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VERNA ARNETTE, GENERAL MANAGER

## **AGENDA**

Regular Meeting of the Members of the Authority

Thursday, 1/22/2026, 9:00 am

Executive Board Room, 109B, Administration Building

6 Snake Road, Okatie SC

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This meeting is being held in person and virtually in accordance with BJWSA Bylaws, as amended, and can be viewed live on the BJWSA's website page:

(<https://bjwsa.org/publicmeeting/>)

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

*Telephonic Statement (if needed)*

### **II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **III. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Telephonic Statement (if needed)*

Public Comments may be made in person at this meeting or submitted electronically by emailing your comments to [publicmeeting@bjwsa.org](mailto:publicmeeting@bjwsa.org). Advanced Comments will be accepted up to 1 hour prior to the scheduled meeting start time and shall be limited to three (3) minutes or 390 words. All Advanced Comments will be provided to the Chair and read aloud for the record during the initial Public Comment period. Comments presented in person will be limited to three (3) minutes.

Public Comments may also be submitted throughout the course of the meeting. Those comments should also be emailed to [publicmeeting@bjwsa.org](mailto:publicmeeting@bjwsa.org) and limited to 3 minutes or 390 words. Comments submitted during the meeting will be provided to the Chair and read aloud as indicated in Item XII, noted below.

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**IV. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regular Meeting of 12/18/2025

**VI. GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT**

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Executive Committee – *Committee Chair, Greg Padgett*
- B. Capital Projects Committee – *Committee Chair, Rob McFee*
- C. Finance Committee - *Committee Chair, David Strange*
- D. Personnel Committee – *Committee Chair, Jimmy Baker*
- E. Underserved Areas Ad Hoc Committee-*Committee Chair, Michael Bell*
- F. Local Government Ad Hoc Committee- *Committee Chair, Acting Chair, Jimmy Baker*

**VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Contract Award for CIP-2433 Treatment Improvements-PFAS Removal for Purrysburg Water Treatment Plant for CMAR Pre-Construction Phase Services to Wharton Smith in the amount of \$200,000.00.
2. Approval of Contract Award for CIP-2434 Treatment Improvements-PFAS Removal for Chelsea Water Treatment Plant for CMAR Pre-Construction Phase Services to Wharton Smith in the amount of \$200,000.00.
3. Approval of Contract Award for CIP-2477 Chelsea Water Treatment Plant Mechanical and Structural Improvements for Engineering Services to Garver in the amount of \$1,140,738.00.
4. Approval of Contract Award for CIP-2478 Port Royal Island Wastewater Reclamation Facility Improvements, Secondary Clarifiers for pre-procurement of two secondary clarifiers by EW2 Environmental Inc. in the amount of \$1,206,229.00.
5. Approval of Purchase Order for CIP-2490 Miscellaneous Plant Equipment FY26- No. 6 Port Royal Island Reclamation Facility Conveyor System Rehab for the purchase and installation of a new Conveyor system to Serpentix Conveyor Corporation in the amount of \$234,131.75.
6. Approval of Contract Award for FY2026 Purrysburg Alum Pond Excavation for dredging and dewatering to Eagle Dynamics, LLC in the amount of \$800,000.00.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Rate Analysis Update

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Underserved Ad Hoc Committee Go to Sewer CIP request
2. Approval of Contract Amendment for CIP-2437 Jasper County Water System  
Improvements for JH Hiers contingent on RIA's review and approval in an amount not to exceed \$2,122,278.55.
3. Approval of BJWSA DOT Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Discussion and Legal Advice pursuant to SC Code Ann. Section 30-4-70(a)(2) regarding:

1. Real Estate Assistance Contract
2. Hilton Head PSD, Broad Creek PSD Contract Update
3. CIP-2465 SP-20 Improvements
4. Organizational Chart Update

**XII. RECONVENE**

**XIII. ITEMS COMING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*(Telephonic Statement)*

**XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**XV. ADJOURNMENT<sup>i</sup>**

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<sup>i</sup> Next Scheduled Meeting Thursday, 2/26/2026 9:00 a.m.

Section 30-40-80(A)(D)(E) In accordance with Chapter 4, Title 30, South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, commonly known as the “Freedom of Information Act” (FOIA), as amended, notification of regular meetings was given at the beginning of the calendar year. This agenda was posted on the Authority’s bulletin board and website at [www.bjwsa.org](http://www.bjwsa.org) twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. A copy of the agenda was given to the requested public on file. Local media was properly notified.

\*Article X, Section 2(g), BJWSA Bylaws, as amended, with respect to any electronic meeting, any public comment periods provided for by local ordinance, resolution, policy, or bylaws are hereby suspended. Members of the public may submit written public comments which shall be distributed to the members of the Authority both before and during the meeting as set forth in the agenda.