



ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT
Kevin Bronson
Office of the City Administrator
Westminster, South Carolina

August 14, 2026

GENERAL INFORMATION

The William Bartram Statue Project

The Westminster William Bartram Statue Project website is available at
<https://www.williambartramsc.com>

This website will be used to inform the public about the project and seek donations to make it a reality. Once the project is complete the website will then be used to promote places and activities in Oconee County that inform, educate and entertain those interested about Bartram's legacy and the natural environment.

Downtown Streetscape Update

Main St is nearly at final grade. Sidewalk is complete at storefronts. Hydrants at Lucky St and Retreat St are complete. Retreat St demo is 50% complete. Prep for asphalt on main is in progress. Water taps and new mains have been completed.

The streetscape project is paid for with a combination of Community Development Block Grant, Appalachian Regional Commission Grant and Oconee County C-Funds.

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

- Football schedules are now posted on the Westminster Recreation Department Facebook Page.
- All Westminster Rec football teams will participate in the Pickens Jamboree this Saturday Aug 15.
- Sponsors are needed for fall sports. Contact the WRD at 864 647 3208 or message us on Facebook messenger for more information.
- The next travel baseball tournament is scheduled for August 22-23.
- We have several donated pieces of fall sports equipment. We have soccer shin guards, batting helmets, volleyball knee pads, etc. Anyone needing equipment should contact us at 864 647 3208 or message us on Westminster Recreation Department Facebook Messenger.

Horton Outdoor Recreational Area

Ribbon cutting is scheduled for Friday, August 21, 2026 at 4:00 pm.

Lucky Street, James Street, and Highland Avenue Water Improvements

Notice to Proceed was issued March 25, 2026. Construction schedule details 90 days to Substantial Completion, 105 days to Final Completion. Lucky St Water Main is 100% complete. Mimosa St Extension

Water Main install is completed as well. Highland Ave 6" main installation has been completed & tied into Norris. Work on 6" main for James St to Main st has begun, with the tie-in complete. Pressure test has passed. Will begin sampling this week for Permit to Operate.

Electric Undergrounding Project

UPA has completed all boring. Pads have been set. 100% of the wire has been pulled. 80% of terminations have been made. Switchgear has been delivered. One pad must be turned due to incorrect installation with about 26 connections left. Completion projected for the end of August.

SCADA Upgrade Project

The Notice to Proceed was issued March 26, 2026. The project schedule details 150 Days to Substantial Completion, 180 Days to final completion. The radio survey has been completed with excellent results. The design is in development, and graphics will be sent for approval soon. Radios & antennas have been delivered. Additional mounting hardware is still arriving. Onsite work is currently in progress with new radio antennas being mounted at each location.

Unity Tank Upgrade

The Unity Tank project is being funded through the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (SC RIA) and the City's 2025 Combined Utility System Bond. The DES construction permit has been approved, and the project has been approved by RIA to start the bidding process. Tentative dates are September 9/10 for pre-bid, and September 16/17 for bidding.

Fire Chief's Report

The Fire Chief's monthly incident report is attached.

SCOR Recovery Program

The South Carolina Office of Resilience is introducing the Hurricane Helene Housing Recovery Program. The fliers with details are attached.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Nothing to report.

Westminster Planning Commission

Nothing to report.

OJRSA

The Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee met on August 13th. The meeting agenda is attached.

Past and future meetings are available on OJRSA's YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@OconeeJRSA>

PMPA

Nothing to report (www.pmpa.com)

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August 20, 2026 at 10:00 am PMPA Board Meeting at PMPA

August 20, 2026 at 8:30 am OJRSA Operations & Planning Committee at OJRSA

August 25, 2026 at 9:00 am OJRSA Finance & Administration Committee at OJRSA (*corrected date*)

September 7, 2026 City Offices Closed in observance of Labor Day

September 8, 2026 at 6:00 pm City Council Meeting at the Westminster Fire Department

September 10, 2026 at 9:00 am OJRSA Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee at OJRSA

September 14, 2026 at 4:00 pm OJRSA Board Meeting at OJRSA

Special Events Calendar

South Carolina Apple Festival – September 10-12, 2026 Downtown Westminster

Read more about the festival here: <https://visitoconeesc.com/sc-apple-festival/>

South Carolina Bigfoot Festival – October 9-10, 2026 Downtown Westminster

For more information: <https://www.scbigfootfestival.com/schedule>

Veterans Day Parade – November 11, 2026

Time TBD. Main Street, Westminster.

Christmas Parade – December 4, 2026

Time TBD. Main Street, Westminster.



Westminster Fire Department Monthly Incident Report

Date	Time	Shift	Address	NFIRS #	Day Run 0800-2000	Night Run 2000-0800	Structure Fires 111	Other Fires 100	Explode Overpressure 200	EMS/ Rescue 300	Hazardous Materials 400	Service Calls 500	Good Intent 600	False Alarms 700	Weather Aid 900	Run Time (Closest 5 min) HRS:MIN	Cumulative Run Time (for month)	Jurisdiction			Property Dollars (Structure & Contents)	
																		City	County	Other District	Loss	Saved
1	01:06	C	191 Chauga Valley Rd	669		X	X									5:00	5:00		X	2401		
1	11:18	A	1609 Clearmont RD	670	X					X						:20	5:20		X			
1	12:04	A	298 Mountain RD	671	X					X						:15	5:35		X			
1	12:11	A	105 Commerce WAY	672	X					X						:25	6:00		X			
1	15:21	A	204 Pump House RD	673	X					X						:20	6:20	X				
1	20:08	A	307 Shadow LN	674		X				X						:25	6:45		X			
1	21:50	A	1875 DR Johns DR	675		X				X						1:00	7:45		X			
2	10:37	B	1362 Greenfield RD	676	X					X						:45	8:30		X			
2	14:21	B	116 Long DR	677	X					X						:30	9:00		X			
2	15:01	B	304 Oak Tree DR	678	X					X						:45	9:45		X			
2	16:47	B	221 N Horseshoe Bridge RD	679	X					X						:30	10:15		X			
3	14:46	C	326 Doyle ST	680	X					X						:15	10:30		X			
4	15:58	A	797 Doyle ST	681	X					X						:15	10:45		X			
4	20:20	A	404 Butler School RD	682		X				X						:10	10:55	X				
4	22:30	A	100 Sunshine CIR unit-4	683		X				X						:05	11:00	X				
5	09:29	B	9303 Long Creek HWY	684	X					X						:20	11:20	X				
6	06:34	B	557 Carver Knoll LN	685		X				X						2:00	13:20		X			
6	07:53	C	620 Grettas LN	686	X					X						:20	13:40	X				
6	14:35	C	629 Seed Farm RD	687	X					X						:10	13:50		X			
7	09:38	A	225 N Seed Farm Rd	688	X					X						:30	14:20		X			
7	20:59	A	216 Emergency Ln	689		X				X						:05	14:25	X				
8	03:10	A	113 Dixon RD	690		X				X						:10	14:35		X			
8	11:42	B	102 N. Hampton St	691	X											:15	14:50	X				
8	15:26	B	309 McClure Rd	692	X		X					X				1:00	15:50		X	702		
8	18:29	B	181 Pickens Rd	693	X											:20	16:10		X			
9	01:37	B	157 Richland Rd	694		X		X								:20	16:30		X			
9	11:38	C	Driver Hill RD/Old Seneca RD	695	X			X								:20	16:50		X			
9	13:28	C	Driver Hill RD/Old Seneca RD	696	X			X								:30	17:20		X			
9	17:14	C	654 Bolt RD	697	X					X						:30	17:50		X			
Totals					20	9	2	3	0	23	0	1	0	0	0			7	22			



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																			City	County	Other District	Loss	Saved
10	04:10	C	219 Meadow Lark DR	698		X				X							:30	18:20		X			
10	09:39	A	201 N Isundega St	699	X					X							:30	18:50		X			
10	13:43	A	Dr Johns Rd	700	X							X					:15	19:05		X			
11	11:08	B	416 Butler St	701	X										X		:15	19:20					
11	11:37	B	N Seed Farm Rd	702	X										X		:20	19:40		X			
11	11:37	B	Pruitt Rd	703	X										X		:20	20:00		X			
11	19:37	B	545 Myers St	704	X					X							:15	20:15		X			
11	19:49	B	1607 Toccoa Hwy	705	X									X			:20	20:35		X			
11	22:26	B	159 Rivershores Rd	706		X				X							1:00	21:35		X			
11	23:11	B	407 N Piedmont St	707		X				X							:20	21:55					
12	00:15	B	9528 Longcreek Hwy	708		X				X							:30	22:25		X			
12	13:38	C	858 Doyle ST	709	X					X							:30	22:55		X			
12	16:16	C	1811 Coffee RD	710	X					X							:10	23:05		X			
12	16:50	C	486 Phillip Lear RD	711	X									X			:05	23:10		X			
12	17:31	C	125 Ponderosa DR	712	X					X							:10	23:20		X			
12	18:17	C	100 Sunshine CIR unit-13	713	X					X							:20	23:40		X			
12	19:21	C	1723 Clearmont RD	714	X					X							:20	24:00		X			
13	07:10	C	110 Commerce WAY	715		X				X							:20	24:20		X			
13	13:55	A	106 Cedar St	716	X					X							:05	24:25		X			
13	15:13	A	721 Westminster Hwy	717	X					X							:15	24:40		X			
14	08:24	B	500 West Oak Hwy	718	X					X							:40	25:20		X			
14	15:03	B	721 Westminster Hwy	719	X					X							:20	25:40		X			
14	22:10	B	647 Coopers Mill Dr	720		X				X							:10	25:50		X			
15	04:34	B	200 Jay Jay Ct Unit 46	721		X				X							:30	26:20		X			
15	09:19	C	161 Quartz St	722	X									X			:15	26:35		X			
15	15:30	C	123 Commerce Way	723	X									X			:05	26:40		X			
15	22:48	C	155 Maxim Dr	724		X								X			:30	27:10		X			
16	14:57	A	209 Westminster Hwy	725	X					X							:20	27:30		X			
16	22:34	A	204 Gaston Cir	726		X				X							:15	27:45		X			
Totals					20	9	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	1	5	3	0			9	20		



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Westminster Fire Department

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																			City	County	Other District	Loss	Saved
17	8:37	B	627 Griffin Ln	727	X					X							:35	28:20		X			
17	20:11	B	721 Westminster Hwy	728		X				X							:40	29:00		X			
18	1:54	B	1102 E Main St	729		X				X							:30	29:30		X			
18	2:39	B	405 N Piedmont St	730		X				X							:30	30:00		X			
18	09:40	C	2353 Sandifer BLVD	731	X					X							:30	30:30		X			
18	10:10	C	113 Dixon RD	732	X					X							:20	30:50		X			
18	19:36	C	135 Rogers DR	733	X			X									:10	31:00		X			
18	19:48	C	508 S Bibb ST	734	X										X		1:10	32:10	X				
18	20:28	C	Simpson ST/England ST	735	X										X		2:00	34:10	X				
19	01:08	C	4721 Toccoa Hwy	736		X				X							:25	34:35		X			
19	10:03	A	617 Suirual Rd	737	X					X							1:30	36:05		X			
19	18:42	A	Tinys Ln/ Long Creek Hwy	738	X					X							2:00	38:05		X			
20	11:10	B	318 Gaston Cir	739	X					X							:20	38:25	X				
20	13:33	B	205 Hall Rd	740	X					X							:30	38:55	X				
20	14:39	B	132 W Bennett Rd	741	X					X							:30	39:25		X			
20	16:26	B	5 Standpoint Vista Dr	742	X		X										:15	39:40		X	501		
20	17:59	B	326 Doyle ST	743	X					X							:20	40:00		X			
21	00:09	B	307 Arlon Dr	744		X				X							:40	40:40		X			
21	15:41	C	E North AVE/ Grey ST	745	X					X							:20	41:00	X				
22	21:15	A	213 Oak Grove Rd	746		X				X							:10	41:10		X			
22	21:36	A	337 Weldon Rd	747		X				X							20	41:30		X			
22	23:06	A	1102 E Main St	748		X				X							:05	41:35	X				
23	04:17	A	113 Dixon RD	749		X				X							:20	41:55		X			
23	11:47	B	803 Seed Farm Rd	750	X					X							:90	43:35		X			
24	06:19	B	Chauga RD	751		X									X		1:00	44:35		X			
24	06:42	B	692 Plant RD	752		X				X							1:10	45:45		X			
24	08:11	C	1203 E Main ST	753	X					X							:10	45:55	X				
24	15:43	C	129 Golden Acres Rd	754	X					X							:10	46:05		X			
25	14:26	A	Park Ave	755	X			X									:10	46:15	X				
Totals					18	11	1	2	0	23	0	0	0	0	3	0			8	21			



Monthly Incident Report

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Does your home **still** **have damage** from Hurricane Helene?

The South Carolina Office of Resilience is introducing the Hurricane Helene Housing Recovery Program for residents with remaining damage to:



REPAIR, RECONSTRUCT, or REPLACE
single-family owner-occupied homes



VOLUNTARY BUYOUT of single-family owner-occupied homes (if located in a floodplain)



REPAIR single-family rental units for affordable housing

FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE OR INFORMATION

Call 844.410.8560

Visit www.scstormrecovery.com/helene

Intake Centers

- 147 Commons Way, Greenville, SC 29611
- 900 Trail Ridge Rd. Suite 210, Aiken, SC 29803
- 104 Maxwell Ave. Suite 402, Greenwood, SC 29646



Funded by CDBG-DR funds allocated to the state of South Carolina
by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

WWW.SCSTORMRECOVERY.COM/HELENE

The South Carolina Office of Resilience Offers: Disaster Case Management



Need
Resources?

Impacted by
Hurricane
Helene?



About Us

Disaster Case Management (DCM) is a partnership between a disaster case manager and a citizen impacted by a disaster to help in the long-term with their disaster-caused needs—whether these are financial, physical, or emotional. Case managers work with individuals to develop and carry out an Individualized Recovery Plan, with a focus on problem solving and connection to resources and services.

What We Do



From the Beginning

Connect with disaster-impacted citizens, developing a relationship to understand their needs.



Personalized Plans

Work with disaster-impacted citizens to develop an Individualized Recovery Plan (IRP); which is goal-oriented and outlines step-by-step actions.



Throughout Recovery

Work with disaster-impacted citizens to locate and connect them with available resources and support services.



For the Long-Run

Follow-up and monitor progress, advocate for issues, and document recovery results/closure.

More information:
scor.sc.gov/helene



Questions about getting started?
Call us today: (864) 952-2024

Region 1: Abbeville, Anderson, Edgefield, Greenville, Greenwood, McCormick, Oconee and Pickens



Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee

OJRSA Operations & Administration Building
Lamar Bailes Board Room
August 13, 2026 at 9:00 AM

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

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

Agenda

- A. Call to Order** – Kevin Bronson, Committee Chair
- B. Approval of Minutes**
 - Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee Meeting of May 14, 2026
- C. Committee Discussion and Action Items**
 - 1. Receive Quarterly Progress Report No. 4 as submitted to South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority, OJRSA Board, and Oconee County (Exhibit A) – Chris Eleazer, Committee Member
 - 2. Status update on financial studies – Angie Mettlen, Facilitator / Raftelis & First Tryon Teams
 - 3. Discussion of Continued County Participation: Funding for Studies, Role on Reconstitution Committee, and Pending Correspondence from OJRSA Board – Lawrence Flynn
- D. Committee Member Discussion** – Led by Kevin Bronson, 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.
- E. Adjourn**

Upcoming Meetings

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

- Operations & Planning Committee – August 20, 2026 at 8:30 AM
- Finance & Administration Committee – August 25, 2026 at 9:00 AM
- Reconstitution Committee and Executive Committee – September 10, 2026 at 9:00 AM
- Board of Commissioners – September 14, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Quarterly Progress Report: OJRSA Regional Feasibility and Reconstitution

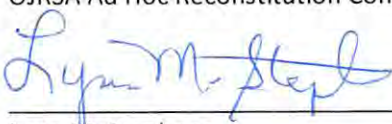
Report No. 4

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Submittal Statement

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



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

Lynn M. Stephens
OJRSA Secretary/Treasurer

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Background

In 2022, the Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority (“OJRSA” or “Authority”) was awarded a Regional Feasibility Planning Grant¹ by the South Carolina Rural Infrastructure Authority (“RIA”). OJRSA subsequently procured the services of W.K. Dickson (now, Ardurra) to develop a comprehensive Regional Feasibility Planning Study (“Planning Study”) to determine if regionalizing sewer collection, conveyance, and treatment in Oconee County, South Carolina (“County”) will streamline service delivery and enhance the success of the community and its quality of life. The Planning Study² included the analysis and recommendations in the following core areas: (1) governance structure; (2) revenues and finance; (3) environmental compliance, (4) utility resources, and (5) efficiency in operations and service.

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

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

1. The collection systems of current Authority members and Oconee County should be consolidated into one combined system – owned, operated, and maintained by the reconstituted Authority.
2. The Authority should be reconstituted with a new five-member Board of Commissioners (the “New Board”).
3. The governance documents of the reconstituted Authority will be drafted and supersede all existing Authority governance documents and contracts, which must be dissolved as a part of this process. These documents will also provide that the reconstituted Authority will have the power to provide retail sewer services within its service area as necessary to support the operation of the consolidated collection systems. This should be finalized upon completion of the consolidation but can be drafted during the consolidation process.
4. The current Board will dissolve the Feasibility Committee and then establish a working group or smaller ad hoc committee to oversee and guide the initial implementation steps outlined above (the “Reconstitution Committee”³).
5. It is recommended that a communications plan for the reorganization be developed, which should be used by all entities involved. This plan will ensure clear and consistent messaging while also allowing for input from residents and customers of the Authority. Maintaining an open process is crucial to maximize the chances of success in consolidating the collection systems and establishing the reconstituted Authority with the New Board.

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

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

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

¹ RIA Grant Number RGRG-23-5006

² *Regional Feasibility Planning Study 2024* by W.K. Dickson, Bolton & Menk, and Willdan Financial Services. (www.ojrsa.org/info)

³ This committee was identified in the recommendations as the “Implementation Committee”

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

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establish the Reconstitution Committee for further implementation oversight.

2. On a quarterly basis, the Reconstitution Committee will provide an update to RIA, the current Board, and Oconee County on the progress of the implementation of these initial recommendations.
3. Within 45 days (August 29, 2025), the legislative revisions to the Act will be finalized and provided to the Oconee County Delegation ("Delegation"). Consultation shall be made with the Delegation on whether lobbyist support will be needed.
4. Within 90 days (October 13, 2025), resolutions of support for system consolidation/Authority reorganization will be provided to and adopted by each governing body affected by the recommendations, including the Board, Seneca City Council, Walhalla City Council, Westminster City Council, West Union Town Council, and Oconee County Council.
5. Within 120 days (November 12, 2025), consultants shall be engaged, and the process of collection system evaluation (technical) and valuation (financial) will be initiated, including identification of potential funding for this effort and immediate rehabilitation projects that may be identified or on current Capital Improvement Plans ("CIP"). Additionally, a rate consultant will be engaged.
6. Within 120 days (November 12, 2025), a Communications Plan will be developed under the guidance of the Implementation Committee and provided to all entities involved.
7. Within 60 days of the approved changes to Act being approved (likely July/August 2026), the list of recommendations for the initial commissioners for the reconstituted Authority ("New Commission") will be provided to the Delegation.
8. Within 15 months (February 27, 2027), the evaluation and valuation of collection systems will be completed.
9. Within 18 months (May 12, 2027), the determination of a timeline for developing a unified, equitable rate structure will be provided as a part of the initial terms for collection system consolidation.
10. Within 24 months (July 15, 2027), legal documents to transfer collection system assets to the Authority will be executed, as well as all necessary reconstitution documents.
11. Within 25 months (August 16, 2027), if the legislative amendments have not been approved, plans for consolidation under the amended Act will be abandoned. Thereupon, the Authority will proceed to consolidate the member system and implement the reconstitution under the existing Act, with such process to be finalized by no later than 36 months (July 17, 2028). Additionally, all members shall be issued permits in compliance with the OJRSA Sewer Use Regulation ("SUR") and added as co-permittees under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit.

Summary of Current Actions

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

Committee Members

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

- Appalachian Council of Governments – Chip Bentley
- Oconee County – Glenn Hart
- OJRSA – Chris Eleazer
- OJRSA Legal Counsel – Lawrence Flynn
- Seneca – Scott Moulder⁵
- Walhalla – Celia Myers⁵
- Westminster – Kevin Bronson⁵

⁵ Also a member of OJRSA Executive Committee

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- Facilitator⁶ – Katherine Amidon
- Facilitator⁶ – Joel Jones
- Facilitator⁶ – Angie Mettlen

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

Committee Meetings

The following events and meetings occurred during the reporting period:

- April 9, 2026 – Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee and OJRSA Executive Committee meeting
- May 14, 2026 – Ad Hoc Reconstitution Committee and OJRSA Executive Committee meeting
- June 11, 2026 – Meeting cancelled while financial consultants performed individual meetings with municipalities, county, and OJRSA. Next scheduled meeting is August 13, 2026.

Recommendation Item 1: Dissolve Feasibility Committee and Create New Committee

Target Date: August 29, 2025

Status: Complete

See Report No. 1 for information.

Recommendation Item 2: Submit Quarterly Report

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

Status: Report #4 complete

This quarterly report has been prepared and submitted in accordance with Recommendation Item 2. Best efforts will be made to submit quarterly reports to RIA within two (2) weeks after the end of each calendar quarter⁷ until this process concludes.

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

Target Date: August 29, 2025

Status: Complete

Revisions to the Joint Authority Water and Sewer System Act ("JAWSSA") were signed into law by Governor McMaster on Monday, May 18. More information can be found here: https://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess126_2025-2026/bills/829.htm.

Recommendation Item 4: Adoption of Resolutions of Support

Target Date: October 13, 2025

Status: Complete

See Report No. 3 for information.

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

Target Date: November 12, 2025

Status: In process

The OJRSA submitted financial, capital planning, and other requested information to Raftelis Financial Consultants in April 2026. The municipalities and county were expected to submit their information directly to the financial specialists.

Individual meetings will be held with the municipalities and OJRSA during early July.

⁶ Facilitators are nonvoting members

⁷ The end of March, June, September, and December of each year

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Recommendation Item 6: Develop Communications Plan

Target Date: November 12, 2025

Status: Ongoing

The following Reconstitution Progress Communication Memorandums were disseminated to the councils and leadership of the Member Cities, Oconee County, Town of West Union, and key stakeholders during this quarter:

- April 17, 2026 – Memo #3 focused on addressing questions regarding land use control and wastewater expansion.
- April 22, 2026 – Memo #4 provided an update on the project and timeline and includes the on-going list of proposed future memo topics
- Future memos may include the following topics:
 - Update following adoption of revisions to the JAWSSA
 - Collection system technical evaluation and financial determination information
 - Order of operations and party(ies) responsible for handling matters such as complaint response and determining rates if reconstitution and consolidation occurs
 - Wholesale Agreements
 - Initial commissioners for the New Commission

Recommendation Item 7: Consider Initial Commissioners for New Authority

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

Status: Not started

This will need to be considered at an upcoming meeting.

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

Target Date: February 27, 2027

Status: Study underway

As noted in Recommendation Item 5, this study is underway and is expected to be completed by October 2026.

Recommendation Item 9: Develop Unified, Equitable Rate Structure

Target Date: May 12, 2027

Status: Not started

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

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

Target Date: July 15, 2027

Status: Not started

This task will begin later in the process.

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

Target Date: August 16, 2027

Status: Not applicable at this time

This contingency item will only apply if the Reconstitution Committee cannot reach consensus.⁸ That said, there are some questions from some of the entities regarding the proposed Board appointment process and voting allocations with the reduced number of members. The facilitators recognize that these issues

⁸ The necessary legislative amendments were approved as submitted to Senator Thomas Alexander by OJRSA. See Recommendation Item 3 for more information.

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

Past Actions

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