

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

MINUTES

November 12, 2025

The Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission held its Wednesday, November 12, 2025, meeting at the Commission office at 5:30 PM.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Frank Shumpert, Chairman - Town of Pelion
Joseph Hardee, Vice-Chairman - Gilbert-Summit Rural Water District
Troy Bivens, Town of Gaston
Cindy Campbell, Town of South Congaree
Tim James, City of Cayce
Bobby Keisler, County of Lexington
Hazel Livingston, Town of Lexington
Viola McDaniel, Town of Swansea
Tem Miles, City of West Columbia
Juston Ricard, Town of Springdale
Lancer Shull, Town of Batesburg-Leesville

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jay Nicholson, General Manager	Guy Schmoltze, Engineering & Const.
Stephanie Morton, Clerk to Commission	Ashton Blocker, Finance
Barry Leaphart, Operations	Anthony Self, Engineering
Lindsay Jumper, Customer Service	Donna Peeler, Guest
Bill Orn, Hazen	David Curry, Operations
Numerous Operations Staff	

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Joseph Hardee gave the invocation. The pledge of Allegiance was said.

The Chairman confirmed the media had been notified.

Chairman Shumpert addressed item four (4) regarding consideration of minutes from the 10/8/25 meeting. Mr. Joseph Hardee made the motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Ms. Hazel Livingston seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Chairman addressed item five (5) regarding special recognition of service. Mr. Jay Nicholson recognized Mr. David Curry for 25 years of service at the Commission from September 2000 to September 2025. David was presented with a plaque, and the board thanked him for his dedication and commitment to the Commission. Mr. Jay Nicholson recognized Mayor Viola McDaniel and read a proclamation from the Commission recognizing her leadership and outstanding service to the community. Mr. Nicholson recognized Mayor Lancer Shull and read a proclamation from the Commission recognizing him for leadership and outstanding service to the community. Both proclamations are attached to the minutes.

Chairman Shumpert addressed item six (6) regarding presentation of updated 20-year Wastewater System Master Plan. Mr. Bill Orne from Hazen, and Mr. Guy Schmoltze from the Commission gave a detailed presentation to the board regarding expected growth and the 20-year plan and upcoming sewer system improvements needed for the future.

The Chairman addressed item seven (7) Executive Report. Mr. Jay Nicholson presented an informal report to the board. A full copy of the report is attached as an addendum to the minutes.

Chairman Shumpert addressed item eight (8) Executive Session regarding SC Ethics briefing, Economic Development contract and property acquisition. Mr. Joseph Hardee made the motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Bobby Keisler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Coming out of Executive Session the Chairman stated that the only motion made during Executive Session was the motion to come out of Executive Session.

The Chairman addressed item nine (9) regarding possible action in follow up to Executive Session. Mr. Tem Miles made the motion to authorize Mr. Jay Nicholson to purchase property as discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Tim James seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman addressed item ten (10) announcements. Mr. Nicholson stated that the next Commission meeting will be held on January 14th, 2026. Mr. Nicholson reminded everyone that the Commission Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 4th at Lexington Country Club. Mr. Nicholson congratulated Biff Blocker on the birth of their son Winn Blocker on September 12th.

As there was no other business, Mr. Bobby Keisler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tem Miles seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.



PROGRESS THROUGH COOPERATION

Executive Report

November 12, 2025



- **Batesburg-Leesville project**
- Very close to operating



- **Swansea**
- Agreement executed pending USDA waiver approval



Professional Engagement

- Saluda River Basin Council – year end meeting next week
- Governor’s WaterSC group met today – draft state plan being finalized at work session tomorrow
- WUC – pre-session holding pattern
- Jason Brummer attended the GAA-SC Fall Summit in Augusta
- Jason Brummer presented at the Trimble Innovate Conference in Salt Lake City
- Anthony Self attended the middle school career fair at the state fairgrounds
- Guy and Jay attended the SC Power Team Existing Industry Conference as guests of MCEC

Workforce

- **Training and Education**

- Full staff in-house training day on 10/13
- Trenching and Shoring scheduled for 11/19

- **Staffing**

- **Operations**

- Additional hires are performing well
- Remaining open position to be filled soon pending pre-employment screening

- **Engineering**

- Full staff
- New Support Specialist started 11/3

- **Customer Service**

- Full staff

- **Finance**

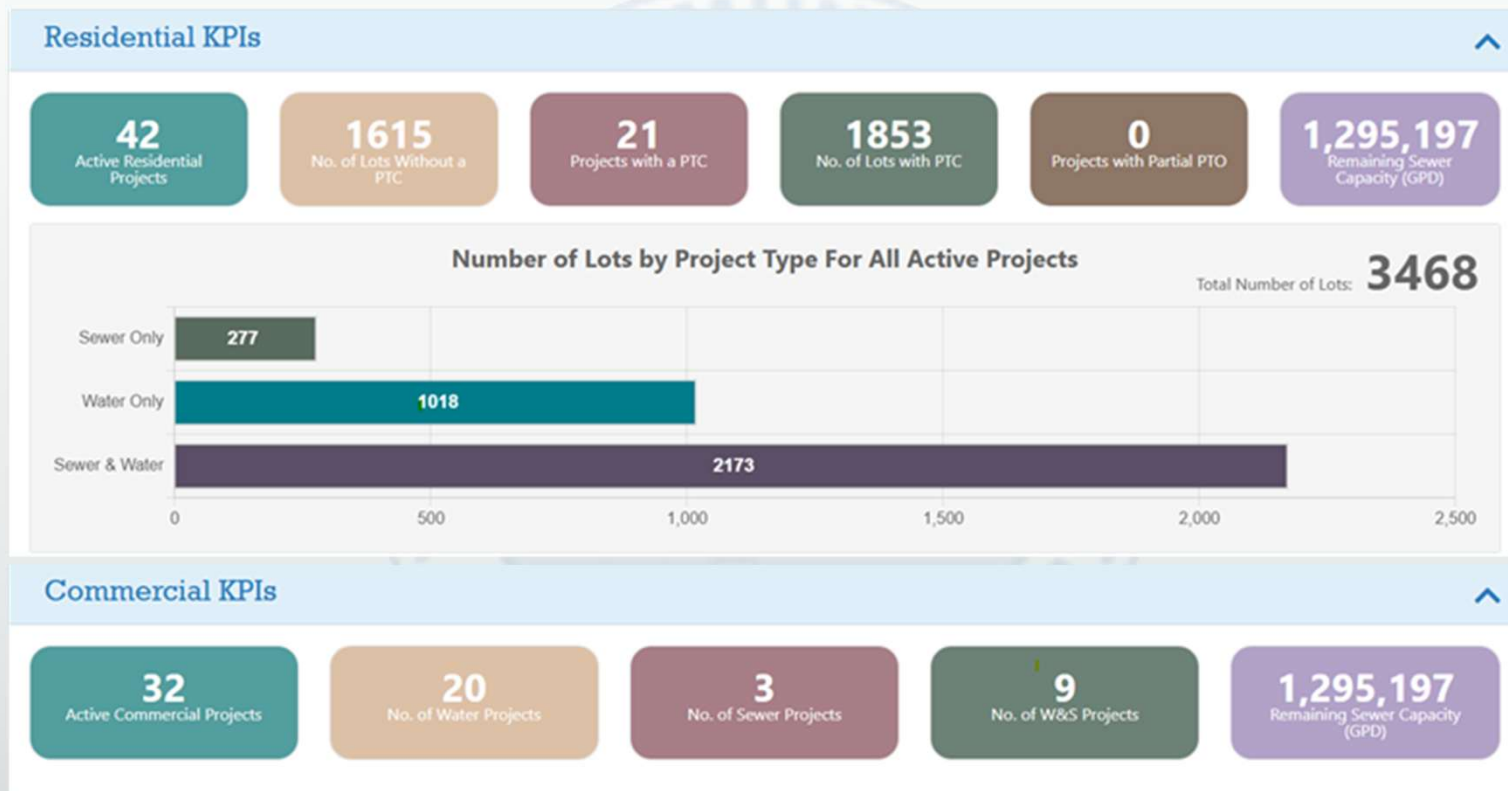
- Senior accountant position remains open



Operations

- **Tank Maintenance**
 - S Congaree scheduled washout this week
- **Water Quality**
 - Stable throughout
 - Scheduled washouts for South Congaree and Platt Springs Tanks have been completed
- **Systems**
 - All stations in full operations with regular maintenance and replacement of critical parts scheduled
 - Hydrant and Valve maintenance zones 1 - 6 complete with zone 7 at 60% complete
- **Sewer Collections**
 - No SSOs
 - All stations cleaned, including Swansea's
- **Operations campus improvements master plan**
 - We have executed the AIA with Cohn Construction for Operations Campus Improvements and have requested their assistance in identifying a satellite location for the south side

Engineering & Construction



Capital Improvements Program

WATER				
Batesburg-Leesville Water Main	Hazen	DS Utilities	\$17,921,854.75 Construction CO2	Trying to find leaks
Batesburg-Leesville Elevated Tank	Hazen	Caldwell	\$5,104,605.48 Construction CO1	Waiting to disenfect for line to be pressure tested
Platt Springs Road Water Main	GMC	TBD	\$6,000,000 Master Plan Estimate	GMC is working on 100% Plans for route on opposite side of Platt Springs. Last met on 9/16 for 90% review.
Charter Oak Tank to Calks Ferry Tank Water Ma	Hazen	TBD	\$25,000,000 SRF Loan Amount	Waiting on 90% Plans. SRF PER has been approved
Pelion Main Street Water Main	Weston and Sar	CBG, Inc.	\$917,843 Project Bid	Pre-Con held on 11/5/25. NTP to be dated 12/1/25
Pelion - Edmund HWY Water Main	Michael Baker	TBD	\$1,815,321 Engineer's Estimate	Waiting on SCDES for approval
Pelion - Edmund HWY Water Main Phase 2	Michael Baker	TBD	\$1,137,925 Grant Amount	Engineer waiting on survey to be completed and is putting final touches on PER draft.
Calks Ferry BPS Replacement	Black and Veat	TBD	\$4,000,000 Engineer's Estimate	B&V working on plans
Land of Lakes Water Main Replacement	4D	TBD	\$1,641,268.20 Construction	Pre-Con 11/10/25, Customer Information Meeting 11/13/25
Boiling Springs/Bethany Church Traffic Cicle	Highfill	LAD	\$355,450 Bid	LAD will be doing work. Invoice by SCDOT
Meadowfield/HWY 6 Traffic Circle	Highfill	TBD	\$512,000 Engineer's Estimate	Meadowfield bid pushed back to December 2025.
Lacy Springs/Cool Springs Water Main	Highfill	TBD	\$2,046,812.50 Grant Award Amount	Highfill has provided us with PER for review
Swansea Chlorine Booster Station	Adurra	TBD	\$400,000 Engineers Cost Estimata	Adurra Submitted to Southeast Crescent for Funding on July 18
AMI/Meter Replacement	N/A	TBD	\$650,000 Estimate	Have received some Neptune Endpoints for evaluation
Windy Wood Water Main Extension	Thomas and Hu	TBD	\$7,800,000 Master Plan Estimate	Have proposal from T&H
Windy Wood Elevated Tank	TBD	TBD	\$9,345,000 Master Plan Estimate	Need to Determine Engineer
SEWER				
Lexington Hills Lift Station Upgrade	CHA/Hazen	Shady Grov	\$1,000,000 Engineer's Estimate	Lake Murray Electric is completing electrical work.
Business Park Lift Station Upgrade	GHD	TBD	\$1,800,000 Engineer's Estimate	Received 90% plans from GHD. Looking at different pumps for backup pump. Property appraisal requested for acqui
Bluefield Force Main	Highfill	TBD	\$1,232,250 TM Estimate	Received survey, preliminary forcemain alignment under review.
Old Orangeburg Sewer Extension Phase 2	AECOM/GHD	Wile Eastor	\$2,255,440.90 CO4	Working on closing out the project
Swansea Sewer Rehab	Adurra	TBD	\$4,000,000 Grant Award Amount	Received \$2M SCIIP and \$2M SRF Working on a Proposal with Adurra
Longs Pond/Two Notch Sewer Improvments	TBD	TBD	\$1,500,000 Preliminary Planning Es	GHD is working on the design
FACILITIES				
Cayce Sewer Plant	American	TBD	TBD	Cayce has signed a contract with American Engineering to complete PER
Operations Complex	N/A	Cohn	TBD	Cohn is working on design
West Columbia Water Plant	AECOM	Wharton Sr	\$86M	DES has issued permit for GMP 4

JMWSC at a Glance	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	FY25 Growth	Previous YTD	25-Jul	25-Aug	25-Sep	25-Oct	FY26 Growth	Previous YTD
Customer Data																	
Water customers	20,563	20,598	20,648	20,681	20,733	20,784	20,843	20,952	21,031	3.16%	3.49%	21,094	21,078	21,122	21,219	0.89%	0.86%
Sewer customers	6,909	6,937	6,988			7,091	7,142		7,184	5.83%	6.31%	7290	7287	7308	7398	2.98%	1.78%
New water only	28	12	19	10	19	4	8	28	15	169	294	41	11	12	8	72	54
New water/sewer	7	40	23	23	33	37	39	79	64	469	352	17	18	14	67	116	131
New sewer only						10	12	1	0	23		0	0	0	0	0	
Total new customers	35	52	42	33	52	51	59	108	79	661	646	58	29	26	75	188	185
Start accounts	210	148	200		199	168	167		252			279	240	225	201		
Close accounts	59	60	47		63	38	90		100			81	93	66	67		
Meters read (AMR)	20,816	20,768	20,804			20,902	20,992					21222	21226	21298	21368		
Meters unread (AMR)	127	81	90			130	79					75	132	98	86		
Disconnected/nonpmt	138	na	199			na	105					110	146	75	104		
Remain disconnected	23	na	36			na	15					25	6	7	16		

Water quality complaints

	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	25-Jul	25-Aug	25-Sep	25-Oct
Taste/odor/color	0	1	0	2	2	0	1		0	0	1	0	0
Pressure	1	3	5	3	3	8	3		5	6	4	3	7
Total	1	4	5	5	5	8	4		5	6	5	3	7

Flow Data (MGD)

	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	25-Jul	25-Aug	25-Sep	25-Oct
Water avg daily flows	6.68	5.50	4.85	5.00	4.85	5.29	6.50		7.37	8.33	6.62	8.03	6.65
previous year	7.80	6.02	5.35				6.20	7.50	8.64	9.02	7.27	7.51	6.68
Sewer avg daily (combined)	1.46	1.68	1.65	2.33	1.65	1.63	1.638	1.68	1.62	1.71	1.773	1.625	1.621
previous year	1.42	1.46	1.52	1.52	1.53	1.61	1.502	1.6	1.49	1.48	1.76	1.58	1.46

Current projects

	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	25-Jul	25-Aug	25-Sep	25-Oct	Res lots
Residential	46		44			46	46			42	41	42	42	water
Commercial	34		39			38	39			32	33	33	32	sewer
JMWSC	9		9			11	11			25	25	25	25	3,191
Total projects			92			95	96							2,450
Locates received	1356	1110	978	1224	1111	1295	1179		1296	1223	1271	1254	1258	
Locates marked	866	861	563	783	703	752	656		750	850	874	820	964	
Total LF marked	115,890	81,510	52,910	54,810	52,710	55,920	56,280		54,410	92,850	112,510	98,810	108,510	

Revenues/Expenses thru oct 2025

	Actual	Budget	% Budget
Operating Revenues*	9,683,705	26,326,133	37%
Operating Expenses*	3,750,904	17,440,530	22%

*Direct operating revenues/expenses only. Does not include debt service and depreciation information.



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**A PROCLAMATION FROM THE JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER & SEWER
COMMISSION RECOGNIZING LANCER SHULL
FOR LEADERSHIP AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, Lancer Shull, a Missouri native, has been a resident of Batesburg-Leesville, South Carolina since 2009; AND

WHEREAS, in 2015, he was elected to the Lexington County School District 3 Board of Trustees, and served in that office until 2017; AND

WHEREAS, in 2017, he was elected Mayor of the Town of Batesburg-Leesville and subsequently appointed to serve as town representative on the Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission beginning in 2018; AND

WHEREAS, during his years of public service, he has consistently promoted, preserved, and improved the quality of life of citizens of Batesburg-Leesville and throughout Lexington County; AND

WHEREAS, his support for investing in water and sewer infrastructure has been critical to facilitating growth, supporting economic development and fostering regional partnerships throughout the Commission's service area; AND

WHEREAS, a steadfast advocate for needs within Batesburg-Leesville, he played an integral role securing long-term regional agreements for sustainable water and sewer supply, including partnerships with the Joint Municipal Water & Sewer Commission and Aiken County, bringing approximately seventy-five million dollars in infrastructure improvements and investment to the region at virtually zero cost to the town; AND

WHEREAS, as a result of his outstanding service, the Joint Municipal Water & Sewer Commission is today a stronger organization that has improved the quality of lives throughout Lexington County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Commissioners for the Joint Municipal Water & Sewer Commission that Lancer Shull is hereby recognized, congratulated, and commended for outstanding service to communities throughout Lexington County during his eight years of service on the Joint Municipal Water & Sewer Commission. Be it further proclaimed, that he is hereby given thanks and well wishes for success as he embarks upon all his future endeavors.

Dated this 12th day of November, 2025

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**A PROCLAMATION FROM THE JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER & SEWER
COMMISSION RECOGNIZING VIOLA MCDANIEL
FOR LEADERSHIP AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, Viola McDaniel has been a lifelong resident of Swansea, South Carolina; AND

WHEREAS, in 2021, she was elected Mayor of the Town of Swansea and subsequently appointed to serve as town representative on the Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission beginning in 2022; AND

WHEREAS, during her years as mayor, she has consistently promoted, preserved, and improved the quality of life of citizens of Swansea and throughout Lexington County; AND

WHEREAS, her support for investing in water and sewer infrastructure has been critical to facilitating growth, supporting economic development and fostering regional partnerships throughout the Commission's service area; AND

WHEREAS, a steadfast advocate for needs within Swansea, she played an integral role in receiving funding for a planning study, the results of which were instrumental in establishing a long-term regional partnership for utility management with the Joint Municipal Water & Sewer Commission, and securing four million dollars in state sponsored grants for investment in critical infrastructure improvements at no cost to the town; AND

WHEREAS, as a result of her outstanding service, the Joint Municipal Water & Sewer Commission is today a stronger organization that has improved the quality of life throughout Lexington County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Commissioners for the Joint Municipal Water & Sewer Commission that Viola McDaniel is hereby recognized, congratulated, and commended for outstanding service to communities throughout Lexington County during her four years of service on the Joint Municipal Water & Sewer Commission. Be it further proclaimed, that she is hereby given thanks and well wishes for success as she embarks upon all her future endeavors.

Dated this 12th day of November, 2025