

JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 10, 2026

The Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission held its Wednesday, June 10, 2026, meeting at the Commission office at 5:30 PM.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Frank Shumpert, Chairman - Town of Pelion
David Bouknight, Town of Batesburg-Leesville
Cindy Campbell, Town of South Congaree
Bobby Keisler, County of Lexington
Hazel Livingston, Town of Lexington
Michael Luongo, Town of Swansea
Tem Miles, City of West Columbia
Elise Partin, City of Cayce

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jay Nicholson, General Manager	Guy Schmoltze, Engineering & Const.
Stephanie Morton, Clerk to Commission	Jason Brummer, Engineering
Gene House, Operations Manager	Madeline Zimmerman, Finance
Lindsay Jumper, Customer Service	Sara Teem, Customer Service
Barry Leaphart, Operations	Melinda Lee, Operations
Brittany Harmon, Finance	Ashton Blocker, Finance Manager
Candi Arnold, Finance	

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Ms. Hazel Livingston 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 4/8/26 meeting. Mr. Bobby Keisler made the motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Mr. Michael Luongo seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Chairman addressed item five (5) 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 six (6) regarding FYE 2025 ACFR update. Mr. Biff Blocker gave a presentation to the board and highlighted some items in the ACFR. Mr. Jay Nicholson thanked the Finance staff for all their hard work.

The Chairman addressed item seven (7) FYE 2027 Proposed Budget. Mr. Ashton Blocker presented the budget to the board and gave an overview of the budget highlights. Mr. Guy Schmoltze also gave an overview of the Capital Improvements portion of the budget. The

Chairman asked if anyone had any questions. Hearing none, the Chairman called for the vote. Mr. Tem Miles made the motion to approve the proposed FY 2026-2027 budget as submitted. Mr. Bobby Keisler seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman addressed item eight (8) Executive Session regarding North Fork Commerce Park update, property and easement acquisition Business Park lift station, SC Ethics appeal update, PFAS update, civil case regarding a water bill, and US Pipe case. Mr. Tem Miles made the motion to go into Executive Session. Ms. Hazel Livingston 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.

Chairman Shumpert addressed item nine (9) regarding possible action in follow up to Executive Session. Mr. Tem Miles made a motion to authorize Mr. Jay Nicholson to acquire land and easements as discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Michael Luongo seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman addressed item ten (10) regarding announcements. Mr. Jay Nicholson congratulated Mr. Mike Coffey and Mr. Trent Stafford on completing the Government Leadership program. Mr. Nicholson introduced and welcomed Ms. Candi Arnold into the Finance Department, and Ms. Sadie Johnson in the Engineering Department.

As there was no other business, Ms. Hazel Livingston made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. David Bouknight seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.



PROGRESS THROUGH COOPERATION

Executive Report

June 10, 2026



- **Batesburg-Leesville project**
 - Four months in
 - Averaging >800kgpd
 - Reimbursements from RIA are coming in
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- **Swansea**
 - Calls with funding agencies
 - Meter project commenced beginning of May – 623/798
 - Sanitary Survey resulted in satisfactory report
 - kickoff meeting for the Swansea Sewer Rehabilitation Project



Legislative/Regulatory Update

- **H3768 Utility Relocation sunset extension Bill – added one year to the sunset,**
- **S829 Joint Authority Governance, Senate approved**
- **H5111 - Prohibits counties and municipalities from prohibiting or unreasonably restricting private water wells located on and serving either agricultural or single-family residential property of one-half acre or more**

Legislative/Regulatory Update

APPENDIX A

SOUTH CAROLINA
DWSRF General Supplemental SFY 2027 Provisional Priority List¹

May 27, 2026
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Rank	Sponsor and Project Name ²	SRF Project Number	Project Description	SC Water System ID Number	Estimated Total Project Cost	Estimated SRF Loan Amount	Estimated Principal Forgiveness Assistance ³	Sponsor's Service Population	Population Affected by Project	Total Points
16	Beaufort Jasper Water Sewer Authority - Raw Water Canal Improvements ^{3,5,6}	0720003-25	The Chelsea Canal Raw Water Improvement project advances critical raw water infrastructure upgrades at the interface between the reservoir and the Chelsea WTP. This project focuses on improvements to maintain reliable compliant delivery of raw water to the treatment facility. The project includes earthen dam improvements, construction of a new raw water intake structure, installation of a new 48-inch raw water transmission main from the intake to the Chelsea Water Treatment Plant, and a tie-in at the existing junction structure to integrate the new raw water main with downstream treatment.	0720003	\$ 9,390,700	\$ 9,390,700	\$ -	236,000	236,000	20
17	Beaufort Jasper Water Sewer Authority - Rural Canal Crossing CMP Replacements ^{3,8}	0720003-26	The proposed project would replace multiple culvert crossings of the raw water canal that conveys water to the Chelsea WTP. Some of these locations have corroded or otherwise deteriorated since initial construction and require replacement due to a developing risk of failure.	0720003	\$ 5,618,950	\$ 5,618,950	\$ -	236,000	236,000	20
18	Greer Commission of Public Works - E. Poinsett 8' Water Line	2310005-08	The project includes construction of a 6600 LF 8-inch water line along E. Poinsett St that ties into an existing 12-inch water line on one end and a 6-inch water line on the other end.	2310005	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 1,900,000	\$ -	54,024	111	20
19	Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority - Hwy 90 to Hwy 905 Hydraulic Improvement ³	2620004-33	This project includes installation of a new 12" water main that will tie into an existing 12" water main near Hwy 90 and run along S-31 northward for approximately 19,310 LF and provide suction at a new booster pump station located near Highway 905. The new water main will provide a water source for the new booster pump station. The new booster pump station will then discharge and tie into the existing 12" water main along Highway 905. The system will be designed so that the flow can also be reversed if necessary.	2620004	\$ 4,440,000	\$ 2,940,000	\$ -	90,000	90,000	20
20	Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority - International Drive 36" Transmission Main ³	2620004-27	The project will include the construction of approximately 9 miles of 36-inch transmission main. The 36-inch transmission main will have multiple system connections and other appurtenances along the route. The project will connect the new booster pump station on International Drive to the existing North Booster Pump Station.	2620004	\$ 25,300,000	\$ 25,300,000	\$ -	309,000	309,000	0
21	Joint Municipal Water and Sewer Commission - Windy Woods Tank	3220003-10	The project will include construction of a 2MG Elevated Water Tank and two pressure reducing stations.	3220003	\$ 9,045,000	\$ 9,045,000	\$ -	60,000	25,000	0
Totals:					\$ 96,056,163	\$ 75,895,653	\$ 15,242,430			
SFY 2027 of SRF Loan + Principal Forgiveness Amount:					\$ 91,138,083					

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CWSRF SFY 2027 General Supplemental Provisional Project List¹

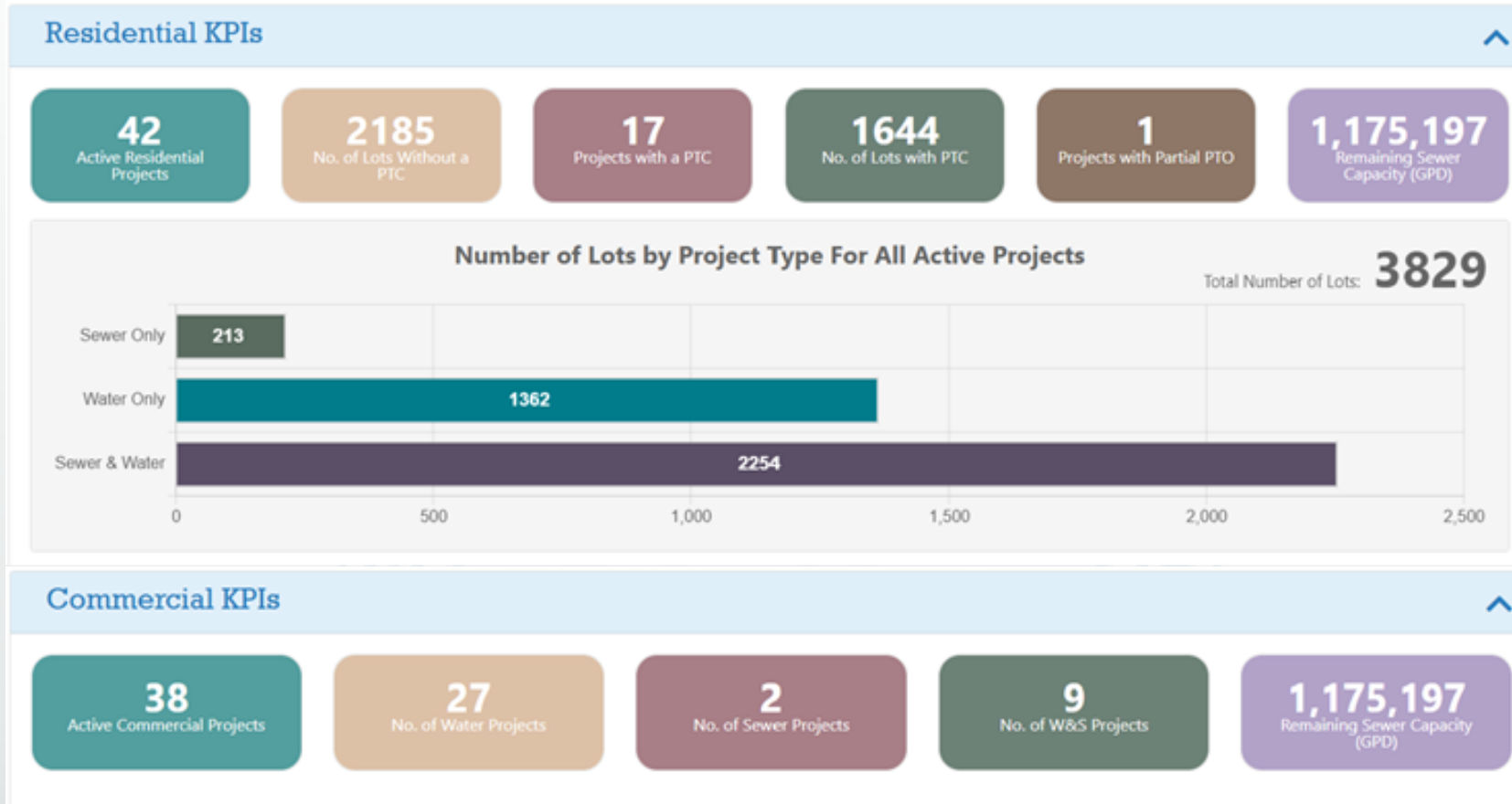
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Rank	Sponsor & Project Name	SRF Project Number	Project Description	NPDES, SSS, or ND Permit Number	Estimated Total Project Cost	Estimated SRF Loan Amount	Estimated Principal Forgiveness Assistance ²	Estimated Green Project Reserve Amount ³		Total Points
1	Saluda Commission of Public Works - N. Bouknight Ferry Road Area Sewer Rehab	815-02	The proposed project includes the rehabilitation and/or replacement of approximately 5,875 linear feet of existing clay sewer. The existing 6-inch sewer will be upsized to 8-inch to serve approximately 80 customers. A 16-inch sewer main will be rehabilitated to convey the full CPW system flow to the WPCP. Service laterals will be replaced to the right-of-way. One sewer segment will be realigned to avoid placement beneath existing houses, requiring acquisition of one easement.	ND0073220 SSS040100	\$ 2,039,545	\$ -	\$ 1,883,800			80
2	Renewable Water Resources - Augusta Grove Regional PS (Planning & Design) ⁴	370-145	This project includes planning and design engineering services for a regional pump station with equalization to divert a large portion of the Grove Creek sewer basin from the Piedmont WRRF over to the Mauldin WRRF. The project will include a PS, FM to Mauldin WRRF, and equalization tank for wet weather flow.	SC0048470 SC0041211	\$ 33,700,000	\$ 2,749,245	\$ -			70
3	Renewable Water Resources - Augusta Grove Regional PS (Construction)	370-147	This project includes the construction of a regional pump station with equalization to divert a large portion of the Grove Creek sewer basin from the Piedmont WRRF over to the Mauldin WRRF. The project will include a PS, FM to Mauldin WRRF, and equalization tank for wet weather flow.	SC0048470 SC0041211	\$ 33,700,000	\$ 30,950,755	\$ -			70
4	Aiken County Public Service Authority - Sludge Dryer Replacement (Planning & Design) ⁴	321-32	The existing dryer at the facility was severely damaged by a fire in August 2025 and is currently inoperable. The proposed project includes planning and design engineering services to replace the 5 ton dryer with a 6 ton dryer that is required as part of a future 6 MGD expansion.	SC0024457	\$ 2,865,000	\$ 2,865,000	\$ -			60
5	Greer Commission of Public Works - BMW Forcemain Phases 1, 2, and 3 Replacement ⁴	463-15	The project consists of 12,300 LF of 14 inch DIP replacement with 16 inch C900. (CONSTRUCTION ONLY)	N/A	\$ 4,600,000	\$ 4,180,000	\$ -			40
6	Jonesville, Town of - Sewer System Upgrades	824-01	The project will consist of approximately 4,430 linear feet of 8-inch gravity sewer replacement and/or rehabilitation via open cut replacement, cured-in-place piping (CIPP), and HDPE pipe bursting.	N/A	\$ 1,435,000	\$ -	\$ 1,410,000			40
7	Swansea, Town of - Sewer System Rehabilitation Phase 2 Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey (SSES) ⁴	820-03	The proposed project will complete CCTV inspections on a portion of the system to aid in annual maintenance and rehabilitation plans.	SSS000057	\$ 338,000	\$ -	\$ 338,000			40
8	Honea Path, Town of - Chiquola and Clatworthy Subbasin - Sewer Rehab (Phase 3) ⁴	515-08	The proposed project is a continuation of previous rehabilitation projects in the Chiquola and Clatworthy subbasins. Construction will include "mixed rehab" - e.g., point repairs, manhole rehabilitation or replacement, and lateral connection improvements.	SC0020214	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000,000			30
9	Pendleton, Town of - Village Hills PS Replacement	472-11	The project includes demolition of the existing pump station and replacement in a new location outside of the floodplain. Approximately 1,000 LF of 8-inch gravity sewer will also be installed, along with approximately 1,550 LF of 6-inch force main.	N/A	\$ 2,065,655	\$ 2,065,655	\$ -			30
10	Renewable Water Resources - Lower Reedy Fine Screen Addition	370-144	The project includes design and construction of a new fine screening facility. The facility will include four (4) new fine screening channels, three (3) inclined rotary drum screens, two (2) belt conveyors, and all necessary appurtenances.	SC0024261	\$ 6,728,878	\$ 6,728,878	\$ -			20

Professional Engagement

- Guy and Madeline attended separate WEFMAX events in Montreal and Pittsburg
- SC811 New Law presentation at Town of Lexington – 5/6/2026
- WaterSC – Water Summit held 5/19/2026
- WUC – 5/20/2026
- WQA meeting tomorrow 6/11/2026
- EPAC approved Fairfield Joint request
- 6/9/2026 – Government Leadership Certification Ceremony - Mike Coffey and Trent Stafford
- LM Plant Tour – 5/22/2026
- Guy spoke at the Citadel Club lunch last week

Engineering & Construction



Capital Improvements Program

Project	Engineer	Contractor	Cost	Update
WATER				
Batesburg-Leesville Water Main	Hazen	DS Utilities	\$17,921,854.75 Construction CO2	Received PTO Working on punch list
Batesburg-Leesville Elevated Tank	Hazen	Caldwell	\$5,104,605.48 Construction CO1	Received PTO Working on punch list
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. Will need to modify
Charter Oak Tank to Calks Ferry Tank Water Main	Hazen	TBD	\$25,000,000 SRF Loan Amount	Waiting on 90% Plans. SRF PER has been approved
Pelion Main Street Water Main	Weston and Sampson	CBG, Inc.	\$917,843 Project Bid	Main has been installed and working on tie-ins
Pelion - Edmund HWY Water Main	Michael Baker	GH Smith	\$734,880 Project Bid	Finalizing Contracts
Pelion - Edmund HWY Water Main Phase 2	Michael Baker	TBD	\$1,137,925 Grant Amount	PER has been approved. Waiting on final plans
Calks Ferry BPS Replacement	Black and Veatch	TBD	\$4,000,000 Engineer's Estimate	B&V working on plans. Have received Revised Costs from EFI for Package
Land of Lakes Water Main Replacement	4D	LJ	\$1,641,268.20 Construction	LJ is the contractor and is under construction
Boiling Springs/Bethany Church Traffic Circle	Highfill	LAD	\$355,450 Bid	SCDOT Held Pre-con - LAD Contractor
Meadowfield/HWY 6 Traffic Circle	Highfill	TBD	\$424,206 Bid Amount	Under Construction
Lacy Springs/Cool Springs Water Main	Highfill	TBD	\$2,046,812.50 Grant Award Amount	PER has been approved. Waiting on final plans
Swansea Chlorine Booster Station	Adurra	TBD	\$400,000 Engineers Cost Estimate	Received funding from Southeast Crescent/Working on a contract with Adurra
AMI/Meter Replacement	N/A	Core & Main	\$650,000 Estimate	Signed Contract with Core and Main/Neptune
Windy Wood Water Main Extension	Thomas and Hutton	TBD	\$7,800,000 Master Plan Estimate	T&H is working on plans
Windy Wood Elevated Tank	Hazen	TBD	\$9,345,000 Master Plan Estimate	Signed Agreement with Hazen
SEWER				
Lexington Hills Lift Station Upgrade	CHA/Hazen	Shady Grove/Cc	\$1,000,000 Engineer's Estimate	Completing Punch List Items
Business Park Lift Station Upgrade	GHD	Shady Grove/Cc	\$2,380,000 Bid Amount	Bid Project - Shady Grove Low Bid
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 Easton	\$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	GHD	TBD	\$1,500,000 Preliminary Planning Estimate	GHD is working on the design
FACILITIES				
Cayce Sewer Plant	American	TBD	TBD	Have received the PER from Cace
Operations Complex	N/A	Cohn	TBD	Have received pricing from Cohn
West Columbia Water Plant	AECOM	Wharton Smith	\$86M	DES has issued permit for GMP 4

JMWSC at a Glance			May-25	Jun-25	FY25	Previous	25-Jul	25-Aug	25-Sep	25-Oct	25-Nov	25-Dec	26-Jan	26-Feb	26-Mar	26-Apr	26-May	FY26	Previous
					Growth	YTD												Growth	YTD
Customer Data																			
Water customers			20,952	21,031	3.16%	3.49%	21,094	21,078	21,122	21,219	21,267	21,396	21,411	22,289	22,423	22,479	22,531	7.13%	2.77%
Sewer customers				7,184	5.83%	6.31%	7290	7287	7308	7398	7434	7498	7508	7952	8067	8126	8182	13.89%	*5.83%
New water only			28	15	169	294	41	11	12	8	9	29	16	17	11	8	3	165	154
New water/sewer			79	64	469	352	17	18	14	67	26	25	28	58	72	17	16	358	405
New sewer only			1	0	23		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	16	8	4	37	23
Total new customers			108	79	661	646	58	29	26	75	35	54	44	84	99	33	23	560	582
Start accounts				252			279	240	225	201	185	236	160	165	213	183	282		
Close accounts				100			81	93	66	67	43	76	61	52	74	68	98		
Meters read (AMR)							21222	21226	21298	21368	21444	21495	21549	21593	22490	22645	22735		
Meters unread (AMR)							75	132	98	86	107	90	109	122	117	88	82		
Disconnected/nonpmt							110	146	75	104	n/a	119	79	81	153	48	68		
Remain disconnected							25	6	7	16	n/a	16	8	24	40	16	23		
Water Quality Complaints																			
Taste/odor/color				0			0	1	0	0	5	4	2	1	6	7	2		
Pressure				5			6	4	3	7	4	3	9	7	6	10	6		
Total				5			6	5	3	7	9	7	11	8	12	17	8		
Customer Call Activity																			
Calls Presented															1525	1718	1705		
Calls Answered															1253	1324	1161		
Calls Abanoned															272	138	123		
Flow Data (MGD)																			
Water avg daily flows				7.37			8.33	6.62	8.03	6.65	5.66	5.63	5.79	5.87	6.56	9.37	8.85		
previous year				7.50	8.64		9.02	7.27	7.51	6.68	5.50	4.85	5.00	4.85	5.29	6.20	7.50		
Sewer avg daily (combined)				1.68	1.62		1.71	1.773	1.625	1.621	1.636	1.639	1.615	1.686	1.747	1.453	1.639		
previous year				1.6	1.49		1.48	1.76	1.58	1.46	1.68	1.65	2.33	1.65	1.63	1.638	1.68		
Current projects																			
Residential							42	41	42	42		40		38	37		42	Res lots	
Commercial							32	33	33	32		32		38	37		38	w/s	w
JMWSC							25	25	25	25		25		25	25		25	2,254	1,362
Total projects																			
Locates received				1296			1223	1271	1254	1258	1133	978	1212	1092	1384	1514	1095		
Locates marked				750			850	874	820	964	961	722	829	802	1094	939	750		
Total LF marked				54,410			92,850	112,510	98,810	108,510	61,810	57,810	89,310	57,160	62,110	64,920	56,230		
Revenues/Expenses thru mar 2026			Actual		Budget		% Budget												
Operating Revenues *			24,534,567		26,326,133		93%												
Operating Expenses *			12,673,548		17,440,530		73%												



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