer to getting this completed and submitted.

- 2. Proposed South Carolina House Bill 3656 –** A bill has been proposed in South Carolina that could potentially impact the OJRSA and the Member Cities. The bill stated that even though water and sewer are available near a property, the utilities cannot require the property owner to connect to the system. Currently the OJRSA requires landowners to connect if they have sewer nearby and are involved with new construction or requiring new septic tanks. The Director posed the following questions:

- How could any utility design a system where everyone or no one would tie into it?
- How would a utility assume who would tie onto the system?
- Will this allow current owners on the system to disconnect from the system?

Mr. Eleazer said this bill is being pushed by a group called the South Carolina Groundwater Association who are well drillers. He said this will be on the agenda for the March board meeting to discuss whether the OJRSA should send a formal response to state its concerns to the delegation.

3. **OJRSA Capital Improvement & Rehabilitation Plan** – This was discussed earlier in the meeting.
4. **Miscellaneous (If Any)** – None.

F) Committee Members' Discussion – None.

G) Upcoming Meetings:

1. **Finance & Administrative Committee** – Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Board of Commissioners** – Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
3. **Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee** – Thursday, March 13, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
4. **Operations & Planning Committee** – Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Faires stated that he will be unavailable to attend the March 19th O&P Committee meeting and asked that it be moved to a different date. The committee decided on moving the meeting to Friday, March 21, 2025.

Mr. Faires made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hinkle, to move the March O&P Committee meeting to Friday, March 21, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. The motion carried.

H) Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Notification of the meeting was distributed on February 7, 2025 to *Upstate Today*, *Anderson Independent-Mail*, *Westminster News*, *Keowee Courier*, WGOG Radio, WSNW Radio, City of Seneca Council, City of Walhalla Council, City of Westminster Council, Oconee County Council, SC DHEC, www.ojrsa.org, and posted at the OJRSA Administration Building.



Operations & Planning Committee Meeting

OJRSA Operations & Administration Building

Lamar Bailes Board Room

February 19, 2025 at 8:30 AM

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

Agenda

- A. Call to Order** – 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. Update on current projects (Exhibit A) – Chris Eleazer, Director
 - 2. Discuss Speeds Creek force main replacement – Chris Eleazer, Director
- D. Action Items to Recommend to the Board for Consideration**
 - Consider organizational goals for the O&P Committee and Board of Commissioners for 2025 – Led by Bob Faires, Committee Chair
- E. Executive Director's Discussion and Compliance Matters** – Chris Eleazer, Director
 - 1. Environmental and regulatory compliance matters
 - 2. Proposed South Carolina House Bill 3656
 - 3. OJRSA Capital Improvement & Rehabilitation Plan
 - 4. Miscellaneous *(if any)*
- F. Committee Members' Discussion** – Led by Bob Faires, Committee Chair
Discussion can be related to matters addressed in this meeting or for future consideration by the Board or Committee. Voting is not permitted during this session.
- G. Upcoming Meetings** *All meetings to be held in the OJRSA Lamar Bailes Board Room unless noted otherwise.*
 - 1. Finance & Administration Committee – February 25, 2025 at 9:00 AM
 - 2. Board of Commissioners – March 6, 2025 at 4:00 PM *Please note special date for meeting*
 - 3. Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee – March 13, 2025 at 9:00 AM
 - 4. Operations & Planning Committee – March 19, 2025 at 8:30 AM
- H. Adjourn**



Operations & Planning Committee Sign-in Sheet

Date: 2/19/25 Time: 8:30am Location: WWTP Board Room

NAME (Print)	POSITION/TITLE	ORGANIZATION
	NONE	

FY2025 O&M FUND PROJECTS

CONSENT ORDER ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE TASKS

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Row #	FY 2025 O&M Project (Project # (if applicable); PM) <u>CANNOT CARRY OVER TO NEXT FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT BUDGET APPROVAL</u>	Approx % Complete	Anticipated Completion	Budget/PO/ Contract Amount (\$)	O&M PROJECT MILESTONES				Obligated/ Spent (\$)	Budget Remaining (\$)	GL Code (XXXXX = get from Office Mgr)
					Bids/RFQ/etc. Issue/Advertised	Req/Contract Signed	Started Work	Completed			
1	Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Biannual Compliance Report (CE)	0%	5/9/2025	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11/8/2024	0	0	N/A
2	GIS Update and Upgrade (CE)	100%	11/10/2024	32,000	N/A	7/30/2024	8/1/2024	12/18/2024	38,641	(6,641)	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430
3	For Feasibility Study: Establish Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee (CE)	100%	11/13/2024	0	N/A	N/A	9/9/2024	11/4/2024	0	0	N/A
4	For Feasibility Study: Legal counsel prepare new governance and consolidation evaluations (CE)	100%	12/6/2024	0	N/A	N/A	9/10/2024	11/26/2024	0	0	Admin Services 501-02420
5	For Feasibility Study: Financial/Rate Cost of Service Study (CE)	90%	3/10/2025	29,800	N/A	N/A	10/21/2024		16,390	13,410	Admin Services 501-02420
6	For Feasibility Study: Ad Hoc Committee to Report to Board and County its Recommendations (CE)	0%	5/13/2025	0	N/A	N/A			0	0	N/A
7	ISS PS Generator Installation (MD)	0%	3/31/2025						0	0	Conv Sys R&M: PS 601-05090
8	Coneross Creek PS Pump Control Upgrade (MD)	0%	4/30/2025		N/A Prof Services				0	0	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05030
9	Martin Creek PS Pump Restraint System (MD)	100%	3/31/2025	35,000	In-kind replacement	2/9/2024	7/30/2024	7/30/2024	32,017	2,983	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05100
10	Martin Creek Storage Aerator Motor Replacement (MD)	0%	4/25/2025	12,422 also need crane	N/A OEM Equip/Svc				0	0	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05100
11	Pelham Creek PS Manual Transfer Switch Installation (MD)	0%	4/30/2025	24,134	9/11/2024	11/6/2024			0	24,134	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05120
12	Perkins Creek PS Wet Well Cleanout (KL, MD)	0%	12/15/2024	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05130
13	Richland Flow Meter Station Electrical Rewiring (MD)	0%	4/30/2025	13,000	9/4/2024	11/13/2024			0	13,000	Con Sys R&M: FMS 601-04030
14	Paint Flow Meter Stations (MD)	0%	5/30/2025	3,800	2/17/2025				0	3,800	Con Sys Bldgs & Grnds 601-02550
15	Martin Creek PS/FM H2S Control ENGINEERING AND PERMITTING (KL)	0%	FY 2026	For FY 2026	For FY 2026	For FY 2026	For FY 2026	For FY 2026	0	0	Con Sys R&M: PS 601-05100
16	Southern Oconee Sewer PS/FM H2S Control STUDY (CE, KL)	90%	1/31/2025	22,500	N/A	10/31/2024	11/4/2024		14,625	7,875	Retail O&M: Prof Svcs 1301-02430
17	Martin Creek PS Basin and Southern Westminster Trunk Sewer CCTV/Clean (KL, CE)	100%	12/20/2024	264,202	6/6/2024	8/6/2024	8/6/2024	9/19/2024	237,926	26,276	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430
18	Seneca Creek FM Replacement Constr Administration/Inspect (#2023-05; CE, KL)	0%	TBD	140,000	N/A	4/29/2024	2/3/2025		0	140,000	O&M CIP: Con Sys 1401-06071
19	WRF Replace Disinfection System Lightning Mixer (JM)	0%	5/30/2025	Waiting for other costs	12/4/2024	12/4/2024			0	0	WRF R&M 701-03000
20	WRF Util Water Pump (1 unit only)/Valve, Flow Eq Flow Control, RAS/WAS Pump/Mag Meter/Valve Install (JM)	5%	5/30/2025	362,100	RFB #2025-05 11/1/2024	1/8/2025	1/8/2025		0	362,100	WRF R&M 701-03000
21	WRF Waterproofing Admin Building Roof/Walls and Chloring Building Roof (KL)	0%	2/28/2025	125,145	RFB #2025-07 11/18/2024	1/9/2025			1,950	123,195	Admin Contingency 501-02440

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22	WRF Paving Around Biosolids Storage Pad and Solids Processing Building (KL)	0%	5/30/2025	31,500	12/6/2024				0	31,500	WRF Bldgs & Grnds 701-02550	
23	WRF Tank & Wet Well Clanouts (Primary Splitter Box and Digester #1) (JM)	5%	2/28/2025	40,680	RFB #2025-04 10/24/2024	12/16/2024	2/17/2025		0	40,680	WRF R&M 701-03000	
24	WRF Replace/Paint Walkway Handrails (continued from FY 2024) (JM)	100%	11/30/2024	N/A	N/A	N/A	As time allows	As time allows	N/A	N/A	WRF R&M 701-03000	
25	WRF Digesters/Solids Handling Tanks Grinder Rebuild (MD)	100%	10/31/2024	17,000	8/26/2024	8/26/2024	9/30/2024	10/4/2024	16,999	1	WRF R&M 701-03000	
26	WRF Biological Reactor Basin Oxidation Zone Gearbox Replacement (JM)	100%	5/30/2025	46,848	12/4/2024	12/4/2024	1/6/2025	1/28/2025	46,848	0	WRF R&M 701-03000	
27	EMERGENCY Hurricane Helene Debris Removal (KL, MM)	100%	2/28/2025	262,500	Emergnecy Procurement	1/13/2025	1/13/2025	1/24/2025	54,350	208,150	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430	
28	EMERGENCY Hurricane Helene Debris Management (KL, MM)	60%	6/30/2025	99,000	Emer 10/18/2024 RFP 12/30/2024	Emer 10/18/2024 RFP 1/23/2025	Emer 10/18/2024 RFP 1/23/2025		0	99,000	Con Sys: Prof Svcs 601-02430	
29									0	0		
30									0	0		
31									0	0		
TOTAL AWARDED				1,549,209	TOTAL FUNDS OBLIGATED/ACTUAL TO DATE:				459,745	1,089,463	TOTAL AWARDED BUDGET REMAINING	

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Row #	FY 2025 O&M Project (Project # (if applicable); PM) <u>CANNOT CARRY OVER TO NEXT FISCAL YEAR WITHOUT BUDGET APPROVAL</u>	Comp. Performing (and Project Mgr)	Notes
1	Consent Order 21-025-W Project: Biannual Compliance Report (CE)	OJRSA Chris Eleazer	DUE TO SCDES EVERY SIX MONTHS. Reports submitted: 11/14/2021, 5/9/2022, 11/10/2022, 5/9/2023, 11/9/2023, 5/10/2024, 11/8/2024. Next report due 5/10/2025.
2	GIS Update and Upgrade (CE)	Weston & Sampson Danny Gant	Project to begin updating OJRSA, Satellite Sewer System, and other User assets and information for asset management and compliance purposes. 9/18: Met with D Gant to review easement progress. 11/22: Progress meeting with D Gant. 2/17: Training today.
3	For Feasibility Study: Establish Sewer Feasibility Implementation Ad Hoc Committee (CE)	OJRSA Chris Eleazer	10/7: Discussed at board meeting. Will consider committee at next meeting. 11/4: List approved by Board. COMPLETE. Update sent to Bonnie Ammons and Sophia Mazza with RIA on 11/13. First meeting to be held 12/2.
4	For Feasibility Study: Legal counsel prepare new governance and consolidation evaluations (CE)	OJRSA Chris Eleazer	9/10: Authorized Pope Flynn (L Flynn and Gary Pope) to begin development of new governance agreement as well as consolidation with another multi-county organization. 11/26: Received from Pope Flynn. COMPLETE. 12/2: Shared memo with Ad Hoc Committee.
5	For Feasibility Study: Financial/Rate Cost of Service Study (CE)	Willdan Daryll Parker	12/4: Reviewed model with D Parker and A Mettlen. Will schedule time for it to be presented to Board. To be discussed at F&A Comm meeting in Dec. 1/24/2025: To be presented to board on 3/6.
6	For Feasibility Study: Ad Hoc Committee to Report to Board and County its Recommendations (CE)	Ad Hoc Comm Comm Chair	
7	ISS PS Generator Installation (MD)	OJRSA OJRSA Maint	OJRSA staff will perform the moving because others wanted too much to do it. Will need to determine what project will require for installation. We're considering making it a portable generator. KL to speak with A Maddox to find out how to make this happen.
8	Coneross Creek PS Pump Control Upgrade (MD)	Border States Stuart Reynolds	9/17: Expect quote later today. 10/8: Border States came out to look at site. 11/5: Still waiting for update. 12/11: Waiting on revised quote. 2/4/2025: Waiting on new Maint Super to start.
9	Martin Creek PS Pump Restraint System (MD)	TBD	Ordered during FY 2024 but did not receive until FY 2025. 7/15/2024: Ordered as in-kind unit with new pump head assembly. 7/30: COMPLETE
10	Martin Creek Storage Aerator Motor Replacement (MD)	OJRSA OJRSA Maint	12/11: Ordered. Expected to arrive in January. \$11,243 for motor, need to rent crane. 1/7/2025: Motor to be delivered tomorrow. Likely need to contract out install. 2/4: Delivery will now be April. Total cost \$12,422.
11	Pelham Creek PS Manual Transfer Switch Installation (MD)	Mason Electric TBD	11/4. Approved low bid for equipment and installation. 12/11: Ordered. We purchased ATS for WW Williams (5,664). Mason will do install (\$18,470). 2/4/2025: KL will call to make sure they have us on schedule. 2/17: Scheduled 3/25.
12	Perkins Creek PS Wet Well Cleanout (KL, MD)	TBD	8/6: Will need to bid. Will do with splitter box and digeter #1. 9/3: KL nearly complete with RFB. 9/17: After further evaluation, do not need to perform and money will be better spent on Coneross PS. REMOVED.
13	Richland Flow Meter Station Electrical Rewiring (MD)	Davis Power TBD	9/3: Staff met with electrician last week to get quote. 9/17: Waiting on 1 more quote. 11/5: Approved low bid. 12/11: Waiting on contractor to begin work. 2/4/2025: KL will call to make sure they have us on schedule. 2/17: Scheduled 3/31.
14	Paint Flow Meter Stations (MD)	TBD	9/3: Waiting on quotes. 9/17: Need 2 more quotes. 11/5: Still waiting on quotes. 12/11: Met with painters for stations. 2/5/2025: Received low bid. Will schedule soon. 2/17: Received quotes. Will award - \$3,800.
15	Martin Creek PS/FM H2S Control <u>ENGINEERING AND PERMITTING</u> (KL)	Garver Will Nading	9/3: KL to reach out to Garver for next steps. 9/17: Need to determine permanent fix to this and where it goes in overall OJRSA priority list. 10/10: Spoke with W Nading and he is putting together scope. 11/4: OJRSA will need to publicly solicit work (est. \$140,000)
16	Southern Oconee Sewer PS/FM H2S Control <u>STUDY</u> (CE, KL)	Garver Will Nading	Project #2025-06 10/31: Sent signed agreement to Garver. 90 days to completion per doc. 12/11: Garver has visited sites. 1/17/2025: W Nading said he will have draft to us soon for review. 1/31: Received draft report. 2/10: Provided comments to Garver.
17	Martin Creek PS Basin and Southern Westminster Trunk Sewer CCTV/Clean (KL, CE)	Secure Sewer & Svc Michael Bevelle	10/1: All contracted work is complete. OJRSA staff have to finish inspecting manholes and smoketest. 12/5: Finished additional work. 1/17: Smoke testing complete by OJRSA. COMPLETE.
18	Seneca Creek FM Replacement Constr Administration/Inspect (#2023-05; CE, KL)	GMC Michael Knapp	Reimbursible by Fountain Residential Properties LLC per agreement. 11/4: Board approved Corrective Easement for force main. 1/17/2025: Preconstruction meeting scheduled for 1/29. 2/3: Contractor began mobilization.
19	WRF Replace Disinfection System Lightning Mixer (JM)	OJRSA OJRSA Maint	10/14: Receive updated quote but it did not include upper bearing cost. 12/11: Ordered and expect to receive in February. \$44,432. Still need motor, which is easy to get. 2/4: Delivery date at end of February.
20	WRF Util Water Pump (1 unit only)/Valve, Flow Eq Flow Control, RAS/WAS Pump/Mag Meter/Valve Install (JM)	Cove Utility Jeff Caffrey	1/8/2025: Board approved earlier in week, executed agreement. 1/10: Longer lead items have been ordered by Cove. 2/17: Cove verified items at site. Everything has now been ordered.
21	WRF Waterproofing Admin Building Roof/Walls and Chloring Building Roof (KL)	BEE Group Rick Cook	To be funded with O&M Contingency. 12/3: Pre-bid meeting held. 12/4: Addendum #1 issued. 1/6/2025: Board approved \$110,145 plus owner contingency of NTE\$15,000. Will execute contract. 2/13: Pre-con meeting held. Items are now on order.

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22	WRF Paving Around Biosolids Storage Pad and Solids Processing Building (KL)	TMS Asphalt TBD	9/17: May need this money for dewatering project concrete. 10/14: KL cannot get anyone to return calls or come see site. Will need to begin again. 12/11: Have 3 quotes, will award soon. 2/4/2025: Have awarded. 2/17: Work to be done in March or April.
23	WRF Tank & Wet Well Clanouts (Primary Splitter Box and Digester #1) (JM)	Greenstone Const TBD	10/18: KL finalizing draft solicitation for bid. 10/24: Ad on SCBO. 11/26: Issued Addendum #1. 12/4: Received bids. Low bid--Greenstone Construction. 12/16: Contract executed. 2/17/2025: Started work on Digester 1.
24	WRF Replace/Paint Walkway Handrails (continued from FY 2024) (JM)	TBD	8/6: Purchased more paint. 10/14: Front end of plant complete. Now painting some items on back end of plant.
25	WRF Digesters/Solids Handling Tanks Grinder Rebuild (MD)	TBD	8/6: Getting updated quotes. 9/3: Has been ordered. 9/17: Rebuild kit arrived last week. 10/4: COMPLETE .
26	WRF Biological Reactor Basin Oxic Zone Gearbox Replacement (JM)	OJRSA OJRSA Maint	9/17: Need updated quote for this and WRF Disinfection System Lightning Mixer. 10/14: KL to review. 12/11: Ordered. \$42,187. Still need motor, which is easy to get. 1/28/2025: COMPLETE .
27	EMERGENCY Hurricane Helene Debris Removal (KL, MM)	Strick's Forestry Donald Strickland	Contract not to exceed \$262,500. Grinding/removing debris from OJRSA easements. 1/24/2025: COMPLETE .
28	EMERGENCY Hurricane Helene Debris Management (KL, MM)	ICF Incorporated Larry Hughes	Have multi-term contract with ICF Incorporated LLC (1/23/2025 through 1/23/2028 with possibility for extension Contract NTE \$99K/FY. 2/12/2025: Cat A debris removal documentation presented to FEMA.
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FY2025 RESTRICTED FUND PROJECTS

PROJECTS MAY CARRY ACROSS BUDGET YEARS

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Row #	Restricted Fund Projects (Project Manager)	OJRSA Project #	Approx % Complete	Anticipated Completion	OJRSA Funding Amount (\$)	Max Funding by Others (\$)	PO/Contract Amount (\$)	RESTRICTED FUND PROJECT MILESTONES				Obligated/ Spent Curr + Prev Years (\$)	Budget Remaining (\$)	GL Code (XXXXX = get from Office Mgr)	Comp. Performing (and Project Mgr)
								Bids/RFQ/etc. Issue/Advertised	PO/Contract Signed	Started Work	Completed				
A	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2022 CONSTRUCTION SCIIP MATCH (CE, KL)	2024-02	100%	4/30/2024	351,291	0	351,291	7/28/2023	10/17/2023	12/4/2023	7/15/2024	316,577	34,714	PROJ & CONT 1501-09008	Tugalo Pipeline Ed Hare
B	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 ENGINEERING SCIIP MATCH (CE, KL)	2024-08	75%	8/31/2025	398,000	0	398,000	N/A	9/15/2023	10/3/2023		184,477	213,523	PROJ & CONT 1501-09009	WK Dickson Priya Verravalli
C	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 CONSTRUCTION SCIIP GRANT (CE, KL)		2%	8/31/2025	0	5,478,319	4,076,461	8/14/2024	11/20/2024	1/27/2025		0	4,076,461	PROJ & CONT 1501-09009	Frank Brinkley Bio-Nomic Services
D	Dewatering Equipment Replacement ENGINEERING SCIIP MATCH (KL)	2024-06	75%	PHASE II 6/30/2026	440,300	0	440,300	9/15/2023	12/19/2023	1/11/2024		213,249	227,051	PROJ & CONT 1501-09011	KCI Technologies Tom Vollmar
E	Dewatering Equipment Replacement CONSTRUCTION SCIIP GRANT (KL)		5%	PHASE II 6/30/2026	0	2,800,000	30,000	3/22/2024	7/30/2024	7/26/2024		0	30,000	PROJ & CONT 1501-09011	Harper GC Justin Jones
F	Exit 4/Oconee Manufacturing Park ("Sewer South Phase III") PS/Sewer ENGINEERING (CE)	TBD	98%	11/1/2024	0	0	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ	N/A OCONEE CO PROJ	Sometime in 2022		0	0	TBD	Thomas & Hutton Lee Brackett
G	Flat Rock PS Replacement ENGINEERING/CONST SVCS SCIIP MATCH (CE)	2022-03	100%	10/23/2024	177,800	0	177,800	2/14/2022	7/5/2055	7/1/2022	10/10/2024	151,548	26,252	PROJ & CONT 1501-09005	KCI Technologies Tom Vollmar
H	Flat Rock PS Replacement CONSTRUCTION SCIIP GRANT (CE)	2024-03	100%	9/30/2024	0	1,321,656	1,321,656	6/7/2023	8/29/2023	3/25/2024	8/27/2024	1,321,656	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-09005	Cove Utilities Jeff Caffery
I	Oconee County & Western Andeson County Sewer Master Plan (CE)	2022-01	100%	6/3/2024	217,800	100,000	317,800	N/A	8/9/2023	9/12/2023	7/1/2024	317,476	324	PROJ & CONT 1501-09007	Weston & Sampson Kip Gearhart
J	Regional Sewer Feasibility Study RIA GRANT (CE)	2024-01	100%	11/29/2024	0	100,000	100,000	5/26/2023	10/10/2023	11/8/2023	9/9/2024	100,000	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-09010	WK Dickson Angie Mettlen
K	I-85 Corridor Phase II ENG/INSPECT SVCS COUNTY FUNDED (CE)	2019-XX	99%	10/31/2024	0	480,850	480,850	Inherited from Oconee Co	5/4/2023	5/4/2023		384,779	96,071	SSF: CIP 1401-06050	Davis & Floyd John Reynolds
L	I-85 Corridor Phase II CONSTRUCTION EDA/RIA/COUNTY FUNDED (CE)	2023-06	100%	10/31/2024	0	12,311,447	11,687,329	9/27/2022	3/23/2023	6/1/2023	2/4/2025	11,687,329	(0)	SSF: CIP 1401-06050	Kevin Moorhead Moorhead Construct
M	Martin Creek PS Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review (KL, CE)	2025-03	90%	3/31/2025	96,000	0	96,000	Consent Order Prof Svcs	9/30/2024			20,367	75,633	PROJ & CONT 1501-09012	Priya Verravalli WK Dickson
N	Southern Westminster Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review (KL, CE)	2025-03	90%	3/31/2025	76,000	0	76,000	Consent Order Prof Svcs	9/30/2024			11,104	64,896	PROJ & CONT 1501-09012	Priya Verravalli WK Dickson
O	Martin Crk PS Basin Flow Study and Compare to Perkins Crk PS Basin to Quantify I/I (CE)	2025-03	0%	3/31/2025	45,000	0	45,000	Consent Order Prof Svcs	9/30/2024			3,094	41,906	PROJ & CONT 1501-09013	Priya Verravalli WK Dickson
P	Speeds Creek PS Force Main Replacement ENGINEERING (CE, KL)	TBD	0%	TBD								0	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-TBD	TBD
Q	Speeds Creek PS Force Main Replacement CONSTRUCTION (CE, KL)		0%	TBD									0	0	PROJ & CONT 1501-TBD
R	I-85 Corridor Phase II Streambank Stabilization & Welcome Center Waterline (CE)	2019-XX	0%	TBD	0	78,650	78,650	Contract Amend #3	2/20/2025			0	78,650	SSF: CIP 1401-06050	Davis & Floyd John Reynolds
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					1,802,191	22,670,922	19,677,137	TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS OBLIGATED/ACTUAL TO DATE:				14,711,655	4,965,481	TOTAL AWARDED BUDGET REMAINING	

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A	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2022 CONSTRUCTION SCIIP MATCH (CE, KL)	Carryover from FY 2023 OJRSA CONG: \$40,000 . 5/20: COMPLETE. Used \$6,785.98 of budgeted/approved Owner Contingency for additional concrete work on final repair.
B	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 ENGINEERING SCIIP MATCH (CE, KL)	PO/Contract Amount includes \$700,000 owner contingency 11/7: Setting up pre-con meeting for mid-November. Construction to start early 2025. 11/20: Pre-con held today. NTP for 1/2/2025. Bio-Nomic to send out construction schedule and shop drawings for engineer review. 1/21/2025: Bio-Nomic was scheduled to start this week but delayed one week due to incoming winter weather. 1/27: Began CCTV work.
C	Consent Order SSES/Rehab 2023 CONSTRUCTION SCIIP GRANT (CE, KL)	
D	Dewatering Equipment Replacement ENGINEERING SCIIP MATCH (KL)	11/4: 60% completion should be complete by end of week. Cost around \$3.8-3.9M currently and will operate 100% of current plant's rating. 11/7: Authorized KCI to use \$3,000 of project contingency for redoing layout for Schwing presses. 12/2: Signed Construction Permit Application, etc.
E	Dewatering Equipment Replacement CONSTRUCTION SCIIP GRANT (KL)	1/6/2025: Received 90% plans, Jackson Electric visited site to assess. 1/22: Received SCDES construction permit application payment request of \$550. 2/4: Board approved contracts. Signed, submitted stormwater permit application.
F	Exit 4/Oconee Manufacturing Park ("Sewer South Phase III") PS/Sewer ENGINEERING (CE)	9/23: Received revision. Need to begin working on an agreement. 10/8: Approved all plans. Need info from T&H. Sent Lee Brackett email for info. 1/6/2025: T&H submitted const permit app to SCDES.
G	Flat Rock PS Replacement ENGINEERING/CONST SVCS SCIIP MATCH (CE)	9/3: Rain over weekend caused washing. Contractor to better stabilize area. 9/17: Cove/KCI have identified some solutions for stabilization. 9/18: Received SCDES Permit to Operate. Need record drawings, electronic files, site stabilization completion, etc. 10/10: Received final engineering invoice. 10/14: Received GIS information. COMPLETE. Retained approx. \$26,252 for PM and inspection funds not used, making OJRSA funding amount \$151,548.
H	Flat Rock PS Replacement CONSTRUCTION SCIIP GRANT (CE)	
I	Oconee County & Western Andeson County Sewer Master Plan (CE)	To continue under #2022-01 (Fair Play and Townville Area Sewer Basin Plan). 6/26: Provided W&S comments on draft. Have received 1/2 of "grant" for study. 7/1: Presented to Board and report finalized and put on website. 8/5: Board adopted. COMPLETE.
J	Regional Sewer Feasibility Study RIA GRANT (CE)	8/5: Presented to Board as draft. Needs to be finalized. Will be considered 9/9. 9/9: Board approved. Next phase is implementation. This will be tracked in FY2025 O&M Projects. COMPLETE. 10/31: Received RIA Grant Close Out Letter.
K	I-85 Corridor Phase II ENG/INSPECT SVCS COUNTY FUNDED (CE)	1/29: Withdrew LD assessment but Moorhead still has some punchlist items remaining. These were addressed in letter sent to Kevin Moorhead. Final pay app (#12) processed. Still some engineering work remaining. 2/5: Still need GIS from D&F. 2/5: Received message from A Brock saying county approved Amendment #3 contract for streambank stabilization and water line. She will sign. Amount-\$78,650. 2/6: Received update letter from Justin Brooks w/ Moorhead.
L	I-85 Corridor Phase II CONSTRUCTION EDA/RIA/COUNTY FUNDED (CE)	
M	Martin Creek PS Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review (KL, CE)	1/2/2025: KL to see if it is complete or if they still need smoke test info. Need to now look at flow study analysis. 1/9: Received prelim report from WKD. Will review and provide comments. 1/27: Provided comments to Priya.
N	Southern Westminster Basin Trunk Sewer CCTV Engineer Review (KL, CE)	11/7: WKD began spot checking data. 12/12: Waiting on missing CCTV data and smoke test results. 1/2/2025: Engineer now has all CCTV data. They still need smoke testing. 1/27: Provided smoke test data to engineer.
O	Martin Crk PS Basin Flow Study and Compare to Perkins Crk PS Basin to Quantify I/I (CE)	11/7: WK Dickson waiting on "frequent" storm for I/I analysis. TS Helene will be considered Act of God and not appropriate to use for study. 12/12: Rainfall event on 12/10 considered first qualifying event. WKD continuing to monitor flow meters.
P	Speeds Creek PS Force Main Replacement ENGINEERING (CE, KL)	CONSENT ORDER ITEM 7/15/2024: As identified in the 20 Year Master Plan, this force main should be replaced with similar sized pipe. 2/3/2025: Mentioned during board meeting that we had another break on line and it was mentioned that OJRSA will have to begin design during next fiscal year.
Q	Speeds Creek PS Force Main Replacement CONSTRUCTION (CE, KL)	B Faires asked to have this added as an agenda item for O&P Comm meeting.
R	I-85 Corridor Phase II Streambank Stabilization & Welcome Center Waterline (CE)	2/10/2025: Received signed agreement from A Brock, CE executed agreement and sent to D&F. 2/10: Roger Sears responded to R Love's email saying water line will need to be handled through encroachment process.
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OCONEE JOINT REGIONAL SEWER AUTHORITY 20-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN & REHABILITATION PLAN

Includes projects identified in *Oconee County & Western Anderson County Sewer Master Plan Scenario 4* as recommended by Weston & Sampson/Bolton & Menk (2024) and known/anticipated O&M and rehabilitation projects. All costs in July 2024 Dollars.

December 2024 (priorities updated February 2025)

Priorities -- **1A:** Critical O&M/Consent Order with No Growth **1B:** Critical O&M/Consent Order with Growth **2:** Approaching End of Life with No Growth **3:** Approaching End of Life with Growth **4:** Growth Only **N/A:** Not Applicable

PRIORITY	PROJECT	LOCATION	DRIVER	FUNDING SOURCE	FISCAL YEAR(S)	CONSENT ORDER	SIGNIF O&M COST?	TOTAL PROJECT COST	PRIORITY COST	CUMULATIVE COST
1A	Systemwide Improvements (Rehab 100% of System Plus Misc. Gravity Sewer Improvements)	Conveyance	O&M	Primary Debt	ALL 20 YEARS = \$1,228,750/Yr	YES	No	\$ 24,575,000		
	CCTV/Cleaning	Conveyance	O&M	Annual (O&M)	ALL 20 YEARS = \$200,000/Yr	YES	YES	\$ 4,000,000		
	Engineering/Flow Metering	Conveyance	O&M	Annual (O&M)	ALL 20 YEARS = \$800,000/Yr	YES	YES	\$ 8,000,000		
	GIS/Mapping	Conveyance	O&M	Annual (O&M)	ALL 20 YEARS = \$29,550/Yr	YES	YES	\$ 591,000		
	Coneross Influent PS Replace Soft Starts	WRF	O&M	Annual (O&M)	2026	No	No	\$ 104,650		
	Primary Clarifiers: Prim Clarifier Sludge #3 Pump Replacement	WRF	O&M	Annual (O&M)	2026	No	No	\$ 30,000		
	Choestoea Creek PS Replacement	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	YES	No	\$ 2,887,500		
	Pelham Creek PS Replacement CAN BE ELIMINATED BY DAVIS CREEK SEWER PROJECT	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 2,000,000		
	Speeds Creek Force Main Replacement	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	YES	No	\$ 2,713,000		
	Aeration: Gate Replacements	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 300,000		
	Aeration: Motor Repair / Replacement	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 107,620		
	Biological Reactor Basin: Valve / Gate Replacements	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 293,020		
	Digesters / Sludge Holding Tanks: Mixer Replacement for #1	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 273,000		
	Digesters / Sludge Holding Tanks: Replace Blowers	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 560,300		
	Electrical: Backup Power - Portable Generator Connection (inc. Engineering)	WRF	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 212,875		
	Flow Equalization & Storage: Day Tank Mixing and Control Equipment	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 232,473		
	Secondary Clarifiers: Rebuild / Replace Mechanical Equipment	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 375,800		
	Coneross Influent PS Flood Protection	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2027-2028	No	No	\$ 154,700		
	Digesters / Sludge Holding Tanks: Repair Decanter System	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2029-2030	No	No	\$ 149,500		
	ISS PS Replacement	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2033-2034	No	No	\$ 1,155,000	\$ 48,715,438	
1B	Martin Creek H2S Control	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	YES	\$ 1,000,000		
	Millbrook PS Upgrade CAN BE ELIMINATED BY DAVIS CREEK SEWER PROJECT	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	YES	\$ 2,000,000		
	Perkins Creek PS Replacement	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	2026-2027	YES	No	\$ 6,930,000		
	Seneca Creek PS Upgrade POSSIBLE ELIMINATION BY DAVIS CREEK SEWER PROJECT	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	2026-2027	No	YES	\$ 3,750,000		
	Coneross Creek WRF Upgrade Phase 1 (Upgrade to 10.4 mgd)	WRF	Growth	Primary Debt	2027-2032	No	YES	\$ 52,000,000		
	Martin Creek Pump Station & Force Main	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	2034-2035	YES	No	\$ 38,486,000	\$ 104,166,000	\$ 152,881,438
2	Septage Receiving Station: Rehabilitation	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026	No	No	\$ 85,000		
	Digesters / Sludge Holding Tanks: Blower Room Repairs	WRF	O&M	Annual (O&M)	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 14,960		
	Primary Clarifiers: Scum Pump #2 Replacement	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 40,000		
	Secondary Clarifiers: Replace RAS Valves and Check Valves	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 70,000		
	Primary Clarifiers: Rehabilitate Distribution Box	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2027-2028	No	No	\$ 86,710		
	Cane Creek PS Upgrade	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2031-2032	No	No	\$ 2,887,500		
	Cryovac PS Upgrade	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2032-2033	No	No	\$ 1,155,000		
	Speeds Creek PS Replacement	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	2034-2035	No	No	\$ 4,620,000		
	Wexford PS Replacement	Conveyance	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2034-2035	No	No	\$ 1,155,000	\$ 10,114,170	\$ 162,995,608
3	US 123 / 76 West Seneca RR Bridge Crossing / Bottleneck	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2026-2027	No	No	\$ 1,000,000		
	Davis Creek Road Gravity Sewer / PS Elimination	Conveyance	Growth/O&M	Primary Debt	2026-2028	No	No	\$ 5,281,000	\$ 6,281,000	\$ 169,276,608
4	Davis Creek Road No. 1 Pump Station & Force Main (Newry Area development)	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	2026-2028	No	YES	\$ 22,143,000		
	Martin Creek Gravity Sewer (needed to serve Newry Area development)	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	2026-2028	No	No	\$ 7,318,000		
	Newry Area Pump Station & Force Main	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	2026-2029	No	YES	\$ 19,751,000		
	Richland Creek Trunk Sewer Extension	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	2026-2029	No	No	\$ 7,900,000		
	Richland Road Gravity Sewer	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	2027-2028	No	No	\$ 2,100,000		
	Primary Clarifiers: Alkalinity Control	WRF	O&M	Cash &/or Debt	2029-2030	No	YES	\$ 694,850		
	West Perkins Creek Gravity Sewer	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	2032-2034	No	No	\$ 5,132,000		
	Lower Westminster Gravity Sewer	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	2036-2038	No	No	\$ 1,872,000		
	Shiloh Road Gravity Sewer	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	2036-2037	No	No	\$ 1,802,000		
	Flat Rock Downstream Gravity Sewer	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	2040-2042	No	No	\$ 1,890,000		
	Coneross Creek WRF Upgrade Phase 2 (Upgrade to 13.0 mgd)	WRF	Growth	Primary Debt	2040-2045	No	YES	\$ 52,000,000		
	Lower Seneca Creek Sewer Improvements	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	2041-2043	No	YES	\$ 4,033,000		
	Choestoea Creek Gravity Sewer	Conveyance	Growth	Cash &/or Debt	2042-2044	No	No	\$ 1,790,000		
West Oak Sewer Extension	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	2042-2044	No	YES	\$ 4,712,000			
Valley View Sewer Improvements	Conveyance	Growth	Primary Debt	2043-2045	No	YES	\$ 5,459,000	\$ 138,596,850	\$ 307,873,458	
N/A	I-85 Region Sewer OCONEE COUNTY FUNDED (2022 Dollars: \$16,000,000)	Conveyance	Growth	Oconee Co	TBD	No	YES	\$ -		
	TBD	TBD (if needed)	TBD (if needed)	N/A	TBD	No	No	\$ -		
	TBD	TBD (if needed)	TBD (if needed)	N/A	TBD	No	No	\$ -		
								\$ 307,873,458		

Priority/Fiscal Years	Total Project Costs/Fiscal Years
1A	\$ 48,715,438
2026	\$ 134,650
2026-2027	\$ 9,955,588
2027-2028	\$ 154,700
2029-2030	\$ 149,500
2033-2034	\$ 1,155,000
ALL 20 YEARS = \$1,228,750/Yr	\$ 24,575,000
ALL 20 YEARS = \$200,000/Yr	\$ 4,000,000
ALL 20 YEARS = \$800,000/Yr	\$ 8,000,000
ALL 20 YEARS = \$29,550/Yr	\$ 591,000
1B	\$ 104,166,000
2026-2027	\$ 13,680,000
2027-2032	\$ 52,000,000
2034-2035	\$ 38,486,000
2	\$ 10,114,170
2026	\$ 85,000
2026-2027	\$ 124,960
2027-2028	\$ 86,710
2031-2032	\$ 2,887,500
2032-2033	\$ 1,155,000
2034-2035	\$ 5,775,000
3	\$ 6,281,000
2026-2027	\$ 1,000,000
2026-2028	\$ 5,281,000
4	\$ 138,596,850
2026-2028	\$ 29,461,000
2026-2029	\$ 27,651,000
2027-2028	\$ 2,100,000
2029-2030	\$ 694,850
2032-2034	\$ 5,132,000
2036-2037	\$ 1,802,000
2036-2038	\$ 1,872,000
2040-2042	\$ 1,890,000
2040-2045	\$ 52,000,000
2041-2043	\$ 4,033,000
2042-2044	\$ 6,502,000
2043-2045	\$ 5,459,000
N/A	\$ -
TBD	\$ -
TBD	\$ -
TBD	\$ -
Grand Total	\$ 307,873,458

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H. 3656**STATUS INFORMATION**

General Bill

Sponsors: Reps. Ligon and Hardee

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Summary: Wells and Septic Tanks

HISTORY OF LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

Date	Body	Action Description with journal page number
12/12/2024	House	Prefiled
12/12/2024	House	Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs
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2/4/2025	House	Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Hardee

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A BILL

11 TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-1-320 SO AS
12 TO PROHIBIT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FROM DENYING
13 PROPERTY OWNERS THE RIGHT TO REPAIR OR REPLACE A WELL OR SEPTIC TANK IN
14 CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
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16 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

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18 SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

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20 Section 44-1-320. The Department of Environmental Services shall not deny a property owner the
21 right to repair and replace any well or septic tank existing on the effective date of this act solely because
22 of any other available water or sewer service, or both.
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24 SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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27 **Received from South Carolina Water Quality Association by email on February 10, 2024:**

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29 **The bill is being pushed by the SC Groundwater Association (well-drillers).**

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31 **3656 AMENDMENT 1**

32 **ADD AN APPROPRIATELY NUMBERED SUBSECTION THAT READS:**

- 33 a. A county, municipality, or water authority shall not deny or prohibit the installation of a private
- 34 irrigation water well, regardless of whether the property is connected to, or served by, a public water
- 35 system.
- 36 b. The irrigation water well shall not be interconnected to plumbing that is connected to any public
- 37 water system and will be used for irrigation or other non-potable purposes only.
- 38 c. For purposes of this section, "irrigation water well" means a well that produces water for uses other
- 39 than human consumption, to include, but not be limited to, lawn and landscape watering.
- 40 d. A county, municipality, or water authority shall not deny or prohibit the installation of a septic system
- 41 on a parcel of land that meets Department of Environmental Services guidelines for a septic system,
- 42 regardless of whether the property is connected to, or served by, a public sewer system.



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About us

Piedmont Municipal Power Agency ("PMPA") was created in accordance with an act of the South Carolina General Assembly. PMPA was incorporated in 1979.

PMPA is a Joint Action Agency that supplies wholesale electric services to its members, ten municipalities which furnish electricity to their citizens. These cities are Abbeville, Clinton, Easley, Gaffney, Greer, Laurens, Newberry, Rock Hill, Union, and Westminster. There are 45 Joint Action Agencies in the United States.

PMPA supplies the majority of its members' needs for wholesale power through its ownership of 25% of Unit No. 2 of the Catawba Nuclear Station, located in York County. The plant was constructed and is operated by Duke Energy. The owners of Catawba include PMPA, Duke, North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, and the North Carolina Municipal Power Agency No. 1. PMPA also purchases supplemental capacity and energy from Santee Cooper. These resources, combined with allocations from the Southeastern Power Administration, other smaller wholesale power purchases, and member-owned, load-side generation, supply all of PMPA's members' needs. PMPA began supplying wholesale electricity services to its members in June 1985.

PMPA serves no retail customers. Its members serve approximately 100,000 electric meters.

Ninety-percent of the energy supplied by PMPA to its members is CO₂ emission-free (85% from nuclear capacity and 5% from hydroelectric resources). In light of this energy mix, the SC Climate, Energy, and Commerce Advisory Committee included the following language in Appendix H of its final report in addressing the implementation mechanisms of an Efficiency and Renewable Portfolio Standard:

"Provision should be made to address or exempt the inclusion of Piedmont Municipal Power Agency...Piedmont currently generates over 90% of its power from nuclear and renewable resources."

With regard to energy efficiency, PMPA has a committee composed of board members who study specific demand-side management and energy efficiency projects to be recommended for board approval. One such recommendation has resulted in a demand-side management program currently underway. PMPA is a member of the American Public Power Association's Demonstration of Energy Efficient Developments program. Further, PMPA's largest member, the City of Rock Hill, is highly involved in LEED and other energy efficiency housing programs, as well as the offering of incentives for the installation of high-efficiency heat pumps. Rock Hill is sharing data collected through these programs to be used by PMPA's other members in determining whether to establish such programs themselves. All of PMPA's members offer energy saving information and energy audits to their customers.

Municipal Bonds and Public Power

- The American Public Power Association (APPA) believes that tax-exempt municipal bonds are the single most effective tool for financing investments in public infrastructure, including the generation, transmission, and distribution infrastructure used to serve public power utility customers.
- Imposing a tax on municipal bond interest would, in effect, impose a federal tax on the investments needed to build three-quarters of the nation's infrastructure: investments that make commerce possible and communities livable.
- APPA believes that the federal tax exclusion for municipal bond interest should be strengthened through commonsense reforms, including:
 - Reinstating the ability to issue tax-exempt advance refunding bonds;
 - Simplifying municipal bond private-use rules; and
 - Increasing the current small-issuer exception limit from \$10 million to \$30 million.

Background

A municipal bond is a debt instrument issued for a year or longer, under which the bond holder typically receives annual or biannual interest payments (coupons) until the bond principal is repaid on a specified date (maturity). These payments are exempt from federal income tax, just as interest on U.S. Treasury bonds are exempt from state and local taxation. An issuer can redeem (i.e., "call") a bond before maturity but generally only after a certain period. For example, a 10-year call date is typical for a bond with a 30-year maturity.

State and local governments have issued municipal bonds to finance long-term projects for centuries. Today, there are nearly \$3.3 trillion in outstanding municipal bonds.¹ Historically, nearly three-quarters of the core infrastructure investment in the U.S. has been financed by state and local government bonds. Bonds finance the investments that make our communities livable and commerce possible. This includes nearly \$70 billion in municipal bonds issued in the last decade to finance public power investments.² These include power generation, distribution, reliability, demand control, efficiency, and emissions control projects—all of which are needed to deliver safe, affordable, and reliable electricity.

Since the creation of the federal income tax in 1913, interest on government-purpose municipal bonds has been exempt from federal income tax, just as federal bonds are exempt from state and local taxes. Since then, the federal government has taken steps to regulate municipal bonds, including taxing the interest on bonds determined to be for "private," not governmental use and to limit the ability to use tax-exempt debt to refinance existing debt.

Investors purchase municipal bonds from nearly 42,000 state and local issuers. In part, investors are driven by tax considerations, accepting a lower rate of return because the interest is exempt from federal income tax. These savings are used to make further investments or are passed on to residents in the form of lower rates. Investors also value municipal bonds for their ability to generate a steady stream of revenue for fixed-income households. Individual households own roughly 70 percent of municipal bonds either

¹ Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Financial Accounts of the United States, Third Quarter 2024, (December 2024), at 86.

² The Bond Buyer, 2023 in Statistics, Annual Review (Feb. 13, 2024)(at A8)

and create a new direct payment bond called an American Infrastructure Bond, akin to the Build America Bond. Credit payments would initially be 42 percent of interest for bonds issued before 2029 but phased down over time to 30 percent for bonds issued after 2030. APPA appreciates the goal of the legislation to increase the small-issuer exception cap.

In March of 2024, the House Republican Study Committee (RSC) released its “Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposal.” It would have, among other provisions, eliminated “miscellaneous tax carve outs” including the tax exemption for municipal bonds. The House of Representatives did not debate a Fiscal Year 2025 budget resolution in 2024 and so, the RSC plan never came to a formal vote.

On January 17, 2025, House Budget Committee Chairman Jody Arrington (R-TX) released a 51-page list of tax and spending options for consideration under budget reconciliation, including a complete repeal of the tax exemption for municipal bonds estimated to raise \$250 billion over 10 years. Combined with a repeal of “preferences” for private activity bonds and direct payment bonds, bond provisions are the third largest of the 21 income tax increases proposed by the list.

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ISSUE BRIEF January 2025

The Importance of Natural Gas for Electric Reliability and Affordability

- Natural gas is an important electric generation fuel that will continue to play an instrumental role in the electric system for the foreseeable future.
- The American Public Power Association (APPA) supports federal policies that help ensure a reliable and affordable supply of natural gas to support a reliable and resilient power grid and reasonable electric rates for customers.
- APPA supports higher standards for delivery, notification, and transparency from the natural gas industry, whether the industry adopts and implements those standards voluntarily or through increased government oversight.

Background

The electric and natural gas industries are interdependent, and recent developments, including extreme winter storms, significant fluctuations in natural gas commodity prices, and greater reliance on intermittent electric generation technologies, such as wind and solar, have brought a heightened focus on the relationship between these industries.

Natural gas has grown significantly as an electric generation fuel source in recent years, and natural gas-fired generation is expected to continue to play an important role in the nation's resource mix for the foreseeable future. In 2023, natural gas accounted for nearly 43.5 percent of utility-scale electricity generation in the United States.¹ Many public power utilities rely on natural gas-fired electric generation, either owned or contracted through bilateral or organized wholesale electric markets. "Natural gas-fired generators are essential for meeting demand; they are dispatchable at any hour and provide a consistent rated output under a wide range of conditions," the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) said in its 2023 Long-Term Reliability Assessment.

However, NERC wrote, "sufficient natural gas fuel supplies cannot be assured without better reliability measures and the effective coordination between the operators and planners of both electricity and natural gas infrastructures." The 2024 Long-Term Reliability Assessment reiterated these same points. Jurisdiction for siting and permitting interstate natural gas pipelines resides primarily with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and pipeline certificate applications are also subject to National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review. Aside from the importance of natural gas to electric reliability, the price of natural gas often directly impacts the wholesale price of electricity, both within and outside of organized wholesale markets.

The severe arctic weather event known as Winter Storm Uri in February 2021 vividly illustrated the reliability and economic interdependencies between the electric and natural gas sectors. During Winter Storm Uri, there was a massive decline in natural gas production, with natural gas fuel supply struggling to meet both residential heating load and electric generating unit demand for natural gas. Although natural gas is an essential fuel for home heating, electric generation, and other critical uses, the price of the natural gas commodity is fully deregulated. For example, during Winter Storm Uri, natural gas prices spiked from roughly \$3 per million British thermal units (MBtu) at most locations to \$100 to \$400 per MBtu at many hubs, and over \$1,000 at some locations. These high fuel prices contributed to soaring wholesale electricity costs in some regions. Some of the same natural gas and electric interdependencies were observed during Winter Storm Elliott in December 2022, with several regions engaging in controlled outages to preserve system stability.

¹ EIA 2023 <https://www.eia.gov/electricity/data/eia923/>

ISSUE BRIEF January 2025

U.S. Federal Power Program: The PMAs and TVA

- The American Public Power Association (APPA) strongly opposes proposals to divest the transmission assets of the Power Marketing Administrations (PMAs) and to change their cost-based rate structure to a market-based rate structure.
- APPA supports the continued existence and federal ownership of the PMAs and Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and the sale of federally generated hydropower at cost-based rates.
- APPA urges Congress and the Trump administration to ensure that the “beneficiary pays” principle is respected so that federal hydropower customers are not saddled with extra costs from which they derive no benefit.

Background

The federal PMAs provide millions of Americans served by not-for-profit public power utilities and rural electric cooperatives with cost-based hydroelectric power produced at federal dams operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). TVA provides power to 153 public power utilities and rural electric cooperatives serving more than 10 million people in Tennessee and parts of six surrounding states. It was established by Congress in 1933 to provide rural electrification, economic development, flood control, and navigation along the Tennessee River, services that continue to this day. The PMAs and TVA are funded exclusively by ratepayers—no costs are borne by taxpayers. Though often overlooked, they are examples of successful, long-term partnerships between the federal government and local not-for-profit entities that provide valuable energy and infrastructure services to communities and the entire nation.

There are four PMAs—Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), Southwestern Power Administration (SWPA), and Southeastern Power Administration (SEPA). These entities market (sell) wholesale electric power to approximately 1,200 public power utilities, rural electric cooperatives, irrigation districts, tribes, and other entities (“preference customers”) in 33 states.¹ Each PMA and the customers they serve are unique in statute, but alike in mission. The concept of “preference”—giving not-for-profit utilities first dibs to buy power produced at federal dams—has been in law for over 80 years. The reasoning behind this concept is that rivers are public goods and as such, the power they generate should not be sold at a profit. Not-for-profit public power utilities and rural electric cooperatives buy the power generated at federal hydropower dams at a price that covers the entire cost of generating the power, plus investment costs, and operations and maintenance for both the PMAs and the Corps or Reclamation (rates are “cost-based”). The PMAs annually review their rates to ensure full cost recovery. None of the costs are borne by taxpayers. Power rates also help to cover the costs of other activities authorized by these multi-purpose projects, such as navigation, flood control, water supply, environmental programs, and recreation.

¹ The following states receive a portion of their power from the PMAs: BPA: Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana (part); WAPA: Arizona, California, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas (part), Minnesota, Montana (part), North Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas (part), Utah, and Wyoming; SWPA: Arkansas, Kansas (part), Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas (part); SEPA: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

In January 2024, Senator Mark Kelly (D-AZ), Senator Krysten Sinema (I-AZ), and Representative Celeste Maloy (R-UT) introduced the Hydropower Delivery Rate-reduction Offset (HYDRO) Act (S. 3581/H.R. 6974). The bill would direct WAPA to reduce fees paid by public power utilities and other customers if Colorado River Basin hydropower facilities do not generate a minimum amount of electricity due to drought. APPA strongly supported this legislation.

BPA – The United States and Canada agreed to the Columbia River Treaty (CRT) in 1964 for the mutual development of the Columbia River power and flood control systems. Under the treaty, the U.S. provides payments to Canada, called the Canadian Entitlement (CE), in the form of returned power generation. The CE amount is calculated using a formula from 1961, which was based on the expected improvement to U.S. hydropower generation capability due to Canadian storage. Today, these calculations exceed the actual benefits of coordinated operations by an estimated 70-90 percent. An equitable rebalancing of this problem is worth more than a billion dollars to U.S. consumers at a time when many are already facing rising energy prices. In July 2024, the United States and Canada agreed to an agreement in principle to modernize the CRT, supported by official interim measures announced by the State Department in November, to decrease the CE by 37 percent and for the Canadian firm Powerex to pay for 1,120 MW of transmission rights previously held by BPA to deliver the CE. Talks between the two nations continue. APPA urges Congress to press the State Department and the entire negotiating team working under National Security Council officials to move faster on renegotiating the treaty with a particular emphasis on rebalancing the power provisions between the U.S. and Canada.

SEPA – With the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-53) and the Disaster Supplemental Appropriations Act (P.L. 117-43), the Corps revealed that SEPA could be asked to repay nearly \$500 million in stimulus funds through hydropower rates. These funds have been directed to support work at Corps multipurpose projects on a variety of non-hydropower related projects. Yet, the Corps' cost accounting proposes to report to SEPA hundreds of millions in costs that should be borne by other project purposes. APPA supports efforts to improve the transparency in accounting for costs to ensure that hydropower customers are not asked to bear costs unrelated to hydropower production.

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ISSUE BRIEF January 2025

Sequestration of Bond and Tax Credit Payments

- The American Public Power Association (APPA) strongly supports legislation to end the threat of sequestration of federal payments related to Build America Bonds (BABs) and elective payment energy tax credits.
- APPA believes that sequestration of payments to BAB issuers and other direct payments bonds is tantamount to a breach of contract for financial deals negotiated more than a decade ago.
- APPA believes that the threat of sequestration of elective payment tax credits needlessly clouds investment decisions for public power utilities and rural electric cooperatives, which collectively serve nearly 30 percent of the nation's retail customers.

Background

During the 2008 credit crisis, traditional municipal bond investors pulled out of the market and interest rates soared. To provide liquidity to these markets—and in turn encourage the sorts of infrastructure investments that municipal bonds finance—the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 created the BAB. A BAB meets the same requirements as any other government-purpose municipal bond, but instead of the interest being tax-exempt, the bond issuer receives a credit payment from the Treasury Department equal to 35 percent of the interest paid. Of the \$181 billion in BABs issued, 108 BABs worth \$16 billion financed power-related projects.¹ Of those, power-related BABs issuances, roughly \$13 billion remain outstanding.² New Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (New CREBs) are another form of “direct payment” bonds intended as an alternative to energy tax credits for which public power utilities were not eligible. Roughly \$540 million in New CREBs were issued by public power utilities, and roughly \$460 million remain outstanding.³ BABs were authorized to be issued in 2009 and 2010 only, and the ability to issue New CREBs was repealed in 2017.

The Inflation Reduction Act (P.L. 117-169) allowed certain energy tax credits to be claimed as elective payment tax credits, making them directly available to public power utilities and rural electric cooperatives for properties they own. Previously, as tax-exempt entities, public power utilities could not claim such credits.

A failure to meet deficit reduction targets under the Budget Control Act of 2011 (BCA) triggered the Department of Treasury to implement automatic cuts to federal mandatory (entitlement) spending programs beginning March 1, 2013, through a process called sequestration. Ignoring earlier statements by the Treasury Department⁴ and congressional intent,⁵ the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) decided in 2012 that BAB and New CREB credit payments to BAB and New CREB issuers were subject to sequestration.⁶ BCA sequestration cuts were originally supposed to end after 2021, but Congress has repeatedly extended

1 U.S. Department of Treasury, Treasury Analysis of Build America Bond Issuances and Savings, at 2 (May 16, 2011)

2 Bloomberg L.P., MSRC Screen (“active municipal” and “ARRA program” as criteria) on June 2, 2023

3 Id.

4 Tax Exempt and Taxable Government Bonds: Hearing before the H. Subcomm. on Select Revenues of the H. Comm. on Ways & Means, 111th Cong. 12 (2009) (Serial No. 111-22) (Statement of Alan B. Krueger, Assistant Sec’y of Treasury of the United States)

5 John Buckley, Remarks at the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center and George Mason Center for State and Local Government Leadership panel discussion Fallout from Federal Tax Reform: Implications for State and Local Revenues (Sept. 21, 2012) (Buckley, who as chief tax counsel for the House Ways and Means Committee helped write the BAB provision in ARRA, called OMB’s decision “extraordinary and strange”)

6 Office of Mgmt. & Budget, Exec. Office of the President, OMB Report Pursuant to the Sequestration Transparency Act of 2012 (P.L. 112-155), at 157 (Sept. 24, 2012)

Elective Pay Tax Credits

- Elective pay tax credits have bipartisan support and ensure that tax-based, federal energy incentives are available to all electric utilities.
- Without elective payment, local communities will pay for projects through power purchase agreements (PPAs), but banks and large corporations will get the tax benefits instead.
- Rules implementing elective payment tax credits must be simple and efficient to maximize locally owned energy production by public power utilities—nearly 1,600 of which serve rural communities.
- Domestic content rules threaten to block local ownership and control of energy production.
- Congress should preserve elective payment and ensure that domestic content rules do not bury viable projects with red tape.

Background

Since the mid-1900s, Congress has routinely sought to incentivize energy investments and energy production. This has been done through direct federal grants, subsidized loans, and loan guarantees, but the most significant and consistent incentives have been provided through the federal tax code. Since the 1970s, Congress has increasingly used federal tax incentives to encourage certain forms of energy investments in the United States. In more recent years, Congress has expanded and extended such incentives to promote non-emitting energy resources and reduce emissions from existing resources to address climate change. Today, tax policy is energy policy, with federal tax credits incentivizing investments in wind, solar, biogas, combined heat and cycle, hydropower, geothermal, energy storage, and nuclear power.

These energy tax credits are not intended to provide generalized relief from an owners' tax liability, but to encourage energy investments by reducing financial costs. However, until elective payment was enacted as part of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), tax-exempt entities could not directly benefit from tax credits for a facility that they owned. This included public power utilities and rural electric cooperatives that serve nearly 30 percent of U.S. retail customers, or about 100 million Americans. Instead, these tax-exempt, locally controlled utilities largely indirectly benefited from such credits by entering long-term PPAs with taxable entities that could claim these credits. Such contracts can be expensive and deny the purchaser the benefit of direct ownership and control. Additionally, only a portion of the value of the tax credit was passed on to the purchaser. A Joint Committee on Taxation analysis shows that companies with over \$1 billion in sales received more than 90 percent of the value of energy tax credits from 2018 through 2019 and about half of the value went specifically to banks and insurers offering tax-equity to project developers.¹

¹ Robert Harvey, Joint Committee on Taxation, Memorandum, Tentative Energy Credits by Industry (March 31, 2023); Robert Harvey, Joint Committee on Taxation, Memorandum, Distribution Data (March 31, 2023).

Transferability

In addition to PPAs and elective payments, some energy-related tax credits can be monetized by a public power utility by transferring the credit. This includes credits for carbon capture and sequestration and advanced nuclear facilities. As noted above, tax credit transferability for public power utilities and rural electric cooperatives enjoys broad bipartisan support and has been suggested in the past as a more comprehensive means by which to allow these entities to monetize energy tax credits.

Congressional Action

In April 2023, the House of Representatives passed on a party-line vote H.R. 2811, the Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023, a bill to increase the federal debt limit, but which would also have repealed the bulk of the IRA, including refundable elective pay tax credits. An amendment was proposed for consideration during House debate of H.R. 2811, by Rep. Derrick Van Orden (R-WI), which would have preserved refundable elective pay tax credits. The energy tax credit provisions were eventually dropped from debt limit legislation that was subsequently enacted into law. House Ways & Means Committee Chairman Jason Smith (R-MO) later introduced H.R. 3938, the Build It in America Act, which would repeal the extension and expansion of the ITC and PTC, but retain elective payment of other energy tax credits, including the existing ITC and PTC, and credits for carbon capture, alternative fuel refueling property, existing nuclear facilities, clean hydrogen, advanced manufacturing, and clean fuel production. APPA appreciates that the legislation retains elective payment for these energy credits. Conversely, while APPA has generally not taken a position on which specific technologies should receive tax credits, repealing the modified ITC and PTC without a replacement puts a cloud of uncertainty on such investments.

In anticipation of the expiration of roughly \$5 trillion in tax policy at the end of 2025, House and Senate tax-writing committees set up informal working groups and teams to educate committee members on the upcoming policy decisions that must be made, while also giving stakeholders a chance to make their case for retaining or modifying certain provisions, such as elective pay tax credits. As part of this process, some continue to advocate for the wholesale repeal of elective payment and other recent changes made to energy tax credits under the IRA, but a more studied approach seems more likely. To paraphrase lawmakers and staff—not everything will be repealed, by everything is on the menu.

APPA strongly supports retaining the elective payment mechanism and encourages Congress to ensure that domestic content requirements are workable.

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