

Oriental Water Advisory Board

Friday, November 21, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Nick Wilhelm (phone), Rich Guimond, Daniel Early, Steve Drew, Butch Rasmussen, Commissioner Bonnie Crosser and Allen Price, Manager Miller, Newly Elected Commissioners: Louis Ostendorff and Don McGuire.

1. Water Plant Rehabilitation Project.
TRC, Nick Wilhelm, provided an update to the design status: 60 Days behind schedule. Waiting on response from EFI on the integrated prefab building solution. On hold, until receipt of response from EFI for cost benefit analysis to compare a remodel solution to a prefab building and components solution. The remodel solution will address the replacement of components inside the current structure; with the possible relocate of the brine tank. The prefab solution will provide for a new building with the components installed at the factory, allowing for a seamless transition. There is additional land surrounding the plant to allow for this type of solution.
 - TRC requested copies of recent filter component testing elements and PFAS test.

2. Booster Station. Similar to the Water Plant, TRC, Nick Wihlem, on hold waiting for response from EFI on the integrated prefab building solution. Committee requested a priority for the Booster Station regarding the estimated solution with EFI.
 - Sewer connection not required.
 - Team schedule to tour the Booster Station facility in Beaufort County – first week of December.

3. Valve Replacement. Design submitted to DWI, DEQ, and NCDOT.
 - 1/8/2026 Bids are due.
 - TRC verifying all permits have been obtained. Concern regarding PDWS – water supply permit.
 - Manager Miller requested copy of Bid package for Town Hall.

4. Decision for TRC to revise RFF project components to equal direct funding amount of \$5.417 million. Adding to the RFF replacement of pipes, paving, and permits, etc.

Copper Issue.

- November 2025 testing 3.0 – limit is 1.85.
- Outstanding resolution regarding DEQ approval of Oriental's expired Water Permit. Mr. Baily continues his efforts to bring a resolve to this outstanding issue and resolution with the NOVs. Effort is focused on including the diffuser and increasing the copper testing limit range.

Prepared by: Commissioner Bonnie Crosser