

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY
MEETING AGENDA
MAY 19, 2026
8:00 A.M.

1. Call the Meeting to Order
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Determination of Voting Members
2. Agenda Additions or Deletions
 - 2A. Okeechobee County Fire Station
 - 2B. NE 16th Avenue Engineering RFP
 - 2C. Project 2 Septic to Sewer Connections
 - 2D. Invoice from PRP Construction, LLC – Mallard Landing Gravity Sewer Expansion
3. Public Hearing – Resolution 26-02 – Preliminary FY 27 Budget
4. Public Hearing – Resolution 26-03 – Operations of the Okeechobee Utility Authority
5. Consent Agenda
 6. Invoice from CHA Consulting, Inc. – Vac Station #2 Generator Replacement
 7. Invoices from CHA Consulting, Inc. – Pine Ridge Park Expansion Project
 8. Invoices from CHA Consulting, Inc. – SWTP Ozone System Upgrades
 9. Invoice from Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc. – Treasure Island Septic to Sewer
 10. Invoice from Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. – NW15 Pump Station Rehabilitation
 11. Invoice from Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. – NW15 FDACS Grant
 12. Invoice from Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. – SW 5th Ave LPSS Design And Permitting
 13. Invoice from Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. – Okee-Tantie Utility System Improvements
 14. Invoice from Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. – SWSA Septic to Sewer Connections Phase III Lots (Groups D, E and F)
 15. Invoice from Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. – SWSA Septic to Sewer Connections Phase III Lots (Groups G, H and I)
 16. Invoice from Holtz Consulting Engineers, Inc. – Mallard Landing Gravity Sewer Expansion
 17. Invoice from Holtz Consulting Engineers, Inc. – State Road 78 Water Main
 18. Invoice from Holtz Consulting Engineers, Inc. – State Road 78 Water Main Phase III
 19. Invoice from Nason Yeager Gerson Harris & Fumero, P.A. – Legal Services
 20. Invoice from Conely and Conely, P.A. – Legal Services
 21. Invoice from Thorn Run Partners
 22. Invoice from MacVicar Consulting, Inc.
 23. Minor Projects Updates
 24. Operations Director Monthly Report
25. Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2026
26. Employee Recognition

27. Public Comments
28. Finance Report
29. SWSA Project 2 Septic to Sewer Connections - Groups J Through AA (Individual Map Sheets)
30. VPS #4 Group A Bid
31. VPS #4 Group B Bid
32. Pine Ridge Park Expansion
33. 185 CFM Trailer Mounted Air Compressor
34. Vehicle Purchase
35. Proposed Drop Provision
36. Changes to Employee Handbook
37. Attorney
38. Executive Director
39. Items from the Board

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

MAY 19, 2026

Call Meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Determine Voting Members

	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Present</u>
<u>County Representatives</u>		
Steve Hargraves – Board Member	_____	_____
Tabitha Trent – Board Member	_____	_____
Glenn Sneider - Alternate	_____	_____
<u>City Representatives</u>		
John Gilliland – Board Member	_____	_____
Steven Nelson – Board Member	_____	_____
Jamie Gamiotea - Alternate	_____	_____
<u>Glades County Representatives</u>		
Harry Moldenhauer – Board Member	_____	_____
Melanie Anderson – Alternate	_____	_____

FUTURE MEETING OF OUA BOARD

June 16, 2026 – 8:00 A.M.

FUTURE HOLIDAYS FOR OUA STAFF

May 25, 2026 – Memorial Day

July 4, 2026 – Independence Day

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

MAY 19, 2026

AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

2A. Okeechobee County Fire Station

2B. NE 16th Avenue Engineering RFP

2C. Project2 Septic to Sewer Connections

2D. Invoice from PRP Construction, LLC – Mallard Landing Gravity Sewer Expansion

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2A

MAY 19, 2026

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FIRE STATION

At the BOCC meeting on May 14, 2026, BOCC Chairman David Hazellieff requested to address the OUA Board concerning the need for the proposed fire station on SR78 West. The County was unsure of the terms for transfer of the OUA property that the OUA Board offered, or the County did not agree with the terms of the offer. He mentioned briefly that the County needed more than 3 acres of land. Regardless, Commissioner Hazellieff will be in attendance to address the concerns of the County.

For reference, please find attached the February 2026 Agenda Item as well as the March 2026 Agenda Item.

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2B

MAY 19, 2026

NE 16TH AVENUE ENGINEERING RFP

Request For Proposals for engineering services with respect to the NE 16th Avenue Water Main Improvements project were received and OUA Board action taken at April 2026 meeting directed staff to work with Craig A. Smith & Associates, Inc, to develop a scope of work and fee schedule. OUA members Greg Kennedy & Jamie Mullis discussed this project with CAS members to develop the attached scope of work and fee schedule that is presented today for OUA Board review.

The basis for this water main replacement is due to many leaks encountered and repairs completed over the last several years. The potential route alignment is shown on the attached figure.

OUA staff are present today to discuss the need for this agenda item as well as the proposal.

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2C

MAY 19, 2026

PROJECT 2 SEPTIC TO SEWER CONNECTIONS

On May 14th, bids were received and opened for three (D, E, AND F) zones within VPS #4 and two (H & I) zones within VPS #5. Separate discussions and bid tabulations follow.

VPS # 4 Group D

Three bids were received, and they ranged from a low of \$66,828.00 up to \$98,825.00. Fehl Safe Water Systems submitted the low bid. It would appear that the math error in the Fehl Safe Water Systems resulted from them not adding in several driveway repairs. Regardless, their revised bid of \$68,298.00 is still the lowest bid. All of the bids were reviewed for conformance with the requirements to submit a bid as well as review of the bid values. A few minor discrepancies were noted with none of the errors impacting the low bid received. Bidder references were checked. The low bidder was contacted and OUA staff was assured that Fehl Safe Water Systems is ready to get started.

Fehl Safe Water Systems Bid

	Bid	Net Property Owner
2067 SW 24TH AVE	\$10,708.00	\$7,108.00
2100 SW 24TH AVE	\$3,448.00	
2254 SW 24TH AVE	\$5,560.00	\$1,960.00
2265 SW 24TH AVE	\$3,500.00	
2279 SW 24TH AVE	\$4,692.00	\$1,092.00
2326 SW 24TH AVE	\$4,952.00	\$1,352.00
2341 SW 24TH AVE	\$5,668.00	\$2,068.00
2373 SW 24TH AVE	\$4,770.00	\$1,170.00

OUA staff is recommending approval of the Fehl Safe Water Systems bid of \$68,298.00 for the VPS #4 Group D septic to sewer project.

Residential Connections - Septic to Sewer

VPS #4 Group D

Math error by Bidder

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Mobilization		LS
Indemnification		LS
Safety		LS
MOT		LS
Sitework	2067 SW 24TH AVE	
	2100 SW 24TH AVE	
	2254 SW 24TH AVE	
	2265 SW 24TH AVE	
	2279 SW 24TH AVE	
	2326 SW 24TH AVE	
	2341 SW 24TH AVE	
	2373 SW 24TH AVE	
Contingency Allowance		LS

TOTAL

Sub-Total	Fehl Safe Water Systems			Meek's Plumbing, Inc.			PRP Construction Group		
	\$4,000.00			\$5,000.00			\$3,500.00		
	\$0.00			\$0.00			\$1,000.00		
	\$0.00			\$0.00			\$1,000.00		
	\$0.00			\$2,000.00			\$1,500.00		
	\$4,000.00			\$7,000.00			\$7,000.00		
	8			8			8		
	\$500.00			\$875.00			\$875.00		
	\$500.00	\$10,208.00	\$10,708.00	\$875.00	\$9,630.00	\$10,505.00	\$875.00	\$16,370.00	\$17,245.00
	\$500.00	\$2,948.00	\$3,448.00	\$875.00	\$2,802.00	\$3,677.00	\$875.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,875.00
	\$500.00	\$5,060.00	\$5,560.00	\$875.00	\$4,774.00	\$5,649.00	\$875.00	\$8,610.00	\$9,485.00
\$500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$875.00	\$2,878.00	\$3,753.00	\$875.00	\$5,180.00	\$6,055.00	
\$500.00	\$4,192.00	\$4,692.00	\$875.00	\$3,963.00	\$4,838.00	\$875.00	\$7,125.00	\$8,000.00	
\$500.00	\$4,452.00	\$4,952.00	\$875.00	\$4,206.00	\$5,081.00	\$875.00	\$7,570.00	\$8,445.00	
\$500.00	\$5,168.00	\$5,668.00	\$875.00	\$4,788.00	\$5,663.00	\$875.00	\$8,360.00	\$9,235.00	
\$500.00	\$4,270.00	\$4,770.00	\$875.00	\$3,907.00	\$4,782.00	\$875.00	\$6,610.00	\$7,485.00	
		\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00	
		\$68,298.00			\$68,948.00			\$96,825.00	

VPS # 4 Group E

Three bids were received, and they ranged from a low of \$66,283.00 up to \$117,300.00. It would appear that the math error in the Fehl Safe Water Systems resulted from them not adding in the \$4,000 mobilization bid amount. Regardless, their revised bid of \$70,282.96 is still the lowest bid. On the spreadsheet there were rounding errors due to spreading out the upfront costs to specific sitework addresses and these errors were universal to all bids and did not have any net change to bid selection. All of the bids were reviewed for conformance with the requirements to bid. A few minor discrepancies were noted with none of the errors impacting the low bid received. Bidder references were checked. The low bidder was contacted and OUA staff was assured that Fehl Safe Water Systems is ready to get started.

Fehl Safe Water Systems Bid

	Bid	Net Property Owner
2437 SW 21ST CT	\$4,139.44	\$539.44
2481 SW 21ST CT	\$5,003.44	\$1,403.44
2490 SW 21ST CT	\$4,885.44	\$1,285.44
2511 SW 21ST CT	\$4,148.44	\$548.44
2514 SW 21ST CT	\$7,975.44	\$4,375.44
2526 SW 21ST CT	\$6,414.44	\$2,814.44
2531 SW 21ST CT	\$4,636.44	\$1,036.44
2538 SW 21ST CT	\$3,594.44	
2541 SW 21ST CT	\$4,485.44	\$885.44

OUA staff is recommending approval of the Fehl Safe Water Systems bid of \$70,282.96 for the VPS #4 Group E septic to sewer project.

Residential Connections - Septic to Sewer
VPS #4 Group E

Math error by Bidder

Math error due to splitting upfront costs to specific addresses

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Mobilization		LS
Indemnification		LS
Safety		LS
MOT		LS
Sitework		
	2437 SW 21ST CT	
	2481 SW 21ST CT	
	2490 SW 21ST CT	
	2511 SW 21ST CT	
	2514 SW 21ST CT	
	2526 SW 21ST CT	
	2531 SW 21ST CT	
	2538 SW 21ST CT	
	2541 SW 21ST CT	
Contingency Allowance		LS

TOTAL

	Fehl Safe Water Systems			Meek's Plumbing, Inc.			PRP Construction Group		
	\$4,000.00			\$5,000.00			\$3,500.00		
	\$0.00			\$0.00			\$1,000.00		
	\$0.00			\$0.00			\$1,000.00		
	\$0.00			\$2,000.00			\$1,500.00		
Sub-Total	\$4,000.00			\$7,000.00			\$7,000.00		
Number of Connections	9			9			9		
Per Connection Costs	\$444.44			\$777.78			\$777.78		
	\$444.44	\$3,695.00	\$4,139.44	\$777.78	\$4,213.00	\$4,990.78	\$777.78	\$7,570.00	\$8,347.78
	\$444.44	\$4,559.00	\$5,003.44	\$777.78	\$5,237.00	\$6,014.78	\$777.78	\$9,510.00	\$10,287.78
	\$444.44	\$4,441.00	\$4,885.44	\$777.78	\$5,181.00	\$5,958.78	\$777.78	\$9,355.00	\$10,132.78
	\$444.44	\$3,704.00	\$4,148.44	\$777.78	\$4,214.00	\$4,991.78	\$777.78	\$7,630.00	\$8,407.78
	\$444.44	\$7,531.00	\$7,975.44	\$777.78	\$8,471.00	\$9,248.78	\$777.78	\$14,735.00	\$15,512.78
	\$444.44	\$5,970.00	\$6,414.44	\$777.78	\$7,033.00	\$7,810.78	\$777.78	\$12,745.00	\$13,522.78
	\$444.44	\$4,192.00	\$4,636.44	\$777.78	\$4,878.00	\$5,655.78	\$777.78	\$8,800.00	\$9,577.78
	\$444.44	\$3,150.00	\$3,594.44	\$777.78	\$3,616.00	\$4,393.78	\$777.78	\$6,490.00	\$7,267.78
	\$444.44	\$4,041.00	\$4,485.44	\$777.78	\$4,695.00	\$5,472.78	\$777.78	\$8,465.00	\$9,242.78
			\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00
			\$70,282.96			\$79,538.02			\$117,300.02

VPS # 4 Group F

Three bids were received, and they ranged from a low of \$94,753.00 up to \$162,720.00. It would appear that the math error in the Fehl Safe Water Systems resulted from a written error. Regardless, their revised bid of \$95,241.02 is still the lowest bid. On the spreadsheet there were rounding errors due to spreading out the upfront costs to specific sitework addresses and these errors were universal to all bids and did not have any net change to bid selection. All of the bids were reviewed for conformance with the requirements to bid. A few minor discrepancies were noted with none of the errors impacting the low bid received. Bidder references were checked. The low bidder was contacted and OUA staff was assured that Fehl Safe Water Systems is ready to get started.

Fehl Safe Water Systems Bid

	Bid	Net Property Owner
2028 SW 21ST ST	\$3,252.43	
2037 SW 21ST ST	\$2,633.43	
2046 SW 21ST ST	\$2,529.43	
2075 SW 21ST ST	\$6,024.43	\$2,424.43
2122 SW 21ST ST	\$8,362.43	\$4,762.43
2123 SW 21ST ST	\$11,341.43	\$7,741.43
2170 SW 21ST ST	\$5,098.43	\$1,498.43
2171 SW 21ST ST	\$3,154.43	
2220 SW 21ST ST	\$3,554.43	
2221 SW 21ST ST	\$4,435.43	\$835.43
2271 SW 21ST ST	\$3,765.43	\$165.43
2318 SW 21ST ST	\$7,895.43	\$4,295.43
2319 SW 21ST ST	\$4,839.43	\$1,239.43
2369 SW 21ST ST	\$3,354.43	

OUA staff is recommending approval of the Fehl Safe Water Systems bid of \$95,241.02 for the VPS #4 Group F septic to sewer project.

Residential Connections - Septic to Sewer			Math error by Bidder									
VPS #4 Group F			Math error due to splitting upfront costs to specific addresses									
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				Fehl Safe Water Systems			Meek's Plumbing, Inc.			PRP Construction Group		
Mobilization		LS		\$4,500.00			\$5,000.00			\$3,500.00		
Indemnification		LS		\$0.00			\$0.00			\$1,000.00		
Safety		LS		\$0.00			\$0.00			\$1,000.00		
MOT		LS		\$0.00			\$2,000.00			\$1,500.00		
			Sub-Total	\$4,500.00			\$7,000.00			\$7,000.00		
			Number of Connections	14			14			14		
			Per Connection Costs	\$321.43			\$500.00			\$500.00		
Sitework												
	2028 SW 21ST ST			\$321.43	\$2,931.00	\$3,252.43	\$500.00	\$3,351.00	\$3,851.00	\$500.00	\$6,005.00	\$6,505.00
	2037 SW 21ST ST			\$321.43	\$2,312.00	\$2,633.43	\$500.00	\$2,600.00	\$3,100.00	\$500.00	\$4,630.00	\$5,130.00
	2046 SW 21ST ST			\$321.43	\$2,208.00	\$2,529.43	\$500.00	\$2,111.00	\$2,611.00	\$500.00	\$3,735.00	\$4,235.00
	2075 SW 21ST ST			\$321.43	\$5,703.00	\$6,024.43	\$500.00	\$6,622.00	\$7,122.00	\$500.00	\$12,045.00	\$12,545.00
	2122 SW 21ST ST			\$321.43	\$8,041.00	\$8,362.43	\$500.00	\$9,070.00	\$9,570.00	\$500.00	\$15,290.00	\$15,790.00
	2123 SW 21ST ST			\$321.43	\$11,020.00	\$11,341.43	\$500.00	\$12,570.00	\$13,070.00	\$500.00	\$20,435.00	\$20,935.00
	2170 SW 21ST ST			\$321.43	\$4,777.00	\$5,098.43	\$500.00	\$5,588.00	\$6,088.00	\$500.00	\$10,100.00	\$10,600.00
	2171 SW 21ST ST			\$321.43	\$2,833.00	\$3,154.43	\$500.00	\$3,231.00	\$3,731.00	\$500.00	\$5,785.00	\$6,285.00
	2220 SW 21ST ST			\$321.43	\$3,233.00	\$3,554.43	\$500.00	\$3,717.00	\$4,217.00	\$500.00	\$6,675.00	\$7,175.00
	2221 SW 21ST ST			\$321.43	\$4,114.00	\$4,435.43	\$500.00	\$4,561.00	\$5,061.00	\$500.00	\$7,455.00	\$7,955.00
	2271 SW 21ST ST			\$321.43	\$3,444.00	\$3,765.43	\$500.00	\$3,922.00	\$4,422.00	\$500.00	\$7,040.00	\$7,540.00
	2318 SW 21ST ST			\$321.43	\$7,574.00	\$7,895.43	\$500.00	\$8,606.00	\$9,106.00	\$500.00	\$15,850.00	\$16,350.00
	2319 SW 21ST ST			\$321.43	\$4,518.00	\$4,839.43	\$500.00	\$5,210.00	\$5,710.00	\$500.00	\$9,445.00	\$9,945.00
	2369 SW 21ST ST			\$321.43	\$3,033.00	\$3,354.43	\$500.00	\$3,474.00	\$3,974.00	\$500.00	\$6,230.00	\$6,730.00
Contingency Allowance		LS				\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00
			TOTAL			\$95,241.02			\$106,633.00			\$162,720.00

VPS # 5 Group H

Three bids were received, and they ranged from a low of \$84,147.00 up to \$143,945.00. It would appear that the math error in the Fehl Safe Water Systems resulted from a math error in adding in the gravel repair. Regardless, their revised bid of \$84,567.00 is still the lowest bid. All of the bids were reviewed for conformance with the requirements to bid. A few minor discrepancies were noted with none of the errors impacting the low bid received. Bidder references were checked. The low bidder was contacted and OUA staff was assured that Fehl Safe Water Systems is ready to get started.

Fehl Safe Water Systems Bid

	Bid	Net Property Owner
2151 SW 32ND AVE	\$2,527.35	
2201 SW 32ND AVE	\$2,586.35	
3260 SW 22ND ST	\$2,761.35	
3261 SW 22ND ST	\$3,502.35	
3282 SW 22ND ST	\$3,014.35	
3283 SW 22ND ST	\$2,946.35	
3306 SW 22ND ST	\$2,629.35	
3307 SW 22ND ST	\$3,184.35	
3328 SW 22ND ST	\$3,637.35	\$37.35
3329 SW 22ND ST	\$2,761.35	
3352 SW 22ND ST	\$3,289.35	
3353 SW 22ND ST	\$2,780.35	
3374 SW 22ND ST	\$2,925.35	
3375 SW 22ND ST	\$3,501.35	
3396 SW 22ND ST	\$3,033.35	
3397 SW 22ND ST	\$3,131.35	
3420 SW 22ND ST	\$2,478.35	
3421 SW 22ND ST	\$2,712.35	
2150 SW 34TH TER	\$3,183.35	
2202 SW 34TH TER	\$2,981.35	

OUA staff is recommending approval of the Fehl Safe Water Systems bid of \$84,567.00 for the VPS #5 Group H septic to sewer project.

Residential Connections - Septic to Sewer
VPS #5 Group H

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Math error by Bidder

Sod was set at zero on sheet 3374 SW 22nd Street

			Fehl Safe Water Systems			Meek's Plumbing, Inc.			PRP Construction Group		
Mobilization		LS	\$4,007.00			\$5,000.00			\$3,500.00		
Indemnification		LS	\$0.00			\$0.00			\$1,000.00		
Safety		LS	\$0.00			\$0.00			\$1,000.00		
MOT		LS	\$0.00			\$2,000.00			\$1,500.00		
Sitework	2151 SW 32ND AVE		\$200.35	\$2,327.00	\$2,527.35	\$350.00	\$2,619.00	\$2,969.00	\$350.00	\$4,665.00	\$5,015.00
	2201 SW 32ND AVE		\$200.35	\$2,386.00	\$2,586.35	\$350.00	\$2,646.00	\$2,996.00	\$350.00	\$4,735.00	\$5,085.00
	3260 SW 22ND ST		\$200.35	\$2,561.00	\$2,761.35	\$350.00	\$2,903.00	\$3,253.00	\$350.00	\$5,185.00	\$5,535.00
	3261 SW 22ND ST		\$200.35	\$3,302.00	\$3,502.35	\$350.00	\$3,711.00	\$4,061.00	\$350.00	\$6,705.00	\$7,055.00
	3282 SW 22ND ST		\$200.35	\$2,814.00	\$3,014.35	\$350.00	\$3,209.00	\$3,559.00	\$350.00	\$5,745.00	\$6,095.00
	3283 SW 22ND ST		\$200.35	\$2,746.00	\$2,946.35	\$350.00	\$3,127.00	\$3,477.00	\$350.00	\$5,595.00	\$5,945.00
	3306 SW 22ND ST		\$200.35	\$2,429.00	\$2,629.35	\$350.00	\$2,742.00	\$3,092.00	\$350.00	\$4,890.00	\$5,240.00
	3307 SW 22ND ST		\$200.35	\$2,984.00	\$3,184.35	\$350.00	\$3,414.00	\$3,764.00	\$350.00	\$6,120.00	\$6,470.00
	3328 SW 22ND ST		\$200.35	\$3,437.00	\$3,637.35	\$350.00	\$3,963.00	\$4,313.00	\$350.00	\$7,125.00	\$7,475.00
	3329 SW 22ND ST		\$200.35	\$2,561.00	\$2,761.35	\$350.00	\$2,903.00	\$3,253.00	\$350.00	\$5,185.00	\$5,535.00
	3352 SW 22ND ST		\$200.35	\$3,089.00	\$3,289.35	\$350.00	\$3,466.00	\$3,816.00	\$350.00	\$6,260.00	\$6,610.00
	3353 SW 22ND ST		\$200.35	\$2,580.00	\$2,780.35	\$350.00	\$2,925.00	\$3,275.00	\$350.00	\$5,225.00	\$5,575.00
	3374 SW 22ND ST		\$200.35	\$2,725.00	\$2,925.35	\$350.00	\$3,071.00	\$3,421.00	\$350.00	\$5,210.00	\$5,560.00
	3375 SW 22ND ST		\$200.35	\$3,301.00	\$3,501.35	\$350.00	\$3,799.00	\$4,149.00	\$350.00	\$6,825.00	\$7,175.00
	3396 SW 22ND ST		\$200.35	\$2,833.00	\$3,033.35	\$350.00	\$3,231.00	\$3,581.00	\$350.00	\$5,785.00	\$6,135.00
	3397 SW 22ND ST		\$200.35	\$2,931.00	\$3,131.35	\$350.00	\$3,351.00	\$3,701.00	\$350.00	\$6,005.00	\$6,355.00
	3420 SW 22ND ST		\$200.35	\$2,278.00	\$2,478.35	\$350.00	\$2,559.00	\$2,909.00	\$350.00	\$4,555.00	\$4,905.00
	3421 SW 22ND ST		\$200.35	\$2,512.00	\$2,712.35	\$350.00	\$2,843.00	\$3,193.00	\$350.00	\$5,075.00	\$5,425.00
	2150 SW 34TH TER		\$200.35	\$2,983.00	\$3,183.35	\$350.00	\$3,220.00	\$3,570.00	\$350.00	\$5,490.00	\$5,840.00
	2202 SW 34TH TER		\$200.35	\$2,781.00	\$2,981.35	\$350.00	\$3,082.00	\$3,432.00	\$350.00	\$5,565.00	\$5,915.00
Contingency Allowance		LS			\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00
					\$84,567.00			\$94,784.00			\$143,945.00

TOTAL

VPS # 5 Group I

Three bids were received, and they ranged from a low of \$72,242.00 up to \$121,820.00. It would appear that the math error in the Fehl Safe Water Systems resulted from an omitting the cost of several driveway repairs. Regardless, their revised bid of \$73,712.00 (up from \$72,242.00) is still the lowest bid. All of the bids were reviewed for conformance with the requirements to bid. A few minor discrepancies were noted with none of the errors impacting the low bid received. Bidder references were checked. The low bidder was contacted and OUA staff was assured that Fehl Safe Water Systems is ready to get started.

Fehl Safe Water Systems Bid

	Bid	Net Property Owner
2201 SW 34TH TER	\$4,135.00	\$535.00
2151 SW 34TH TER	\$2,562.00	
3524 SW 22ND ST	\$2,694.00	
3525 SW 22ND ST	\$3,167.00	
3548 SW 22ND ST	\$2,932.00	
3549 SW 22ND ST	\$2,981.00	
3572 SW 22ND ST	\$3,030.00	
3573 SW 22ND ST	\$2,913.00	
2251 SW 34TH TERR	\$2,845.00	
3460 SW 23RD ST	\$2,926.00	
3502 SW 23RD ST	\$2,596.00	
3524 SW 23RD ST	\$3,884.00	\$284.00
3525 SW 23RD ST	\$3,098.00	
3548 SW 23RD ST	\$2,750.00	
3549 SW 23RD ST	\$3,134.00	
3573 SW 23RD ST	\$2,645.00	

OUA staff is recommending approval of the Fehl Safe Water Systems bid of \$73,712.00 for the VPS #5 Group I septic to sewer project.

Residential Connections - Septic to Sewer
VPS #5 Group I

Math error by Bidder

Math error due to splitting upfront costs to specific addresses

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Mobilization		LS
Indemnification		LS
Safety		LS
MOT		LS
Sitework		
	2201 SW 34TH TER	
	2151 SW 34TH TER	
	3524 SW 22ND ST	
	3525 SW 22ND ST	
	3548 SW 22ND ST	
	3549 SW 22ND ST	
	3572 SW 22ND ST	
	3573 SW 22ND ST	
	2251 SW 34TH TERR	
	3460 SW 23RD ST	
	3502 SW 23RD ST	
	3524 SW 23RD ST	
	3525 SW 23RD ST	
	3548 SW 23RD ST	
	3549 SW 23RD ST	
	3573 SW 23RD ST	
Contingency Allowance		LS

TOTAL

	Fehl Safe Water Systems			Meek's Plumbing, Inc.			PRP Construction Group		
	\$4,000.00			\$5,000.00			\$3,500.00		
	\$0.00			\$0.00			\$1,000.00		
	\$0.00			\$0.00			\$1,000.00		
	\$0.00			\$2,000.00			\$1,500.00		
Sub-Total	\$4,000.00			\$7,000.00			\$7,000.00		
Number of Connections	16			16			16		
Per Connection Costs	\$250.00			\$437.50			\$437.50		
	\$250.00	\$3,885.00	\$4,135.00	\$437.50	\$4,248.00	\$4,685.50	\$437.50	\$7,280.00	\$7,717.50
	\$250.00	\$2,312.00	\$2,562.00	\$437.50	\$2,600.00	\$3,037.50	\$437.50	\$4,630.00	\$5,067.50
	\$250.00	\$2,444.00	\$2,694.00	\$437.50	\$2,761.00	\$3,198.50	\$437.50	\$4,925.00	\$5,362.50
	\$250.00	\$2,917.00	\$3,167.00	\$437.50	\$3,244.00	\$3,681.50	\$437.50	\$5,850.00	\$6,287.50
	\$250.00	\$2,682.00	\$2,932.00	\$437.50	\$3,048.00	\$3,485.50	\$437.50	\$5,450.00	\$5,887.50
	\$250.00	\$2,731.00	\$2,981.00	\$437.50	\$3,108.00	\$3,545.50	\$437.50	\$5,560.00	\$5,997.50
	\$250.00	\$2,780.00	\$3,030.00	\$437.50	\$3,168.00	\$3,605.50	\$437.50	\$5,670.00	\$6,107.50
	\$250.00	\$2,663.00	\$2,913.00	\$437.50	\$3,026.00	\$3,463.50	\$437.50	\$5,410.00	\$5,847.50
	\$250.00	\$2,595.00	\$2,845.00	\$437.50	\$2,944.00	\$3,381.50	\$437.50	\$5,260.00	\$5,697.50
	\$250.00	\$2,676.00	\$2,926.00	\$437.50	\$3,030.00	\$3,467.50	\$437.50	\$5,415.00	\$5,852.50
	\$250.00	\$2,346.00	\$2,596.00	\$437.50	\$2,641.00	\$3,078.50	\$437.50	\$4,705.00	\$5,142.50
	\$250.00	\$3,634.00	\$3,884.00	\$437.50	\$4,090.00	\$4,527.50	\$437.50	\$7,335.00	\$7,772.50
	\$250.00	\$2,848.00	\$3,098.00	\$437.50	\$3,250.00	\$3,687.50	\$437.50	\$5,820.00	\$6,257.50
	\$250.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,750.00	\$437.50	\$2,753.00	\$3,190.50	\$437.50	\$4,955.00	\$5,392.50
	\$250.00	\$3,304.00	\$3,554.00	\$437.50	\$3,728.00	\$4,165.50	\$437.50	\$6,740.00	\$7,177.50
	\$250.00	\$2,395.00	\$2,645.00	\$437.50	\$2,701.00	\$3,138.50	\$437.50	\$4,815.00	\$5,252.50
			\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00			\$25,000.00
			\$73,712.00			\$82,340.00			\$121,820.00

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2D

MAY 19, 2026

**INVOICE FROM PRP CONSTRUCTION, LLC – MALLARD LANDING GRAVITY SEWER
EXPANSION**

Please find attached invoice in the amount of \$176,278.50 submitted by PRP Construction, LLC. Staff is aware of the work currently being done by PRP Construction, LLC. and is in agreement with this request.

Invoice Date	Pay Request No.	Date Paid	Amt. Requested	Amount Paid	Remaining Balance
					\$807,190.00
Feb-26	1	Feb-26		\$66,798.00	\$740,392.00
Mar-26	2	Mar-26		\$257,922.00	\$482,470.00
Apr-26	3	Apr-26		\$33,975.00	\$448,495.00
May-26	4		\$176,278.50		\$272,216.50

Staff recommends approval of this invoice in the amount of \$176,278.50 to PRP Construction, LLC.

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

MAY 19, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION 26-02

PRELIMINARY BUDGET - FY27

Public Hearing Agenda

- Open Public Hearing - concerning the establishment of the FY27 Preliminary Budget for the period October 1, 2026 through to September 30, 2027
- Presentation by OUA Staff and the reading by title of Resolution 26-02
- Comments from the Public
- Comments from the OUA Board
- Close Public Hearing
- Motion to approve Resolution 26-02

Please refer to Executive summary attached.

After review, discussion, questions and answers, OUA staff is requesting a motion to accept Resolution 26-02 which provides for the adoption of FY27 Preliminary Budget (October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027).

FY27 Preliminary Budget – Executive Summary

Revenue

1. Projected operating revenue for FY27 is \$14,911,605, which represents 2.9% increase over FY26 adopted budgeted revenue:

	\$
FY27 Proposed Operating Revenue	14,911,605
FY26 Adopted Operating Revenue	<u>14,486,180</u>
Increase in FY27 Budget over FY26	<u>425,425</u>

The percentage spread of total operating revenue is shown below:

	\$	%
Water	9,089,629	60.9%
Wastewater	5,490,505	36.8%
Other Revenue	<u>331,471</u>	<u>2.3%</u>
Total	<u>14,911,605</u>	<u>100%</u>

Other revenue is comprised of:

Miscellaneous Revenue	231,245
Penalties & Late fees	96,721
Agriculture land lease	<u>3,505</u>
Total Other Revenue	<u>331,471</u>

2. To achieved a balanced budget (Revenue – Expense – Loan payment = 0), a rate increase of 1.5% is assumed at the beginning of the fiscal year – October 1, 2026.

1% Rate adjustment	-	\$141,703
1.5% Rate adjustment	-	\$212,555
2% Rate adjustment	-	\$283,403

3. Non-operating revenue which comprises of Fire Hydrant Fee, Bank & Investment Interest and Capital Connection Charge are based on the following assumptions:

- a. Fire Hydrant fee assumed to accrue at the same rate as the first six months in FY26 – (Oct.'25 to March'26).
- b. Average monthly interest assumed at 2.5%, given the current market conditions and repeated utterance from the government to reduce interest rate. Bank interest rate at April 30th 2026 was 2.85%.
- c. Capital Connection Charge on new connections assumed a modest growth - Refer to Schedule N-1.

	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
New Homes	25	12
Existing Homes	20	30
Lakefront –CCC	<u>20</u>	<u>0</u>
Total CCC- ERC	<u>65</u>	<u>42</u>

Expense – O&M

1. Total Budget Overhead is made of (refer to schedule C3) :

	<u>FY27</u>	<u>FY26</u>	<u>Inc./Dec.</u>
	\$	\$	\$
Labor Cost	6,479,613	6,453,188	26,425
Operating & Maint.	<u>5,338,885</u>	<u>5,158,337</u>	<u>180,548</u>
Total Overhead	<u>11,818,498</u>	<u>11,611,525</u>	<u>206,973</u>

2. General assumptions including in overhead:

- General inflation of 5% applied in FY27.
- In the case of chemical, an average increase of 10% was applied after accounting for 15.8% surcharge increases on Liquid Aluminum Sulfate as well as vendors for Caustic Soda inability to project cost beyond a 30-day period.
- Cost of Living adjustment of 2.4% (approx. \$0.71/hr) on basic wage.
- Merit increase of 1.6% assumed.
- Medical allowance was adjusted upwards by 14% to account for pending increase from PRM due to high lost ratio.
- Short-term disability of \$9,200 annually (or \$766 monthly) was added to staff benefit along with already offered Long-term disability benefit. The Board may choose to cancel Long-term given the likely usage of Short-term disability in comparison to Long-term disability.
- Current employer's pension contribution of 12.5% assumed to continue until receipt of Actuary valuation report.
- Electricity bill assumed an increase of 3% which is the maximum increase approved by PSC for FY27.

	\$
Projected Revenue	14,911,605
Projected Operating Interest	269,302
Projected Expense	<u>(11,818,498)</u>
	3,362,409
Loan Payment (Principal + Int.)	<u>(3,279,448)</u>
Projected Surplus/Deficit	<u>82,961</u>

Major & Minor Projects – Schedule O & D

A list of major projects anticipated in FY27 is shown on schedule O and includes the following:

- Treasure Island
- SW Service Area – Project 3 (Okee Tantie)
- SW 5th Ave – Project 1
- SW Service Area Sceptic to Sewer connection
- NW 15 Lift Station upgrade
- Advance Meter Infrastructure (AMI)

Minor projects are comprised of departmental projected spent listed on schedule D & D1.

Loan repayment

Schedule K1 (shown below) display a summary of the Authority's annual financial obligation.

FYE	Truist D/S Sub Total		SRF D/S Sub Total		USDA D/S Sub Total		Total Annual
Ending	Int.	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Debt Service
9/30/26	159,029	1,540,000	39,870	642,993	\$103,235.00	0	2,485,126
9/30/27	127,254	1,580,000	27,854	655,008	\$103,235.00	0	2,493,351
9/30/28	94,556	1,635,000	15,615	667,248	\$102,282.61	\$151,499.15	2,666,200
9/30/29	60,885	1,670,000	3,146	338,285	\$100,186.31	\$153,595.45	2,326,098
9/30/30	26,445	1,715,000	0	0	\$98,061.01	\$155,720.75	1,995,227
9/30/31	0	0	0	0	\$95,906.33	\$157,875.43	253,782

Having settled Truist 2020A Bond (\$7,340,000) on October 1, 2025, the Authority is schedule to settle the second Truist Bond - 2020B (\$9,050,000) on September 30, 2030 and SRF loan (\$10,210,183) on September 30, 2029, leaving only the USDA Bond outstanding.

From a cash flow perspective, it means that starting 2031, the Authority will reduce its annual loan repayment obligation by \$2,239,569. Given that these loan repayments are already built in the current rate schedule, the Board should strategically review its medium to long-term plan and decide of the best alternative available to spend the savings in cash flow in three years' time.

Conclusion

Board members are asked to review this first draft and provide their feedback, observation and suggestions over the summer as we work towards the finalization of FY27 budget in August/September.

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

MAY 19, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION 26-03

OPERATIONS OF THE OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

Please find Resolution 26-03 attached. All purposed changes have been marked accordingly.

- Open Public Hearing: concerning the operations of the Okeechobee Utility Authority
- Presentation by OUA Staff and the reading by title of Resolution 26-03
- Comments from the Public
- Comments from the OUA Board
- Close the Public Hearing
- Motion to approve Resolution 26-03

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5

MAY 19, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Pull items for discussion from Consent Agenda.
2. Items pulled from Consent Agenda will be discussed at the end of Agenda.
3. Unless noted all Consent Agenda items are recommended for approval.
4. Motion to approve items on Consent Agenda as follows:
 6. Invoice from CHA Consulting, Inc. – Vac Station #2 Generator Replacement
 7. Invoices from CHA Consulting, Inc. – Pine Ridge Park Expansion Project
 8. Invoices from CHA Consulting, Inc. – SWTP Ozone System Upgrades
 9. Invoice from Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc. – Treasure Island Septic to Sewer
 10. Invoice from Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. – NW15 Pump Station Rehabilitation
 11. Invoice from Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. – NW15 FDACS Grant
 12. Invoice from Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. – SW 5th Ave LPSS Design And Permitting
 13. Invoice from Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. – Okee-Tantie Utility System Improvements
 14. Invoice from Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. – SWSA Septic to Sewer Connections Phase III Lots (Groups D, E and F)
 15. Invoice from Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. – SWSA Septic to Sewer Connections Phase III Lots (Groups G, H and I)
 16. Invoice from Holtz Consulting Engineers, Inc. – Mallard Landing Gravity Sewer Expansion
 17. Invoice from Holtz Consulting Engineers, Inc. – State Road 78 Water Main
 18. Invoice from Holtz Consulting Engineers, Inc. – State Road 78 Water Main Phase III
 19. Invoice from Nason Yeager Gerson Harris & Fumero, P.A. – Legal Services
 20. Invoice from Conely and Conely, P.A. – Legal Services
 21. Invoice from Thorn Run Partners
 22. Invoice from MacVicar Consulting, Inc.
 23. Minor Projects Updates
 24. Operations Director Monthly Report

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

MAY 19, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

INVOICE FROM CHA CONSULTING, INC. – VAC STATION #2 GENERATOR REPLACEMENT

Please find attached invoice in the amount of \$678.00 submitted by CHA Consulting, Inc. Staff is aware of the work currently being done CHA Consulting, Inc. and is in agreement with this request.

Staff recommends approval of this invoice in the amount of \$678.00 to CHA Consulting, Inc.

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

MAY 19, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

INVOICES FROM CHA CONSULTING, INC. – PINE RIDGE PARK EXPANSION PROJECT

Please find attached invoices in the amounts of \$5,675.75 and \$3,161.36 submitted by CHA Consulting, Inc. Staff is aware of the work currently being done CHA Consulting, Inc. and is in agreement with this request.

Staff recommends approval of these invoices in the amount of \$5,675.75 and \$3,161.36 to CHA Consulting, Inc

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

MAY 19, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

INVOICE FROM CHA CONSULTING, INC. – SWTP OZONE SYSTEM UPGRADE

Please find attached invoices in the amounts of \$8,194.00 and \$12,632.00 submitted by CHA Consulting, Inc. Staff is aware of the work currently being done CHA Consulting, Inc. and is in agreement with this request.

Invoice Date	Pay Request No.	Date Paid	Amt. Requested	Amount Paid	Remaining Balance
					\$96,400.00
Apr-26	1	Apr-26		\$3,374.00	\$93,026.00
May-26	2		\$8,194.00		\$84,832.00
May-26	3		\$12,532.00		\$72,300.00

Staff recommends approval of these invoices in the amount of \$8,194.00 and \$12,632.00 to CHA Consulting, Inc

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY**AGENDA ITEM NO. 9****MAY 19, 2026****CONSENT AGENDA****INVOICE FROM KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. – TREASURE ISLAND SEPTIC TO SEWER PROJECT**

Please find attached invoice in the amount of \$70,884.62 submitted by Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. Staff is aware of the work currently being done by Kimley Horn and Associates, Inc. and is in agreement with this request.

Invoice Date	Pay Request No.	Date Paid	Amt. Requested	Amount Paid	Remaining Balance
					\$3,180,385.00
June 2023-Dec 2023	Pay Requests 1-8			\$712,022.40	\$2,468,362.60
Jan 2024-Nov 2024	Pay requests 9-19			\$677,327.14	\$1,791,035.46
Jan-25	20	Jan-25		\$24,402.26	\$1,766,633.20
Mar-25	21	Mar-25		\$15,790.35	\$1,750,842.85
Apr-25	22	Apr-25		\$41,543.27	\$1,709,299.58
Apr-25	23	Apr-25		\$36,097.22	\$1,673,202.36
Jun-25	24	Jun-25		\$33,759.66	\$1,639,442.70
Jul-25	25	Jul-25		\$23,081.35	\$1,616,361.35
Aug-25	26	Aug-25		\$64,448.15	\$1,551,913.20
		Change Order	\$86,000.00		\$1,465,913.20
Sep-25	27	Sep-25		\$55,448.57	\$1,410,464.63
Oct-25	28	Oct-25		\$82,217.76	\$1,328,246.87
Oct-25	29	Oct-25		\$12,076.78	\$1,316,170.09
Dec-25	30	Dec-25		\$63,272.00	\$1,252,898.09
Dec-25	31	Dec-25		\$170,889.28	\$1,082,008.81
Feb-26	32	Feb-26		\$44,152.20	\$1,037,856.61
Mar-26	33	Mar-26		\$52,919.50	\$984,937.11
Apr-26	34	Apr-26		\$106,408.65	\$878,528.46
May-26	35		\$70,884.62		\$807,643.84

Staff recommends approval of this invoice in the amount of \$70,884.62 to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

MAY 19, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

INVOICE FROM SUMNER ENGINEERING & CONSULTING, INC – NW 15 REHABILITATION

Please find attached the invoice in the amount of \$4,594.00 submitted by Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. Staff is aware of the work currently being done by Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. and is in agreement with this request.

Invoice Date	Pay Request No.	Date Paid	Amt. Requested	Amount Paid	Remaining Balance
					\$189,600.00
Sep-25	1	Sep-25		\$36,810.00	\$152,790.00
Oct-25	2	Oct-25		\$30,160.00	\$122,630.00
Dec-25	3	Dec-25		\$8,430.00	\$114,200.00
Feb-26	4	Feb-26		\$4,488.00	\$109,712.00
Mar-26	5	Mar-26		\$23,407.00	\$86,305.00
Apr-26	6	Apr-26		\$9,387.00	\$76,918.00
May-26	7		\$4,594.00		\$72,324.00

Staff recommends approval of this invoice in the amount of \$4,594.00 to Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc.

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

MAY 19, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

INVOICE FROM SUMNER ENGINEERING & CONSULTING, INC – NW 15 FDACS GRANT

Please find attached the invoice in the amount of \$10,000.00 submitted by Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. Staff is aware of the work currently being done by Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. and is in agreement with this request.

Invoice Date	Pay Request No.	Date Paid	Amt. Requested	Amount Paid	Remaining Balance
					\$60,000.00
Oct-25	1	Oct-25		\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00
Dec-25	2	Dec-25		\$27,250.00	\$12,750.00
May-26	3		\$10,000.00		\$2,750.00

Staff recommends approval of this invoice in the amount of \$10,000.00 to Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc.

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY**AGENDA ITEM NO. 12****MAY 19, 2026****CONSENT AGENDA****INVOICE FROM SUMNER ENGINEERING & CONSULTING, INC – SW 5TH AVENUE LPSS
DESIGN AND PERMITTING**

Please find attached the invoice in the amount of \$4,621.83 submitted by Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. Staff is aware of the work currently being done by Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. and is in agreement with this request.

Invoice Date	Pay Request No.	Date Paid	Amt. Requested	Amount Paid	Remaining Balance
					\$325,840.00
Nov-23	1	Nov-23		\$22,808.80	\$303,031.20
Jan-24	2	Jan-24		\$35,842.40	\$267,188.80
Feb-24	3	Feb-24		\$9,775.20	\$257,413.60
Mar-24	4	Mar-24		\$13,033.60	\$244,380.00
Apr-24	5	Apr-24		\$16,292.00	\$228,088.00
May-24	6	May-24		\$14,662.80	\$213,425.20
Aug-24	7	Aug-24		\$9,775.20	\$203,650.00
Sep-24	8	Sep-24		\$21,179.60	\$182,470.40
Dec-24	9	Dec-24		\$65,168.00	\$117,302.40
Mar-25	10	Mar-25		\$39,100.80	\$78,201.60
Apr-25	11	Apr-25		\$22,808.80	\$55,392.80
May-25	12	May-25		\$19,550.40	\$35,842.40
Jun-25	13	Jun-25		\$13,033.60	\$22,808.80
Sep-25	14	Sep-25		\$13,033.60	\$9,775.20
Oct-25	15	Oct-25		\$6,516.80	\$3,258.40
Dec-25	16	Dec-25		\$3,258.40	\$0.00
Jan-26	Change Order		\$292,700.00		\$292,700.00
Feb-26	17	Feb-26		\$13,986.00	\$278,714.00
Apr-26	18	Apr-26		\$5,994.00	\$272,720.00
May-26	19		\$4,621.83		\$268,098.17

Staff recommends approval of this invoice in the amount of \$4,621.83 to Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc.

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13****MAY 19, 2026****CONSENT AGENDA****INVOICE FROM SUMNER ENGINEERING & CONSULTING, INC – OKEE-TANTIE SYSTEM IMPROVMENTS**

Please find attached the invoice in the amount of \$8,631.88 submitted by Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. Staff is aware of the work currently being done by Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. and is in agreement with this request.

Invoice Date	Pay Request No.	Date Paid	Amt. Requested	Amount Paid	Remaining Balance
					\$686,079.00
Apr-22	1	Apr-22		\$29,835.00	\$656,244.00
May-22	2	May-22		\$3,817.50	\$652,426.50
Jun-22	3	Jun-22		\$94,920.00	\$557,506.50
Jul-22	4	Jul-22		\$11,398.50	\$546,108.00
Aug-22	5	Aug-22		\$9,440.00	\$536,668.00
Oct-22	6	Oct-22		\$7,996.00	\$528,672.00
Jan-23	7	Jan-23		\$10,668.00	\$518,004.00
Feb-23	8	Feb-23		\$3,199.44	\$514,804.56
Mar-23	9	Mar-23		\$31,994.40	\$482,810.16
Apr-23	10	Apr-23		\$15,997.20	\$466,812.96
Apr-23	Change Order		\$145,365.00		\$612,177.96
May-23	11	May-23		\$13,548.06	\$598,629.90
Jun-23	12	Jun-23		\$51,791.28	\$546,838.62
Aug-23	13	Aug-23		\$4,549.94	\$542,288.68
Sep-23	14	Sep-23		\$30,445.58	\$511,843.10
Oct-23	15	Oct-23		\$17,695.35	\$494,147.75
Nov-23	16	Nov-23		\$42,727.81	\$451,419.94
Dec-23	17	Dec-23		\$30,211.58	\$421,208.36
Jan-24	18	Jan-24		\$4,315.94	\$416,892.42
Feb-24	19	Feb-24		\$6,907.26	\$409,985.16
May-24	20	May-24		\$6,333.06	\$403,652.10
Jun-24	21	Jun-24		\$4,315.94	\$399,336.16
Jul-24	22	Jul-24		\$4,315.94	\$395,020.22
Dec-24	23	Dec-24		\$18,258.26	\$376,761.96
Jan-25	24	Jan-25		\$41,001.43	\$335,760.53
Mar-25	25	Mar-25		\$6,473.91	\$329,286.62
Aug-25	26	Aug-25		\$5,179.13	\$324,107.49
Oct-25	27	Oct-25		\$10,789.85	\$313,317.64
Apr-26	28	Apr-26		\$6,195.75	\$307,121.89
May-26	29		\$8,631.88		\$298,490.01

Staff recommends approval of this invoice in the amount of \$8,631.88 to Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc.

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14

APRIL 21, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

**INVOICE FROM SUMNER ENGINEERING & CONSULTING, INC. – SWSA SEPTIC TO SEWER
CONNECTIONS - PHASE I LOTS (D, E AND F)**

Please find attached the invoice in the amount of \$2,300.00 submitted by Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. Staff is aware of the work currently being done by Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. and is in agreement with this request.

Staff recommends approval of this invoice in the amount of \$2,300.00 to Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc.

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15

MAY 19, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

**INVOICE FROM SUMNER ENGINEERING & CONSULTING, INC. – SWSA SEPTIC TO SEWER
CONNECTIONS - PHASE I LOTS (G, H AND I)**

Please find attached the invoice in the amount of \$1,940.00 submitted by Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. Staff is aware of the work currently being done by Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc. and is in agreement with this request.

Staff recommends approval of this invoice in the amount of \$1,940.00 to Sumner Engineering & Consulting, Inc.

OKEEHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

MAY 19, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

**INVOICE FROM HOLTZ CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. - MALLARD LANDING GRAVITY
SEWER EXPANSION**

Please find attached invoices in the amount of \$2,380.00 submitted by Holtz Consulting Engineers, Inc. Staff is aware of the work currently being done by Holtz Consulting Engineers, Inc. and is in agreement with this request.

Invoice Date	Pay Request No.	Date Paid	Amt. Requested	Amount Paid	Remaining Balance
					\$59,760.00
Feb-25	1	Feb-25		\$16,465.00	\$43,295.00
Mar-25	2	Mar-25		\$8,865.00	\$34,430.00
Apr-25	3	Apr-25		\$1,970.00	\$32,460.00
Jun-25	4	Jun-25		\$3,086.00	\$29,374.00
Aug-25	5	Aug-25		\$2,454.00	\$26,920.00
Aug-25	6	Aug-25		\$1,560.00	\$25,360.00
Sep-25	7	Sep-25		\$1,560.00	\$23,800.00
Oct-25	8	Oct-25		\$1,190.00	\$22,610.00
Dec-25	9	Dec-25		\$3,570.00	\$19,040.00
Jan-26	10	Jan-26		\$1,190.00	\$17,850.00
Feb-26	11	Feb-26		\$3,570.00	\$14,280.00
Mar-26	12	Mar-26		\$3,570.00	\$10,710.00
Apr-26	13	Apr-26		\$5,950.00	\$4,760.00
May-26	14		\$2,380.00		\$2,380.00

Staff recommends approval of this invoice in the amounts of \$2,380.000 to Holtz Consulting Engineers, Inc.

OKEEHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY**AGENDA ITEM NO. 17****MAY 19, 2026****CONSENT AGENDA****INVOICE FROM HOLTZ CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. – SR 78 WATERMAIN IMPROVEMENTS**

Please find attached invoice in the amount of \$4,792.50 submitted by Holtz Consulting Engineers, Inc. Staff is aware of the work currently being done by Holtz Consulting Engineers, Inc. and is in agreement with this request.

Invoice Date	Pay Request No.	Date Paid	Amt. Requested	Amount Paid	Remaining Balance
					\$359,729.00
Feb-24	1	Feb-24		\$2,873.00	\$356,856.00
Mar-24	2	Mar-24		\$18,838.50	\$338,017.50
Apr-24	3	Apr-24		\$10,219.50	\$327,798.00
May-24	4	May-24		\$50,801.00	\$276,997.00
Jul-24	5	Jul-24		\$28,200.60	\$248,796.40
Jul-24	6	Jul-24		\$22,941.10	\$225,855.30
Aug-24	7	Aug-24		\$12,793.50	\$213,061.80
Sep-24	8	Sep-24		\$12,011.80	\$201,050.00
Oct-24	9	Oct-24		\$1,175.00	\$199,875.00
Nov-24	10	Nov-24		\$9,915.00	\$189,960.00
Dec-24	11	Dec-24		\$9,590.00	\$180,370.00
Jan-25	12	Jan-25		\$3,835.00	\$176,535.00
Apr-25	13	Apr-25		\$4,473.50	\$172,061.50
May-25	14	May-25		\$4,809.50	\$167,252.00
Jun-25	15	Jun-25		\$2,352.00	\$164,900.00
Jul-25	16	Jul-25		\$1,680.00	\$163,220.00
Aug-25	17	Aug-25		\$3,195.00	\$160,025.00
Sep-25	18	Sep-25		\$6,390.00	\$153,635.00
Oct-25	19	Oct-25		\$9,585.00	\$144,050.00
Nov-25	20	Nov-25		\$39,937.50	\$104,112.50
Dec-25	21	Dec-25		\$23,962.50	\$80,150.00
Jan-26	22	Jan-26		\$15,975.00	\$64,175.00
Feb-26	23	Feb-26		\$15,975.00	\$48,200.00
Mar-26	24	Mar-26		\$15,975.00	\$32,225.00
Apr-26	25	Apr-26		\$7,987.50	\$24,237.50
May-26	26		\$4,792.50		\$19,445.00

Staff recommends approval of this invoice in the amount of \$4,792.50 to Holtz Consulting Engineers, Inc.

OKEEHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18

MAY 19, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

**INVOICE FROM HOLTZ CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC. – SR 78 WATERMAIN
IMPROVEMENTS PHASE III**

Please find attached invoice in the amount of \$17,862.00 submitted by Holtz Consulting Engineers, Inc. Staff is aware of the work currently being done by Holtz Consulting Engineers, Inc. and is in agreement with this request.

Invoice Date	Pay Request No.	Date Paid	Amt. Requested	Amount Paid	Remaining Balance
					\$399,895.00
Mar-26	1	Mar-26		\$53,586.00	\$346,309.00
Apr-26	2	Apr-26		\$35,724.00	\$310,585.00
May-26	3		\$17,862.00		\$292,723.00

Staff recommends approval of this invoice in the amount of \$17,862.00 to Holtz Consulting Engineers, Inc.

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19

MAY 19, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

INVOICE FROM NASON YEAGER GERSON HARRIS & FUMERO, P.A. – LEGAL SERVICES

Please find attached invoice in the amount of \$11,365.87 submitted by Nason Yeager Gerson Harris & Fumero, P.A. for legal services. Staff is aware of the work currently being done by Nason Yeager Gerson Harris & Fumero, P.A. and is in agreement with this request.

Staff recommends approval of this invoice in the amount of \$11,365.87 to Nason Yeager Gerson Harris & Fumero, P.A.

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20

MAY 19, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

INVOICE FROM CONELY AND CONELY, P.A. – LEGAL SERVICES

Please find attached invoice in the amount of \$2,706.25 submitted by Conely and Conely, P.A. for legal services. Staff is aware of the work currently being done Conely and Conely, P.A. and is in agreement with this request.

Staff recommends approval of this invoice in the amount of \$2,706.25 to Conely and Conely P.A.

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 21

MAY 19, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

INVOICE FROM THORN RUN PARTNERS

Please see attached the Thorn Run Partners monthly invoice.

Staff recommends approval of the monthly invoice from Thorn Run Partners in the amount of \$3,500.00.

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 22

MAY 19, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

INVOICE FROM MACVICAR CONSULTING, INC.

Please see attached the MacVicar Consulting Inc. invoice.

Staff recommends approval of the monthly invoice from MacVicar Consulting Inc. in the amount of \$250.00.

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 23

MAY 19, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

MINOR PROJECT UPDATES

Drinking Water:

- Ground water treatment plant has been approved by DEP to return to operation to complete additional monitoring, with no water to be sent to the distribution system prior to satisfactory monitoring results are received
- Budgeted 7' x 14' dump trailer for SWTP muck removal had protective coating added to bed and is in use
- Budgeted Actiflow cylinder screen for SWTP has been installed and is operational
- Small group school tours of SWTP in planning stage
- Approximately 12 new residential water services on SE 4th St., NW 4th St, and NE 14th Ave.
- + or – 500' of 6" of new water main, a fire hydrant and 500' of 2" water main installed on NW 23rd Ave., North of NW 36th St.
- + or – 500' of 6" of new water main, a fire hydrant and 500' of 2" water main installed on NW 23rd Ave., South of NW 36th St.
- + or – 500' of 6" of new water main, a fire hydrant and 500' of 2" water main are under construction on NW 33rd Ave., South of NW 36th St.

Wastewater:

- The Florida Water Environment Association (FWEA) awarded OUA with the Biosolids/Residuals Program Excellence Award, which was presented at the Florida Water Resources Conference in Daytona Beach, April 28, 2026
- The application to DEP for their Sand and Grit Removal Grant Program is under Department review. This grant is intended to assist in the removal of accumulated sediments from the aeration basin.
- The Trinova Chlorine Skid installation at Cemetery Road WWTF is complete
- The finished A.A. Biosolids have been removed from the solar drying system for beneficial reuse as fertilizer
- Biosolids electric Mole has arrived at the Port of Miami
- A public meeting was held on May 5th at 7:00 PM to provided information on the Septic to Sewer individual connections for the SWSA Project 2. Estimated attendance was greater than 200.
- The second two SWSA Septic to Sewer connection projects bid openings were held May 7, 2026
- Five additional SWSA Septic to Sewer connection projects bid openings were held May 14, 2026
- Master Lift Station SE-2 vault recoating is complete

*This update is prepared to keep the Board aware of the activities OUA has been engaged in that may not otherwise have been on the Board's Agenda. Questions related to this update can be directed to the Assistant Executive Director.

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 24

MAY 19, 2026

CONSENT AGENDA

OPERATIONS DIRECTOR MONTHLY REPORT

Site Visits 4-23-2026 thru 5-14-2026

SWTP: General Maintenance/ Normal Operations
 Headworks new SS drum for raw water intake installed
 Manhole Access lid handles installed & complete

Maintenance: General Maintenance
 Normal operations: leaks, complaints, new services
 Basswood Water Main Extensions
 Generator prep for storm season

WWTP: General Maintenance / Normal Operations
 Generator transfer switch repaired and operational again
 Mole due in any day
 Influent & Effluent bubbler system upgraded to float system

*The above Operations Director report is presented for informational purposes. If there are any questions, I would be happy to answer them.

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 25

MAY 19, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

Attached are copies of the minutes from the meeting held on April 21, 2026.

Unless the Board determines a correction is required to the minutes, Staff recommends the approval of the meeting minutes from April 21, 2026 as presented.

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 26

MAY 19, 2026

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

This month the Board will recognize one employee for his years of service for the OUA.

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 27

MAY 19, 2026

PUBLIC COMMENTS

OKEEHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 28

MAY 19, 2026

FINANCE REPORT

At the end of the April 2026, YTD revenue were \$8,868,755 compare to budget of \$8,450,289 resulting in the achievement of 105% of budget or a favorable variance of \$418,466.

A comparison between current YTD achievements and prior year's result at April 2025 shows:

- a) YTD water & sewer (2026) revenue yield a 105% and 106.1% growth over prior YTD result (April 2025). After taking in account the 4% increase attributable to rate increase at October 1, 2025 the increase in minimal.
- b) Other revenue \$611,216 is due to favorable income from water installation fee chargeable on new connection plus miscellaneous revenue. Prior year's amount of \$1,066,194 was due to the large signup by sewer customer just before the expiration of 75% discount fee on 04.30.2025. A detail of current year's Other Operating Revenue is shown on sheet 16.

YTD operating expenses at the end of April 2026 stood at \$5,678,203 compare with YTD budget of \$6,773,390 yielding a positive variance of \$1,095,187 or 16.2%. Compared against FY25 YTD figures, total overhead has increased from \$5,366,348 to its current level of \$5,678,203.

Major factors impacting YTD favorable expense variance by department

Admin. -	Water & Wastewater Master plan study	-	\$212,917
	- Unfilled admin budgeted position	-	\$72,800
	- 6 months overlap with new Executive Director	-	\$31,824
	- Fixed asset audited study, delayed	-	<u>\$23,333</u>
	Analyzed total		<u>\$340,874</u>
Water Plant	- Planned Increased GWTP O & M expenses	-	\$64,198
	- One attendant budgeted for GWTP operation	-	\$46,667
	- Staff cost due to uncertified replacement	-	<u>\$65,913</u>
	Analyzed total		<u>\$176,778</u>
Sewer Plant	- Vacant assistant Supervisor	-	\$36,167
	- Impact of other staff vacancies	-	\$69,655
	- Salary related cost impact	-	\$56,708
	- Reduced purchase of chemical	-	<u>\$22,636</u>
	Analyzed total		<u>\$179,166</u>

Restricted revenue which comprises of; fire hydrant fee, interest revenue and capital connection fees, generated \$1,885,374 in revenue. Excess restricted revenue is due to:

- a) Lakefront Estate Capital Connection Charge- Water: \$839,731
- b) SFWMD – Capital Connection Charge – Water : \$49,700
- c) SFWMD – Capital Connection Charge – Sewer : \$96,575
- d) S Holding LLC Capital Connection Charge – Sewer: \$19,315
- e) Multiple single-family homes

Non-operating expenses which include depreciation and loan interest expenses were \$1,959,215 compared to YTD budget of \$1,939,062 which was in line with budget.

Balance Sheet – 04.30.26

No material difference reported on balance sheet requiring highlight.

Number of Accounts – 04.30.26

At April 30, 2026, the number of customers served by the Authority was:

Water	-	10,344
Sewer	-	4,756

After review and discussion, the Board is asked to move a motion accepting April’s Finance Report.

OKEEHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 29

MAY 19, 2026

**SOUTHWEST SERVICE AREA PROJECT 2 SEPTIC TO SEWER CONNECTIONS
GROUPS J THROUGH AA INDIVIDUAL MAP SHEETS**

As part of the SWSA Septic to Sewer Project over 500 homes are to be connected to the new centralized sewer collection system. These individual connections include installing piping from the home's drain system to the streetside point of connection, cleaning and properly abandoning the septic tank and restoration of areas disturbed by the construction activities. The project area was divided in the 27 manageable sized groups of homes. Bid packages are being developed for these groups, which include individual map sheets of each property to detail points of elevation, septic tank locations, points of connection and suggested piping routes. Nine groups, that include 135 homes have had bid packages developed with 18 groups, including 371 homes needing to be put out for bid. This Consulting Services Agreement is to complete the remaining 371 individual map sheets necessary to develop the remaining bid packages. Sumner Engineering & Consulting was selected for this task based on their detailed knowledge of the project area and infrastructure.

Staff's recommendation is to accept Sumner Engineering and Consulting, Inc's. proposal to complete all the remaining individual map sheets for \$104,400.

OKEEHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 30

MAY 19, 2026

VPS 4 GROUP A BID

On May 7th, 2:00 PM, bids were received and opened. A bid tabulation is attached for review.

Five bids were received and opened. The Bids ranged from \$120,067.00 up to \$245,029.71. Quality Plumbing of Sarasota LLC submitted the low bid. All bids were reviewed for conformance with the requirements to submit a bid as well as review of the bid values. A few minor discrepancies were noted with none of the errors impacting the low bid received. The bidder qualifications, licensing and references were verified. The low bidder was contacted and OUA staff was assured the Quality Plumbing of Sarasota LLC was ready to get started.

OUA staff is recommending approval of the Quality Plumbing of Sarasota LLC bid for VPS #4 Group A septic to sewer project.

OKEEHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 31

MAY 19, 2026

VPS 4 GROUP B BID

On May 7th, 3:00 PM, bids were received and opened. A bid tabulation is attached for review.

Five bids were received and opened. The Bids ranged from \$109,702.00 up to \$237,712.25. Quality Plumbing of Sarasota LLC submitted the low bid. All bids were reviewed for conformance with the requirements to submit a bid as well as review of the bid values. A few minor discrepancies were noted with none of the errors impacting the low bid received. The bidder qualifications, licensing and references were verified. The low bidder was contacted and OUA staff was assured the Quality Plumbing of Sarasota LLC was ready to get started.

OUA staff is recommending approval of the Quality Plumbing of Sarasota LLC bid for VPS #4 Group B septic to sewer project.

OKEEHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 32

MAY 19, 2026

PINE RIDGE PARK EXPANSION

The property owners contacted the OUA concerning construction work by an OUA contractor in their neighborhood. The Moore's are the new (4/23/2026) owners of the house located at 2685 NE 6th Court. With the purchase of the new home, a septic tank drain field was required and permitted through the Building/Health Department. Prior to the sale of the home, the title search contacted the OUA requesting whether or not any fees, liens or fines were placed on the property. The estoppel requested all bills and fees currently due on the property. The OUA responded that there were none.

The OUA connection fees due:

\$ 3,250.00 Wastewater Service Line Connection Fee Connection

\$ 3,863.00 Wastewater Capital Connection Charge

\$ 7,113.00

\$ 1,399.00 Water Meter Install Fee

\$ 1,988.00 Water Capital Connection Charge

\$ 3,387.00

The homeowners will still need to connect from the house to the OUA system located out in the right-of-way. Had the estoppel asked about proposed utility construction that was known and that should have been revealed to the seller, buyer & title company, a different sales contract or conditions may have been drawn up.

Here we are, the OUA has a project underway, the owner needs to connect, they have a new drain field, and fees are due. Can the OUA waive all connection fees due while the homeowner is responsible for connecting the home to the OUA system and signing up for OUA service (including deposit).

OKEEHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 33

MAY 19, 2026

185 CFM TRAILER MOUNTED AIR COMPRESSOR

Included in FY26 budget is the replacement of a mounted trailer air compressor at the Maintenance Barn. The current unit is a 1990 unit which was purchased heavily used in 2012 from Tallahassee and requires repeated repair.

Staff contacted competing vendors for price quotations and obtained the following:

Sheriff's Cooperative Purchasing Program (Chicago Pneumatic CPS 185 @100psi)	-	\$28,275.00
Sunbelt Rental (Doosan 185 CFM @ 100psi)	-	\$28,000.00
Equipment Share (Airman 185 EZ @100psi)	-	\$26,996.95
United Rental (Airman 185 CFM @100psi)	-	\$26,533.00



Following Staff review and evaluation of the lowest bidder, United Rental – including warranty and delivery time, it is Staff recommendation to purchase the proposed unit from United Rental at a cost of \$26,533.00

Attached are supporting documentations for review.

Following review and discussion, Staff recommends that a motion be moved to approve the purchase of a Airman Trailer Mounted 185 CFM Compressor from United Rental at a cost of \$26,533.00 including delivery charge.

OKEEHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 34

MAY 19, 2026

VEHICLE PURCHASE

In the FY 2026 budget the OUA has listed the following vehicle for replacement at \$66,000
Unit # 407 2002 F-350 with 114,324 miles

OUA staff has decided the replacement unit will be a ¾ (2500 model) instead of a 1-ton (3500 model). This decision was based on the duties & expectations of this unit. This unit will be used by a vacuum sewer crew to conduct the day to day operation & maintenance of the vacuum systems. There will be minimal trailer hauling with this unit and the 2500 model will be sufficient.

Staff sent out direct solicitations to the following in no particular order:

Gilbert Chevrolet
Gilbert Ford
Alan Jay Fleet
Duval Ford
Ferman Chevrolet
Stingray Chevrolet
Mullinax Ford

These are the following responses along with the attached back up documents:

Gilbert Chevrolet- No Response Bid

Gilbert Ford – No Response Bid

Alan Jay Fleet-2026 Chevy 2500 HD Regular Cab 2wd 8' utility body- \$ 64,347.00

Duval Ford- 2026 F-250 Regular Cab 2wd 8' utility body - \$ 64,273.00

Stingray Chevrolet- 2025 Chevy Silverado 3500 HD 2wd 9' utility body - \$ 61,008.00

Ferman Chevrolet – 2025 Chevy Silverado 2500 HD Regular Cab 2wd - \$ 58,015.45

Mullinax Ford – 2026 Ford F-250 Super Duty Regular Cab 2wd 8' utility body- \$ 62,631.50

OUA staff recommends approval by the OUA Board to purchase the 2025 Chevy Silverado 2500 HD Regular Cab 2 wd from Ferman Chevrolet in the amount of \$ 58,015.45

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 35

MAY 19, 2026

PROPOSED DROP PROVISION

The Okeechobee Utility Authority Pension Board Trustees at their May 4, 2026 meeting voted to recommend to the Okeechobee Utility Board of Directors to consider revisions to the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). The DROP plan now is currently 60 months (5 years), the new proposal is to extend to 96 months (8 years). This provision has been approved for other governmental agencies in Florida as well as the Florida Retirement System (FRS). It is the opinion of GRS (Pension Actuary) that there will be no actuarial impact on the cost of the Pension Fund. The Pension Attorney has drafted the proposed revisions as well as the Resolution.

See attached documents for the proposed revisions.

Staff's recommendation is that the OUA Board of Directors approve the Resolution adopting the proposed amendments to the Retirement System revising the DROP provisions.

OKEEHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 36

MAY 19, 2026

CHANGES TO EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Section 1-7 OUA Departments (page 8)

Change made so that the Meter Reader Department and Customer Service Department will now report to the Assistant Executive Director

1. 1-7 OUA Departments

The Executive Director is responsible for administering the general policies and procedures as established by the Board of Directors, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Authority and reporting to OUA Board of Directors on a regular basis. To provide water and wastewater service, OUA must employ numerous personnel to help the Executive Director carry out the day-to-day operations.

The Executive Staff at OUA consists of the Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director, Finance Director and Director of Operations. The Finance Director is responsible for overseeing the Finance Department, ~~Meter Reader Department, Customer Service Department~~ and Special Projects as assigned by the Executive Director. The Director of Operations is responsible for overseeing the Water Department, Wastewater Department and Maintenance Department. **The Assistant Executive Director is responsible for overseeing the Meter Reader Department, Customer Service Department and Special Projects as assigned by the Executive Director.** The Executive Director is the immediate supervisor of the Assistant Executive Director, Finance Director, and the Director of Operations.

Section 5-31 Reemployment of Non-Retiree (page 70)

Section 5-32 Reemployment after Retirement (page 70)

Changes to ensure compliance with IRS guidelines regarding a bona fide retirement of employees by specifying a set number of days post-retirement before eligibility of any reemployment.

2. 5-31 Reemployment of Non-Retiree

~~Reemployment will be contingent, among other things, upon satisfactory references from previous employment with the OUA. Applicants who are reemployed shall be considered as new hires. The new hire date will be used for the purpose of PTO calculations. They shall be given a new hire date as of the date of return to the active payroll, and they shall be required to meet all qualifying conditions prior to participation in the benefits program.~~

~~3.~~ 5-31 Rehire Eligibility

Former employees may be considered for rehire provided they meet all current hiring criteria and performance standards. To be eligible for rehire, an individual must have been separated from the company in good standing.

All rehire decisions are subject to review of the employee's prior work record and current business needs. The company reserves the right to determine rehire eligibility on a case-by-case basis and does not guarantee rehire.

Benefits eligibility, accruals, and service-related calculations (including but not limited to paid time off, seniority, and retirement benefits) will be based on the employee's most recent date of hire and will not carry over from any previous period of employment, unless otherwise required by law.

~~4.~~ 5-32 Reemployment after Retirement

~~Reemployment after retirement is not guaranteed. All retiree applicants may have to apply for an open position and complete the application/interview process. If you are re-hired you will be considered a new hire. Your new hire date will be used for the purpose of Employee Recognition and PTO calculations. You will be given a new hire date as of the date of return to the OUA. Your employment will be based on a yearly term with a thirty day cancellation notice by either party. The yearly term will be based on an annual evaluation by the Supervisor, Operations Director and/or Executive Director prior to next term being approved. If an employee is retired from OUA and receiving retirement benefits, he/she may not participate in the OUA Pension Program upon reemployment. Reemployment after retirement policies can be referenced in the Okeechobee Utility Authority Employees' retirement Plan Document, under section for "Reemployment after Retirement."~~

~~5.~~ 5-32 Reemployment after Retirement Eligibility

Former retired employees may be considered for reemployment provided they meet all current hiring criteria and performance standards. To be eligible for reemployment, an individual must have been separated from the company for a minimum of ninety (90) consecutive days prior to the date of reapplication.

All reemployment decisions are subject to review of the employee's prior work record and current business needs. The company reserves the right to determine reemployment eligibility on a case-by-case basis and does not guarantee reemployment.

Benefits eligibility, accruals, and service-related calculations (including but not limited to paid time off, seniority, and retirement benefits) will be based on the employee's most recent date of hire and will not carry over from any previous period of employment, unless otherwise required by law.

OUA staff recommends approval by the OUA Board to make the changes to the OUA Employee Handbook.

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 37

MAY 19, 2026

ATTORNEY

OKEECHOBEE UTILITY AUTHORITY

AGENDA ITEM NO. 38

APRIL 21, 2026

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Southwest Wastewater Service Area

- Project 1
 - Force Main SE2 Interconnect
On Hold
- Project 2 Collection System
 - Notice to Proceed issued on March 29, 2023
 - Substantial: May 23, 2025 (731 calendar days from NTP + 45 days per Change Order No. 4)
 - Substantial Completion: Feb 13, 2026
 - Final: July 6, 2025 (775 calendar days from NTP + 45 days per Change Order No. 4)
- Project 3 Okee-Tantie
 - Under Design (Pending FDEP & USACOE Permitting)
 - See attached project schedule agenda item

SR 78W Phase II WM Improvements

- Almost Completed, awaiting FDOT final inspection

SW 5th Ave Wastewater System Improvements

- Underway

Treasure Island Septic to Sewer Project

- Awaiting on final easements

Taylor Creek Isles VPS #2 Generator Replacement Project

- Notice to Proceed issued

Mallard Land Gravity Sewer Project

- Work completed

General Information

- VPS #4 & #5 Septic to Sewer Bids this month
- NE 16th Avenue Water Main RFP this month agenda item
- Pine Ridge Park Expansion underway
- NW15 Lift Station Rehabilitation Project underway
- SWSA Project 2 Town Hall meeting 5/5
- Presentation to BOCC 5/14 & City Council 5/19

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