

# Welcome to the 2023 Annual Membership Meeting

**October 10, 2023 @ 6:00 PM**



# Before We Get Started

- \* 2023 Annual Meeting Agenda (Paper Copy)
- \* 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes (Paper Copy)
- \* FYE 2023 Audit (Paper Copy Available)
- \* Download a Full Copy of this Presentation at [BRRWC.ORG](https://BRRWC.ORG)



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# Proof of Notice of the Meeting

- \* Annual Meeting Notice was Mailed to Every Customer on the System in the Water Bill.**
- \* Annual Meeting Notice was Published in the Greenville News.**
- \* Annual Meeting Notice was Placed in the Office of Blue Ridge Rural Water Co. at 2241 Fews Chapel Road as well as the Company Web Site.**



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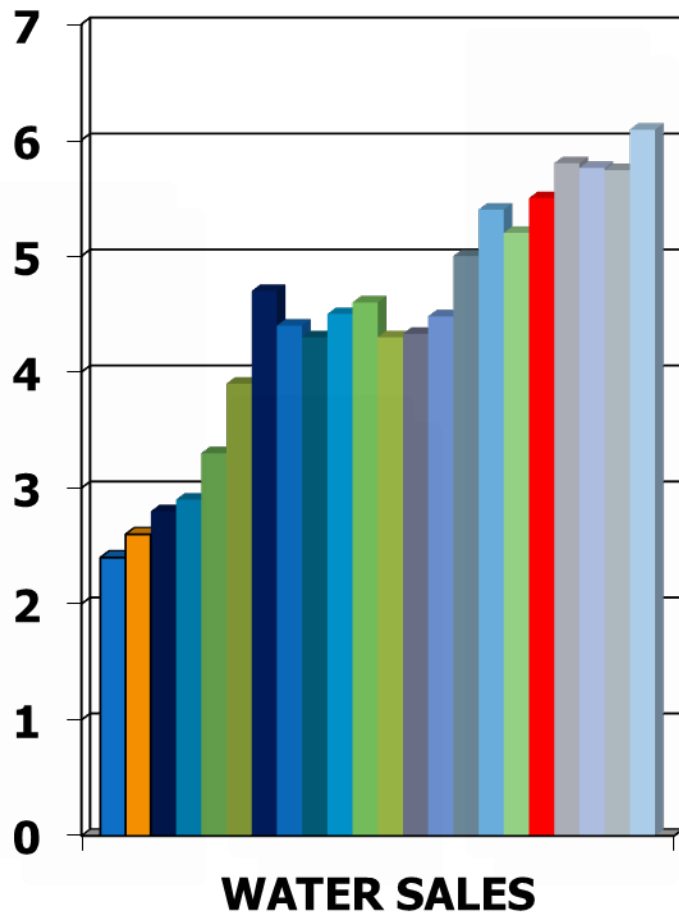
- \* **Financial Summary**
- \* **Manager's Report**
- \* **Projects Report**
- \* **Chairman's Report**
- \* **Nominating Committee**



# Financial Summary & Manager's Report



# Financial Summary



**FY Ending June 30, 2023**  
(12 Months / Audited)

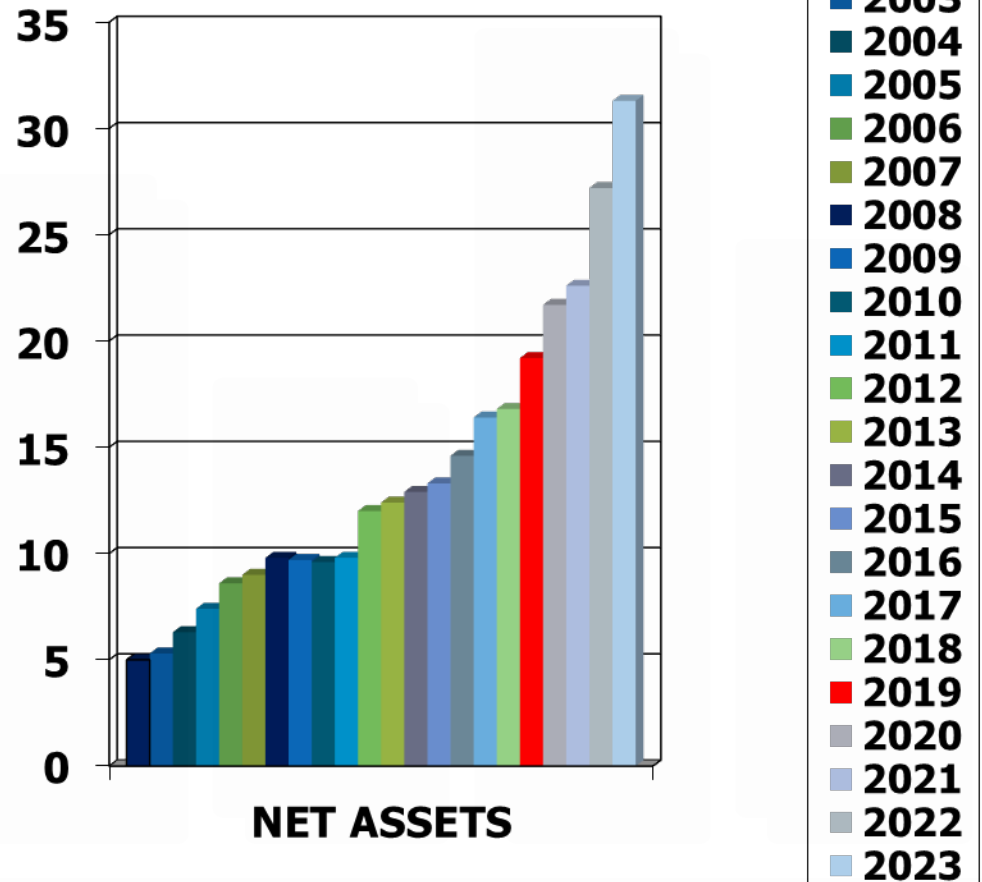
**\* Water Sales Increased  
5.99% to \$6,088,583**



# Financial Summary

**FY Ending June 30, 2023**  
(12 Months / Audited)

**\* Unrestricted Net  
Assets Increased  
15.17% to \$31,363,501**



# Financial Summary

**FY Ending June 30, 2023** (12 Months / Audited)

**Operating Revenues = \$12,759,271**

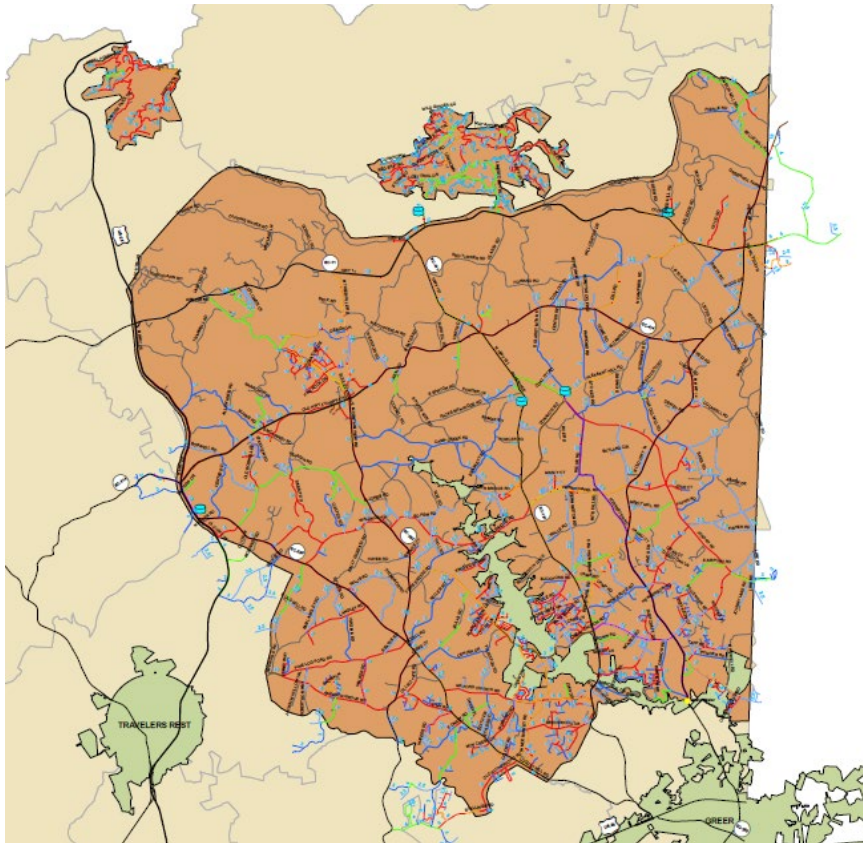
**Operating Expenses = \$8,665,324**

**Operating Income = \$4,093,947**

**New Construction Income = \$3,483,190**



# Manager's Report



- \* **BRRWC has 3 Separate Service Areas:**
  - \* **Historic Area = 96%**
  - \* **Cliffs at Glassy = 3%**
  - \* **Cliffs Valley North = 1%**
- \* **The Total of all areas cover 18% of Greenville County, S.C.**



# Manager's Report

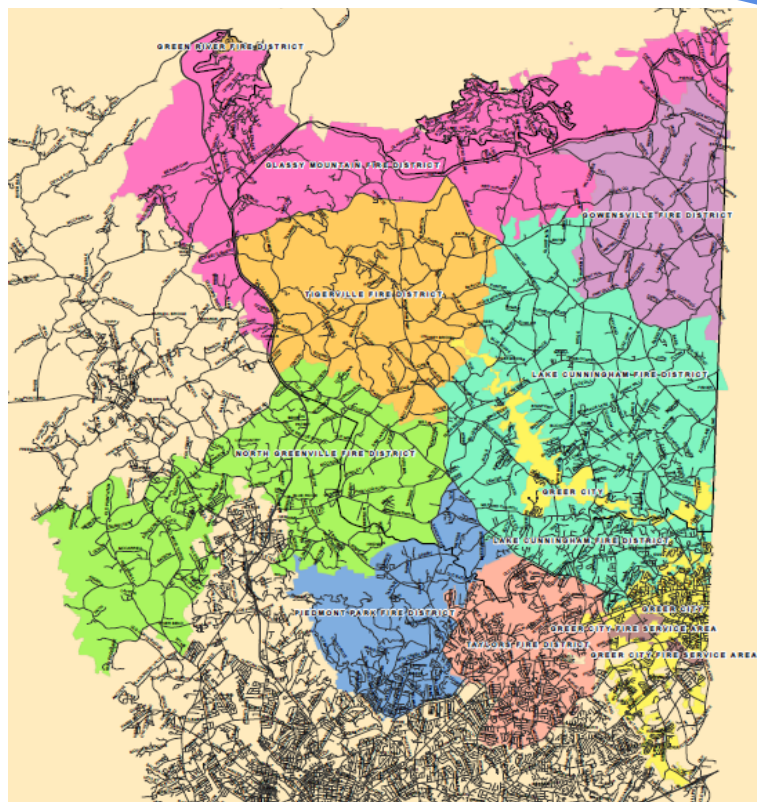
## BRRWC Systems have:

- \* More than 140 Sq. Miles of Service Area
- \* More than 500 Miles of Water Mains that are maintained and repaired by Staff Members
- \* More than 3,800 System Valves and more than 1,000 System Blow-offs that are maintained regularly, as well as repaired by Staff Members





# Manager's Report



## Water Supply to 10 Fire Districts

1. City of Greer
2. Taylors FD
3. Piedmont Park FD
4. Lake Cunningham FD
5. North Greenville FD
6. Tigerville FD
7. Gowensville FD
8. Glassy Mountain FD
9. Landrum FD
10. Green River FD



# Manager's Report

- \* **With more than 1,000 Fire Hydrants that are regularly inspected with the assistance of 10 area fire districts**
  - \* **Fire Flow Test are conducted by BRRWC Staff Members and data is shared with all fire districts**
- \* **BRRWC maintains a state-of-art Asset Management System and GIS System that stores thousands of inspection records**



# Manager's Report

## Community Involvement:

- \* **BRRWC Management is happy to discuss any questions or concerns from Members**
- \* **The General Manager regularly meets and works with customers, developers, POAs, as well as the public**
- \* **BRRWC Board Meetings are open to members of the system and the public**
- \* **Annual Meetings are held yearly, to hear directly from the Membership**



# Manager's Report

## Emergency Preparedness:

- \* BRRWC has developed a detailed Vulnerability Assessment and Emergency Preparedness Plan
- \* This plan has been approved by federal, state and local officials
- \* The Plan is updated yearly and the BRRWC staff have extensive emergency response training
- \* BRRWC staff are on call 24/7 to respond to emergencies

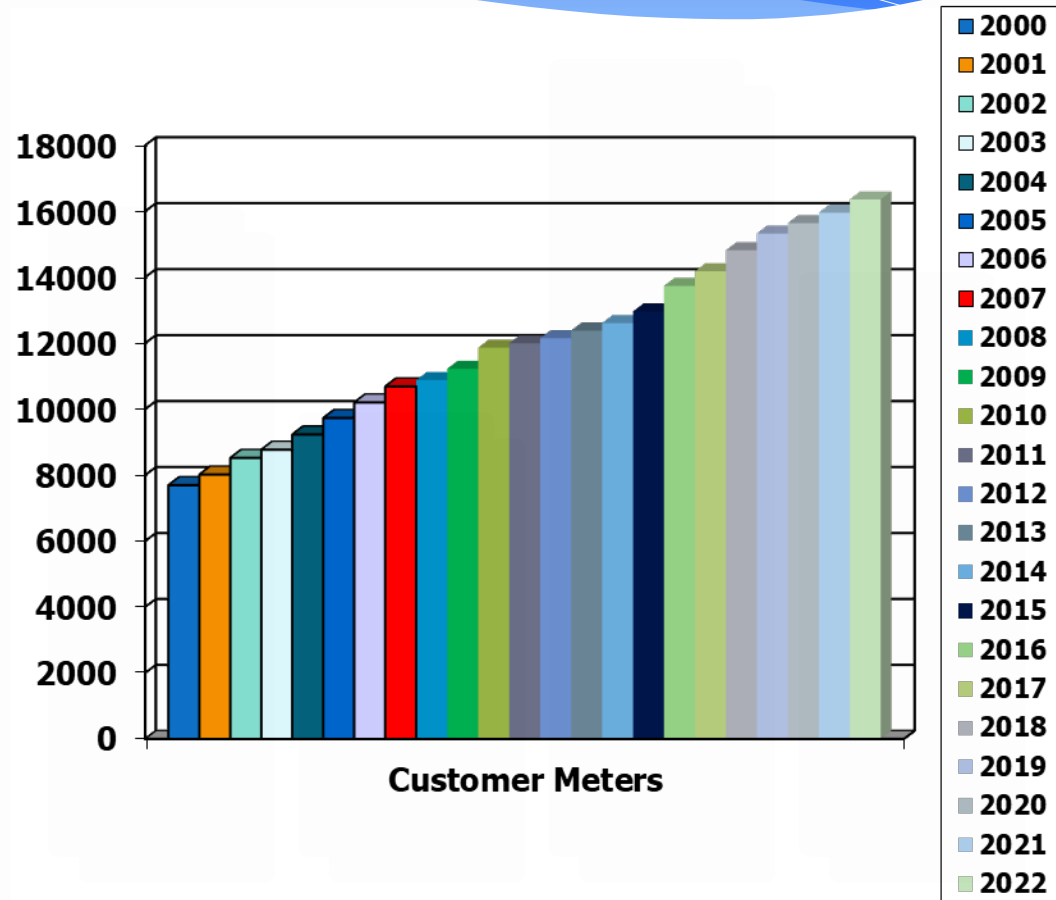


# Manager's Report

## Blue Ridge Rural Water Company Information

(The Following Data is as  
of September 1, 2023)

**\* Total of 16,963  
Customer Meters  
(3.7% Increase)**



# Manager's Report

## Historical Water System Rates

(As of July 1, 2023)

### Residential Rates

- First 2,000 Gal. = **\$15.51 Min.**
- Debt Reduction Fee = **\$1.75 Monthly**
- Infrastructure Replacement Fee = **\$3.00 Monthly**
- 2,000 to 12,000 Gallons = **\$5.13 per 1,000 Gal.**
- All Over 12,000 Gallons = **\$8.13 per 1,000 Gal.**

### Commercial Rates

- First 5,000 Gal. = **\$28.20 Min.**
- Debt Reduction Fee = **\$1.75 Monthly**
- Infrastructure Replacement Fee = **\$3.00 Monthly**
- 5,000 to 30,000 Gallons = **\$5.13 per 1,000 Gal.**
- All Over 30,000 Gallons = **\$8.13 per 1,000 Gal.**

### Industrial Rates

- First 10,000 Gal. = **\$49.35 Min.**
- Debt Reduction Fee = **\$1.75 Monthly**
- Infrastructure Replacement Fee = **\$3.00 Monthly**
- 10,000 to 60,000 Gallons = **\$5.13 per 1,000 Gal.**
- All Over 60,000 Gallons = **\$8.13 per 1,000 Gal.**



	Customers with 2 Meters or no Irrigation System	Customers with 1 Meter and an Irrigation System
First 3,000 gallons	Minimum Base Rate (\$34.00 + \$20.00 = \$54.00 per Month)	
Per 1,000 gallons Next 7,000	Above, plus Tier 1 Rate (\$4.10 per 1,000 Gallons)	
Per 1,000 gallons Next 6,800	Above + Tier 2 Rate (\$8.20 per 1,000 gal.)	
Per 1,000 gallons 16,800 – 33,600	Above + Tier 3 Rate (\$11.25 per 1,000 gal.)	Above + Tier 3 Rate (\$15.35 per 1,000 gal.)
Per 1,000 gallons 33,600 – 50,400	Above + Tier 4 Rate (\$13.81 per 1,000 gal.)	Above + Tier 4 Rate (\$26.11 per 1,000 gal.)
Per 1,000 gallons 50,400 – 67,200	Above + Tier 5 Rate (\$17.01 per 1,000 gal.)	Above + Tier 5 Rate (\$44.94 per 1,000 gal.)
Per 1,000 gallons Over 67,200	Above + Tier 6 Rate (\$21.01 per 1,000 gal.)	Above + Tier 6 Rate (\$77.90 per 1,000 gal.)

**Glassy Water**  
**System Rates**  
 (As of July 1, 2023)



	Customers with 2 Meters or no Irrigation System	Customers with 1 Meter and an Irrigation System
First 3,000 gallons	Minimum Base Rate (\$61.05 + \$40.00 = \$101.05 per Month)	
Per 1,000 gallons Next 7,000	Above, plus Tier 1 Rate (\$9.81 per 1,000 Gallons)	
Per 1,000 gallons Next 6,800	Above + Tier 2 Rate (\$13.91 per 1,000 gal.)	
Per 1,000 gallons 16,800 – 33,600	Above + Tier 3 Rate (\$16.96 per 1,000 gal.)	Above + Tier 3 Rate (\$21.06 per 1,000 gal.)
Per 1,000 gallons 33,600 – 50,400	Above + Tier 4 Rate (\$20.06 per 1,000 gal.)	Above + Tier 4 Rate (\$31.82 per 1,000 gal.)
Per 1,000 gallons 50,400 – 67,200	Above + Tier 5 Rate (\$22.72 per 1,000 gal.)	Above + Tier 5 Rate (\$50.65 per 1,000 gal.)
Per 1,000 gallons Over 67,200	Above + Tier 6 Rate (\$26.72 per 1,000 gal.)	Above + Tier 6 Rate (\$83.61 per 1,000 gal.)

**Cliffs Valley North**  
**System Rates**  
 (As of July 1, 2023)





# Projects Report

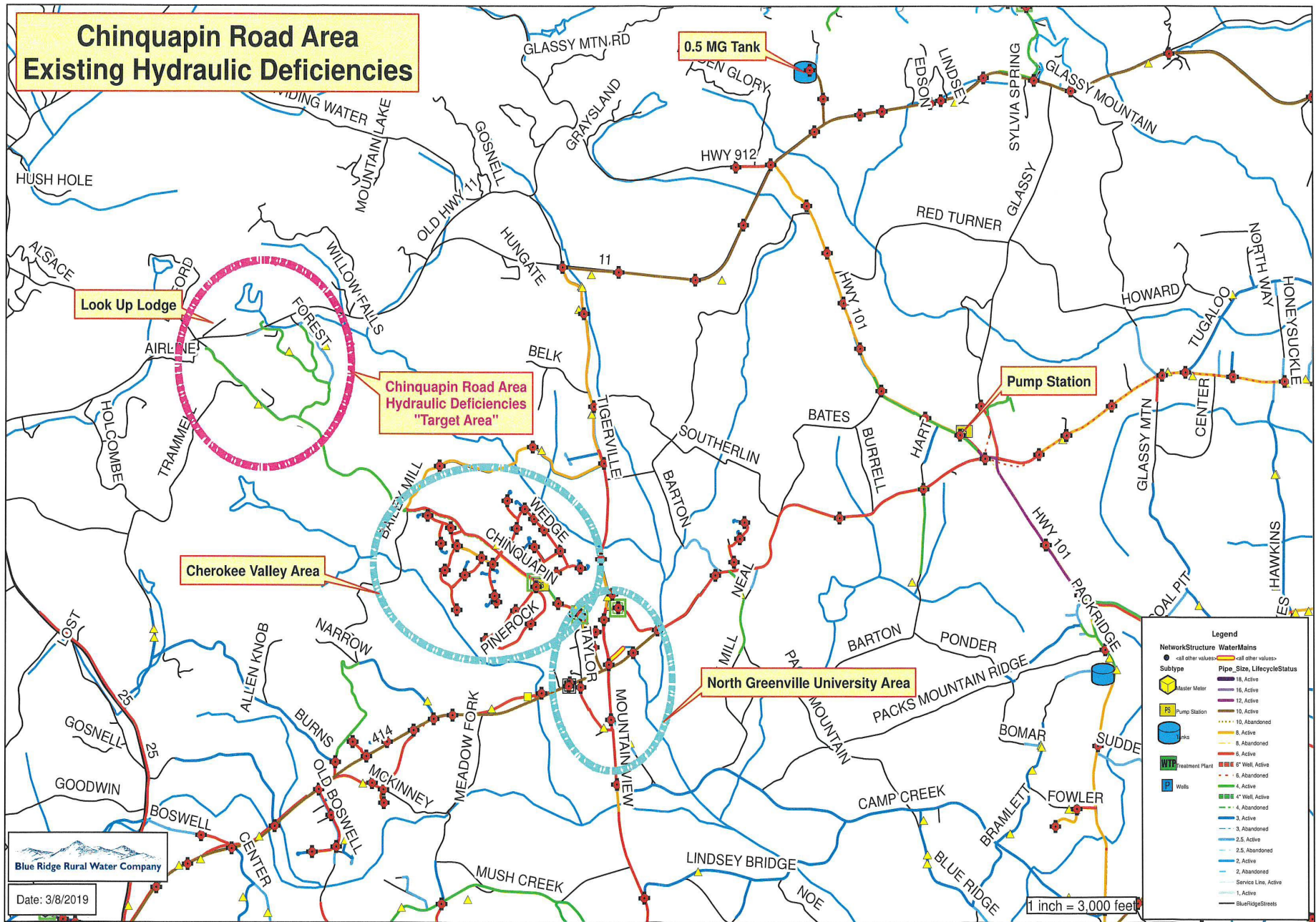


# Past System Improvements

- \* In the past Chinquapin Road Customers from Bailey Mill Rd to HWY 11 would, during peak usage times, experience decreases in water pressure
- \* BRRWC applied for a SC Rural Infrastructure Authority Grant and was awarded a \$500,000 grant
- \* The Improvement included:
  - \* 17,700 LF of New 10 Inch Water Main along HWY 11
  - \* 13 New Fire Hydrants along HWY 11
  - \* 28 New System Valves



# Chinquapin Road Area Existing Hydraulic Deficiencies



# Past System Improvements - Chinquapin Road Area

**BRRWC Improvement Funds = \$693,305**

**RIA Grant Received = \$500,000**

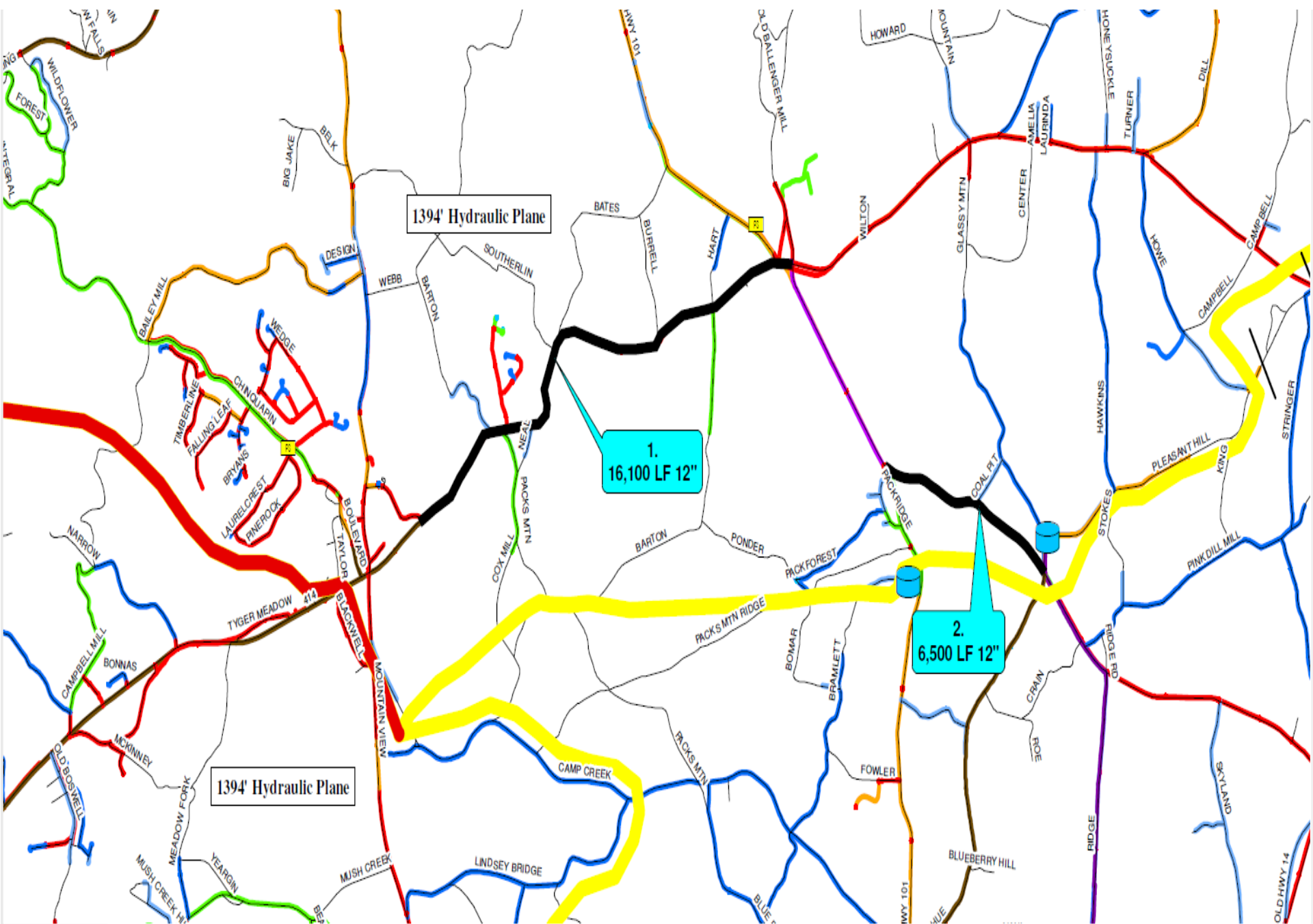
**Total Improvement cost = \$1,193,305**





# Future Systems Improvements

- \* Replacement of 16,100 LF of 6" PVC water main (1972), with an upgraded new 12" DIP water main & 16 hydrants along HWY 414, from HWY 253 to HWY 101
- \* Replacement of 6,500 LF of 6" PVC water main (1972), with an upgraded 12" DIP water main & 6 hydrants along Jordan Road, from HWY 101 to the Pleasant Hill Tank



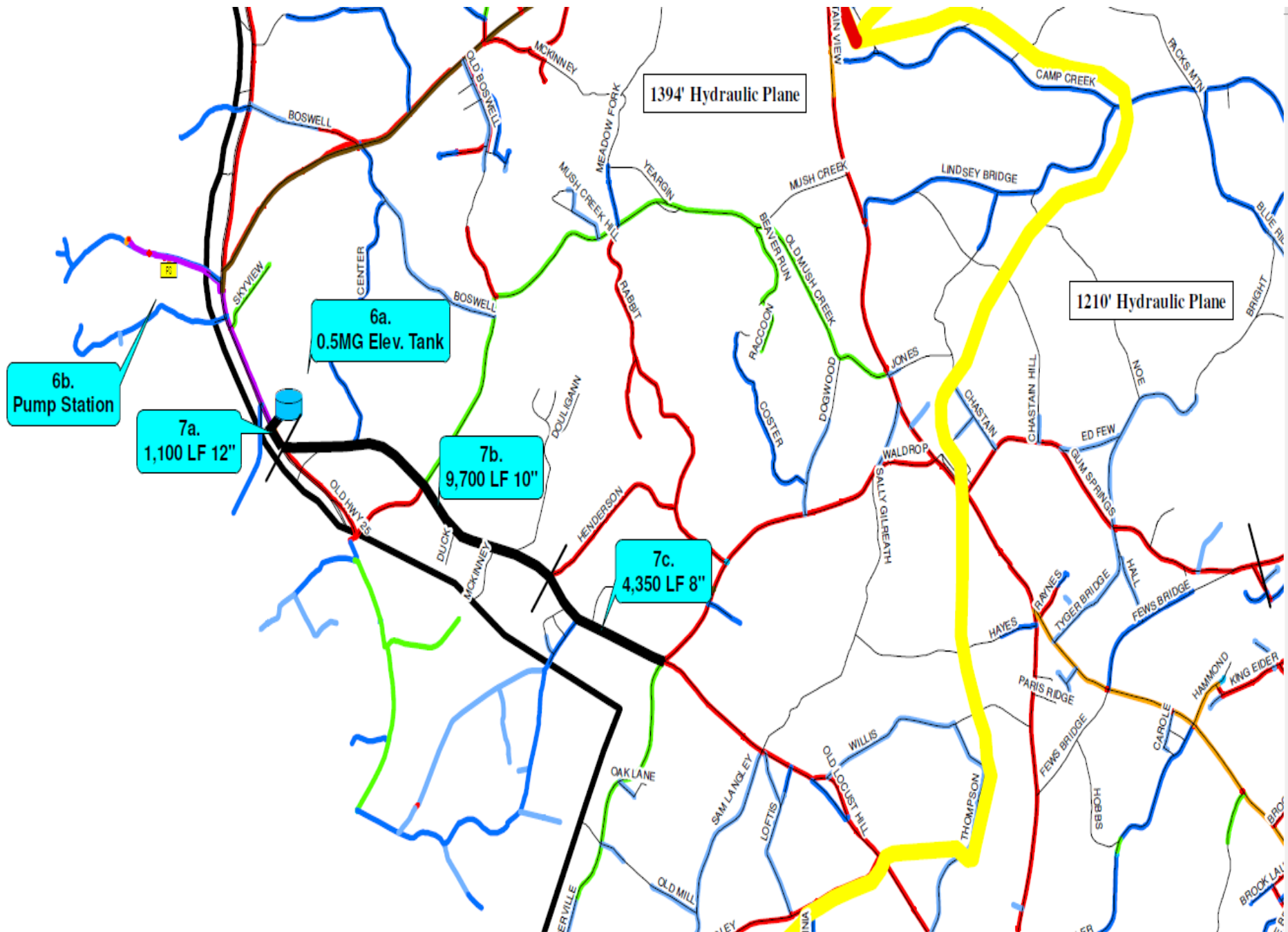
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- \* Replacement of 1,100 LF of 6" PVC water main (1977), with an upgraded 12" DIP water main & 1 hydrant along HWY 25, from the Coon Top Tank to HWY 290**
- \* Replacement of 9,700 LF of 6" PVC water main (1972), with an upgraded 10" DIP water main & 8 hydrants along HWY 290, from the HWY 25 to Henderson Road**

# Future Systems Improvements

- \* Replacement of 4,350 LF of 6" PVC water main (1972), with an upgraded 8" DIP water main & 4 hydrants along HWY 290, from Henderson Road to Tigerville Road
- \* Replacement of Coon Top Tank, a 200,000 ground storage tank (1977), with an upgraded 500,000 gallon elevated storage tank
- \* Replacement of HWY 414 pump station (1990), with an upgraded pump station to deliver water throughout the system





# Future Systems Improvements

- \* South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP) is a major, one-time initiative to improve water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure throughout the State of South Carolina**
- \* The Program utilizes federal funds allocated to the State through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021**

# Future Systems Improvements

- \* **Blue Ridge Rural Water Company was awarded \$9,118,123 from SCIIP for Water System upgrades and improvements**
- \* **The BRRWC local investment or match is \$3,210,000**
- \* **Total system improvement proposed investment is \$12,328,123**
- \* **This will be the largest one-time investment ever made in the Blue Ridge Water System**

# Project Timeline

- \* Final Design Complete – December 2023
- \* Permits Acquired – February 2024
- \* Advertise for Bids – March 2024
- \* Bid Awards / Work Started – June 2024
- \* Completion of Project – January 2026



# Chairman's Report



# Chairman's Report

## Overview

- \* **Current Board Members and Officers**
- \* **Driving Philosophies**
- \* **Financial Status Improvement Previous 21 Years**



# Current Board Members and Officers

<b>Dr. K. Graham Lawrence Jr.</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Historical Area</b>
<b>David Lipscomb</b>	<b>Vice Chairman</b>	<b>Historical Area</b>
<b>Tish Walters</b>	<b>Personnel Comm.</b>	<b>Historical Area</b>
<b>Theresa Williams</b>	<b>Personnel Comm.</b>	<b>Historical Area</b>
<b>Leo Gosnell, Jr.</b>	<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Historical Area</b>
<b>Dale Whitney</b>	<b>Personnel Comm.</b>	<b>Cliffs Valley North</b>
<b>Travis Campbell</b>	<b>Personnel Comm.</b>	<b>Historical Area</b>
<b>Jack DePriester</b>	<b>Consultant &amp; Chair, Personnel Comm.</b>	<b>Cliffs of Glassy</b>
<b>William “Bill” Dennis</b>	<b>Consultant</b>	<b>Historical Area</b>

# Chairman's Report

## Driving Philosophy 1

- \* The Three Geographically Separate Sections of the BRRWC should be financially solvent with separate water rates set to insure each section's solvency**





# Chairman's Report

## Driving Philosophy 2

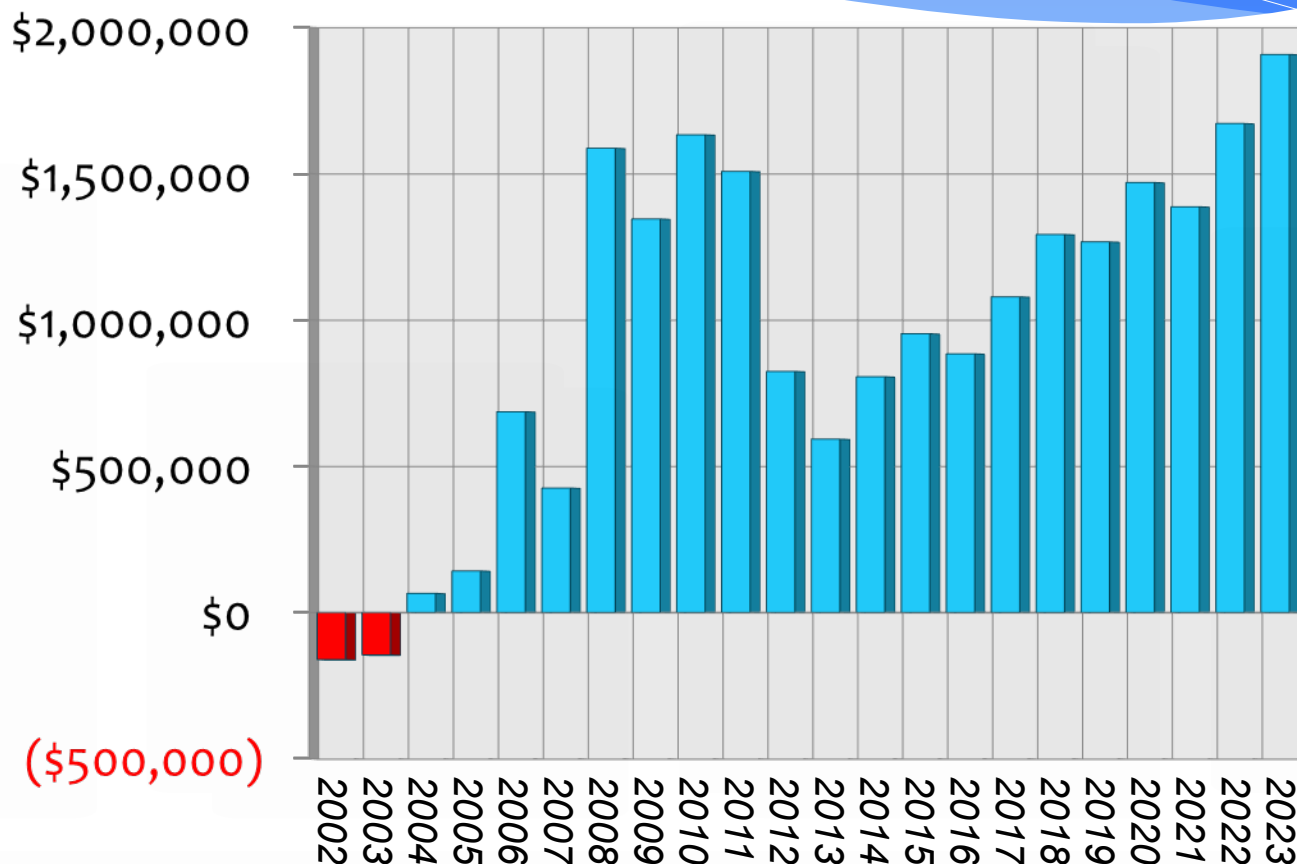
### Historical Area:

- \* New Customers and Developers should pay for the infrastructure improvements necessary to accommodate those new system customers and development**

# Chairman's Report

## How Far Have We Come in 21 Years?

Current Assets – Current Liabilities



# Nominating Committee



# 2023 Nominating Committee

**Section 3.5 Nominating Committee.** Not later than forty-five (45) days prior to each annual meeting of the Members, the Chairman of the Board of Directors shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of three (3) members, two of whom shall be current Members of Board of Directors. Such committee shall consider all available candidates for the directorships to be filed at the forthcoming annual meeting and shall submit a slate of candidates at the meeting. Such submissions shall be deemed a nomination of each person named



# 2023 Nominating Committee

- \* **The 2023 nominating committee consisted of three board members**
  1. **Dr. K. Graham Lawrence Jr.**
  2. **Tish Walters**
  3. **Theresa Williams**
- \* **The committee considered all available candidates, that had submitted their nomination for directorship**

# 2023 Nominating Committee

**\* The committee after thorough review, feels that the following slate of candidates would be best suited to be elected as Board Members for the Blue Ridge Water Company**

- 1. Dr. K. Graham Lawrence Jr.**
- 2. David Lipscomb**
- 3. Dale Whitney**



# Election of Directors



# 2023 Board Candidates

- |                               |                     |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Dr. K. Graham Lawrence Jr. | Historical Area     |
| 2. David Lipscomb             | Historical Area     |
| 3. Dale Whitney               | Cliffs Valley North |
| 4. Lisa Bracewell             | Historical Area     |
| 5. Patti Black                | Historical Area     |





# Election of Directors

- \* Each Candidate for the Board of Directors Will Have Two (2) Minutes to Address the Membership.
- \* No Interruptions or Discussion of the Candidates will be Allowed

## The 2023 Candidates:

1. Dr. K. Graham Lawrence Jr.
2. David Lipscomb
3. Dale Whitney
4. Lisa Bracewell
5. Patti Black



# Election of Directors

## Ballot Directions

- 1. Match the candidate's name that you wish to vote for with the number to the left of the name**
- 2. Locate the box, in the blue outlined area, that corresponds with the candidate's number**
- 3. Mark with a # 2 pencil that box, by completely filling in the box**



# Election of Directors

## Example of Marking Ballot

(This Ballot will be electronically counted)

[5] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- MATCH YOUR CANDIDATE'S NUMBER WITH CORRESPONDING NUMBERED BOX.
- MARK YOUR CHOICE WITH #2 PENCIL.
- SEE EXAMPLE AT RIGHT.

[1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12] [13] [14] [15] [16]

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# Election of Directors

## Ballot Directions

- \* **Do not mark the ballot in any other way other than the method described**
- \* **You may choose a maximum of three (3) candidates during this election**
- \* **If you choose more than three (3) candidates on your ballot the entire ballot will be void**
- \* **All ballots will be electronically counted and retained at the office of BRRWC for one year**

# Election of Directors

## Ballot Directions

**If anyone makes a mistake or needs help marking your ballot, please raise your hand and a staff member will help you or give you a new ballot**

# Developments & Improvements



# Development & Improvements

- \* **Chastain Hill Road Improvement**
  - \* 400 LF of Water Main to Serve 1 Home
- \* **Brookside Farms, Phase 1 Subdivision**
  - \* 9,820 LF of Water Mains to Serve 324 Homes
- \* **E. Gap Creek, Ponder Rd to Howell Rd Improvement**
  - \* 8,750 LF of Water Mains to Support Brookside Farms
- \* **Center Rd to Thurston Rd Improvement**
  - \* 5,855 LF of Water Mains to Support the Greenville County Sheriff's Training Center

# Development & Improvements

- \* **Ethan Richard Estates Subdivision**

- \* 1,570 LF of Water Mains to Serve 31 Homes

- \* **Old Boswell Rd Improvement**

- \* 2,040 LF of Water Main to Support Ethan Richard Estates

- \* **CVN Line Replacement, Phase 5 – Panther Park**

- \* 3,558 LF of Water Main Replacement

- \* **Pine Log / Virginia Rd Improvement**

- \* 1,300 LF of Water Main to Support Pine Log RV Park



# Development & Improvements

- \* **Farmers Cove Tiny Home Development**
  - \* 1,570 LF of Water Mains to Support Farmers Cove
- \* **John Suddeth Road Improvement**
  - \* 1,230 LF of Water Main to Serve 1 Home
- \* **C & S Duplex Development**
  - \* 630 LF of Water Main to Serve 4 Duplexes
- \* **O'Neal Village, Phase 5 Sec 2 Subdivision**
  - \* 5,060 LF of Water Mains to Serve 129 Home

# Development & Improvements

- \* **Double Springs & Silver Crossing Subdivision**

- \* 4,100 LF of Water Mains to Serve 45 Homes

- \* **HWY 290 & Sandy Flat Rd Upgrade**

- \* 1,700 LF of Water Mains to Support Double Springs & Silver Crossing

- \* **Lakeside Cottages Phase 1 Subdivision**

- \* 550 LF of Water Mains to Serve 19 Homes

# Member Questions?

- \* **Questions by the Members  
or Proxies of BRRWC**



# 2023 Board Election Results

1. **Dr. K. Graham Lawrence Jr. =**
2. **David Lipscomb =**
3. **Dale Whitney =**
4. **Lisa Bracewell =**
5. **Patti Black =**



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