

**OCEAN PINES SERVICE AREA
WATER AND WASTEWATER
Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 12, 2025**

Present	Water and Wastewater Advisory Board Fred Stiehl, Jim Spicknall, Bob Kane, Jack Collins, Will Gabeler Worcester County Public Works Dallas Baker Worcester County Public Works - Water and Wastewater Division Meg Etzler, Tony Fascelli Worcester County Treasurer Quinn Dittrich
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Fred Stiehl called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Fred asked if there were any additions and/or corrections to the October 14th meeting minutes. Jack asked to clarify on page 2, under Construction projects, Triple Crown Phase II (30). Jack wanted it to be noted that the money from the Triple Crown 30 EDUs will be collected by Ocean Pines Association and will not flow to Worcester County. Discussion was held. With no other changes to the minutes Fred made motion to accept the minutes as written.

Water Production

- FY 26 Capital Projects
 1. Still waiting for delivery of our stainless-steel tank.
 2. Well chlorine contact tank inspection (\$35K)
 3. Capacity management plan/resiliency study & water model (\$85K). Scope of work needs to be completed so it can go out to bid.

Water Distribution (10/14/25 to present)

- Two new water services; 22 leak repairs.
- FY 25 Capital Projects:
 1. Radio Read Meters-replacement project underway, 2,373 of 5,054 meters replaced.
- FY26 Capital Projects
 1. Blue tubing (\$30K) – order as needed

Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Storage lagoon (\$350K) –Design complete, permits obtained. Working on bid documents.
- Belt Filter Design – Awarded to Davis, Bowen and Friedel. Design underway.
- Volume of sewage hauled from Riddle to Ocean Pines: 8/31/25-10/4/25 – 0 gallons.
- FY 25 Capital projects:
 1. Treatment Unit #4 cleaning – awarded to Miller Environment \$124,157.97. Started 10/27/25.
 2. Replacement mixer for the Flow Equalization Tank came in at \$40K over budget. Will not do this year and will put back in the budget for next year.
 3. Blower – commissioners approved additional funding to repair blower. Repair complete. Waiting on contractor to install.

- FY26 Capital Projects
 1. The Aluminum Chloride Tank Replacement (\$20K), the Dry Bed Repairs (\$50K) and the Overhead Pipe Corrosion Protection (\$50K) projects all need to be bid out.
 2. On the storage lagoon (~\$350K). Design complete. Permits obtained. Working on bid documents.

Emergency replacement for VFD – installed 10/10.

Wastewater Collections System (10/14/25 – present)

- No Sanitary Sewer Overflows.
- Household tanks replaced: 6 (2 cement, 1 fiberglass, 2 plastic, 1 new install)
- FY 25 Capital Projects
 1. Lift station “T” pump replacement – (1 of 3) installed. Work complete.
- FY26 Capital Projects
 1. Busch pumps (\$30K) are ordered as needed. Seeing a price increase.
 2. Fiberglass vacuum tanks (\$120K) - ordered as needed.
 3. Lift Station T Pump Replacement (2 of 3) (\$70K) approved for \$48,795; ordered, 10-12 weeks delivery time.
 4. Lift Station T Wet Well Reline (\$65K) working on bid package.

Construction Projects (Total EDUs)

- Triple Crown Phase II (30) – Reviewing as-builts. Waiting on water meters.
- Refuge at Windmill Creek (90) – Phase I contractor installing pit resitter’s with dual check valve. Phase II contractor working on punch list items. Waiting on as-builts and water meters.
- Gum Point Road (15 sewer) no change.
- St Martins by the Bay (58 water) – USDA Owner/engineer agreement executed. Survey work complete. Design from DBF received 10/10/25 and under review.

Bay Restoration Fee

Our numbers for October: 4.62 Nitrogen and .53 for Phosphorus. Average for Nitrogen is 3.99; average for Phosphorus: .31. BRF limit: 3.0 Nitrogen; 0.3 Phosphorus. The figures were high for October because we had to drain the tank and reactivate treatment which caused a disruption in efficiency.

Financial Update

Quinn shared the Ocean Pines Service Balance Performance Report YTD and the Balance Sheet YTD. Discussion ensued.

Dallas shared that the map of the Greater Ocean Pines Service area was emailed to the Board on 9/11/25.

Our next meeting will be held on December 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

With no further business Fred made the motion to adjourn. Bob seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Etzler
Administrative Assistant