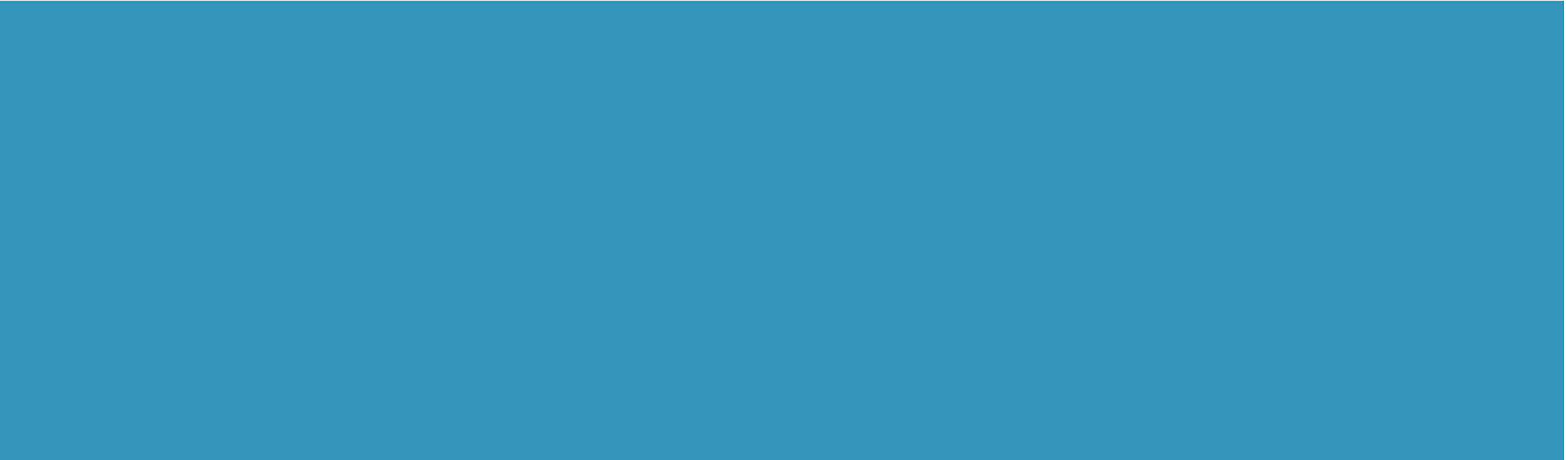

PINEY RIVER WATER & SEWER SYSTEM (PRWS) WATER & WASTEWATER SERVICE & USAGE AND CONNECTION FEES

JULY 8, 2025 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING



PINEY RIVER WATER & SEWER SYSTEM (PRWS) CUSTOMER BASE

- Total Customer Base as of March 2025 is 206:
 - 5 Water Only
 - 18 Sewer Only
 - 83 Sewer & Grinder Pump
 - 100 Water, Sewer & Grinder Pump

PRWS SYSTEM SERVICE & USAGE FEES COMPARED TO NELSON COUNTY SERVICE AUTHORITY

<u>Fee/Charge Description</u>	<u>RATES</u>		
	<u>2024 NCSA - Lovingston, Schuyler, Gladstone</u>	<u>2024 NCSA - Wintergreen Mountain (Where Different)</u>	<u>2013 Piney River County-O2013-04</u>
<u>Base Service & Usage Fees</u>			
Water Usage - (4,000 gallons monthly minimum)	\$ 48.30	\$ 52.90	\$ 29.90
Water Usage - (per 1,000 gallons over monthly minimum)	\$ 12.00		\$ 6.10
Sewer Usage - (4,000 gallons per month)	\$ 80.15	\$ 80.15	\$ 29.60
Sewer Usage - (per 1,000 gallons over monthly minimum)	\$ 11.30		\$ 6.85
Grinder Pump Fees	\$ 25.25		\$ 9.00

*NCSA Base Sewer Usage Rate Effective July 1, 2025

PRWS WATER AND SEWER CONNECTION FEES COMPARED TO NELSON COUNTY SERVICE AUTHORITY

<u>Fee/Charge Description</u>	<u>RATES</u>		
	<u>2024 NCSA - Lovingston, Schuyler, Gladstone</u>	<u>2024 NCSA - Wintergreen Mountain (Where Different)</u>	<u>2013 Piney River County-O2013-04</u>
<u>Connection Fees - (Water & Sewer) - each</u>			
5/8" to 3/4"	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
- Full 3/4" (3/4")	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
- One Inch (1")	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
- One & One Half (1 1/2")	\$ 17,500.00		\$ 8,000.00
- Two Inch (2")	\$ 32,000.00		\$ 16,000.00
- Three Inch (3")	\$ 64,000.00		\$ 32,000.00
- Four Inch (4")	\$ 100,000.00		\$ 50,000.00
- Six Inch (6")	\$ 200,000.00		\$ 100,000.00

5 YEAR PHASE-IN OF EQUALIZING COUNTY PRWS & NCSA WATER & SEWER SERVICE & USAGE FEES (EQUAL INCREASES EACH YEAR)

5-Year Rate Phase-In

Base Service & Usage Fees	NCSA	WGR	NC-PRWS	5-Year Differential	Year-1	% Change	Year-2	Year-3	Year-4	Year-5
Water Usage - (4,000 gallons monthly minimum)	\$ 48.30	\$ 52.90	\$ 29.90	\$ 3.68	\$ 33.58	12.31%	\$ 37.26	\$ 40.94	\$ 44.62	\$ 48.30
Water Usage - (per 1,000 gallons over monthly minimum)	\$ 12.00		\$ 6.10	\$ 1.18	\$ 7.28	19.34%	\$ 8.46	\$ 9.64	\$ 10.82	\$ 12.00
Sewer Usage - (4,000 gallons per month)	\$ 80.15	\$ 80.15	\$ 29.60	\$ 10.11	\$ 39.71	34.16%	\$ 49.82	\$ 59.93	\$ 70.04	\$ 80.15
Sewer Usage - (per 1,000 gallons over monthly minimum)	\$ 11.30		\$ 6.85	\$ 0.89	\$ 7.74	12.99%	\$ 8.63	\$ 9.52	\$ 10.41	\$ 11.30
Grinder Pump Fees	\$ 25.25		\$ 9.00	\$ 3.25	\$ 12.25	36.11%	\$ 15.50	\$ 18.75	\$ 22.00	\$ 25.25
Minimum Total With Grinder Pump	\$ 153.70		\$ 68.50	\$ 17.04	\$ 85.54	24.88%	\$ 102.58	\$ 119.62	\$ 136.66	\$ 153.70
Minimum Total Without Grinder Pump	\$ 128.45		\$ 59.50	\$ 13.79	\$ 73.29	23.18%	\$ 87.08	\$ 100.87	\$ 114.66	\$ 128.45

6 YEAR PHASE-IN OF EQUALIZING COUNTY PRWS & NCSA WATER & SEWER SERVICE & USAGE FEES (EQUAL INCREASES EACH YEAR)

6-Year Rate Phase-In

	NCSA	WGR	NC	6-Year Differential	Year-1	% Change	Year-2	Year-3	Year-4	Year-5	Year-6
Base Service & Usage Fees											
Water Usage - (4,000 gallons monthly minimum)	\$ 48.30	\$ 52.90	\$ 29.90	\$ 3.07	\$ 32.97	10.26%	\$ 36.03	\$ 39.10	\$ 42.17	\$ 45.23	\$ 48.30
Water Usage - (per 1,000 gallons over monthly minimum)	\$ 12.00		\$ 6.10	\$ 0.98	\$ 7.08	16.12%	\$ 8.07	\$ 9.05	\$ 10.03	\$ 11.02	\$ 12.00
Sewer Usage - (4,000 gallons per month)	\$ 80.15	\$ 80.15	\$ 29.60	\$ 8.43	\$ 38.03	28.46%	\$ 46.45	\$ 54.88	\$ 63.30	\$ 71.73	\$ 80.15
Sewer Usage - (per 1,000 gallons over monthly minimum)	\$ 11.30		\$ 6.85	\$ 0.74	\$ 7.59	10.83%	\$ 8.33	\$ 9.08	\$ 9.82	\$ 10.56	\$ 11.30
Grinder Pump Fees	\$ 25.25		\$ 9.00	\$ 2.71	\$ 11.71	30.09%	\$ 14.42	\$ 17.13	\$ 19.83	\$ 22.54	\$ 25.25
Minimum Total With Grinder Pump	\$ 153.70		\$ 68.50	\$ 14.20	\$ 82.70	20.73%	\$ 96.90	\$ 111.10	\$ 125.30	\$ 139.50	\$ 153.70
Minimum Total Without Grinder Pump	\$ 128.45		\$ 59.50	\$ 11.49	\$ 70.99	19.31%	\$ 82.48	\$ 93.98	\$ 105.47	\$ 116.96	\$ 128.45

6 YEAR PHASE-IN OF EQUALIZING COUNTY PRWS & NCSA

WATER & SEWER SERVICE & USAGE FEES

(PLUS 2% ESCALATION OF INCREASES EACH YEAR)

6-Year Rate Phase-In with 2%/Year Inflationary Factor YR 2-6

	NCSA	WGR	NC	6-Year Differential	Year-1	% Change	Year-2	Year-3	Year-4	Year-5	Year-6
Base Service & Usage Fees											
Water Usage - (4,000 gallons monthly minimum)	\$ 48.30	\$ 52.90	\$ 29.90	\$ 3.07	\$ 32.97	10.26%	\$ 36.75	\$ 40.62	\$ 44.56	\$ 48.58	\$ 52.68
Water Usage - (per 1,000 gallons over monthly minimum)	\$ 12.00		\$ 6.10	\$ 0.98	\$ 7.08	16.12%	\$ 8.23	\$ 9.40	\$ 10.59	\$ 11.80	\$ 13.04
Sewer Usage - (4,000 gallons per month)	\$ 80.15	\$ 80.15	\$ 29.60	\$ 8.43	\$ 38.03	28.46%	\$ 47.38	\$ 56.92	\$ 66.65	\$ 76.58	\$ 86.70
Sewer Usage - (per 1,000 gallons over monthly minimum)	\$ 11.30		\$ 6.85	\$ 0.74	\$ 7.59	10.83%	\$ 8.50	\$ 9.43	\$ 10.37	\$ 11.34	\$ 12.32
Grinder Pump Fees	\$ 25.25		\$ 9.00	\$ 2.71	\$ 11.71	30.09%	\$ 14.71	\$ 17.76	\$ 20.88	\$ 24.06	\$ 27.30
Minimum Total With Grinder Pump	\$ 153.70		\$ 68.50	\$ 14.20	\$ 82.70	20.73%	\$ 98.84	\$ 115.30	\$ 132.09	\$ 149.21	\$ 166.68
Minimum Total Without Grinder Pump	\$ 128.45		\$ 59.50	\$ 11.49	\$ 70.99	19.31%	\$ 84.13	\$ 97.54	\$ 111.21	\$ 125.16	\$ 139.38

5 & 6 YEAR PHASE-IN OF EQUALIZING COUNTY PRWS & NCSA WATER & SEWER SERVICE & USAGE FEES

6-Year Rate Phase-In with 2%/Year Inflationary Factor YR 2-6

Base Service & Usage Fees	NCSA	WGR	NC	6-Year Differential	Year-1	% Change	Year-2	Year-3	Year-4	Year-5	Year-6
Water Usage - (4,000 gallons monthly minimum)	\$ 48.30	\$ 52.90	\$ 29.90	\$ 3.07	\$ 32.97	10.26%	\$ 36.75	\$ 40.62	\$ 44.56	\$ 48.58	\$ 52.68
Water Usage - (per 1,000 gallons over monthly minimum)	\$ 12.00		\$ 6.10	\$ 0.98	\$ 7.08	16.12%	\$ 8.23	\$ 9.40	\$ 10.59	\$ 11.80	\$ 13.04
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6-Year Rate Phase-In

Base Service & Usage Fees	NCSA	WGR	NC	6-Year Differential	Year-1	% Change	Year-2	Year-3	Year-4	Year-5	Year-6
Water Usage - (4,000 gallons monthly minimum)	\$ 48.30	\$ 52.90	\$ 29.90	\$ 3.07	\$ 32.97	10.26%	\$ 36.03	\$ 39.10	\$ 42.17	\$ 45.23	\$ 48.30
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5-Year Rate Phase-In

Base Service & Usage Fees	NCSA	WGR	NC	5-Year Differential	Year-1	% Change	Year-2	Year-3	Year-4	Year-5
Water Usage - (4,000 gallons monthly minimum)	\$ 48.30	\$ 52.90	\$ 29.90	\$ 3.68	\$ 33.58	12.31%	\$ 37.26	\$ 40.94	\$ 44.62	\$ 48.30
Water Usage - (per 1,000 gallons over monthly minimum)	\$ 12.00		\$ 6.10	\$ 1.18	\$ 7.28	19.34%	\$ 8.46	\$ 9.64	\$ 10.82	\$ 12.00
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OTHER FEES/CHARGES TO CONSIDER EQUALIZING

- Yard Hydrant fees
- Unauthorized Water/Sewer Use Fees (Additional Daily Charge)
- Copies of County Rules/Regulations
- New Service Opinion Fee
- Voluntary Disconnect/Reconnection Fees (Water)
- Misuse/Damage Fee Minimum

OTHER FEES/CHARGES TO CONSIDER EQUALIZING

<u>Fee/Charge Description</u>	<u>2024 NCSA - Lovingston, Schuyler, Gladstone</u>	<u>2024 NCSA - Wintergreen Mountain (Where Different)</u>	<u>2013 Piney River County-O2013-04</u>
Availability Fees			
Availability Fee - Water		\$ 3.50	\$ -
Availability Fee - Sewer		\$ 5.00	\$ -
Yard Hydrant Fees			
Yard Hydrant Fees - (1,500 gal. base charge monthly - NC, 4,000 gal. NCSA) additional if on separate meter	\$ 48.30	\$ 52.90	\$ 7.50
Fire Protection Fees			
Fire Protection Fees - (annual per hydrant) Can be Paid Quarterly (County Pays NCSA)	\$ 981.41		N/A
Unauthorized Water/Sewer Use Fees			
Additional Daily Charge	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 500.00
Septage Hauler's Fees - (per gallon)	\$ 0.16		N/A
Copies of Authority/County Rules & Regulations	\$ 10.00		\$ 2.50
New Service Opinion Fee - (add'l charge of time & material if actually located or dug up)	\$ 50.00		\$ -
Voluntary Disconnect/Reconnection Fees (water service)	N/A		\$ 25.00
Misuse/Damage Fee - (actual cost for time & materials for all damages over minimum)	\$ 500.00		\$ -

NEXT STEPS

Q&A - Discussion of Information Presented and Next Steps:

- Staff Development of Other Rate Increase Options for Water/Sewer Usage Fees (If Desired):
 - Looking at a rate that covers a worst operational year break even point was discussed; but not yet developed by staff.
- Maximum Usage Fees and Connection Fees could be advertised for public hearing, with other operational differences proposed for public hearing at a later date (this too would require a County Ordinance amendment).
- Staff Recommendation is for the working group to meet again to look at operational differences and reach consensus on County Ordinance changes, and bring back those proposed Ordinance changes, along with proposed fee changes to the Board for public hearing authorization at the August/September regular Board meeting. This would provide for a public hearing in September/October and would allow for adequate lead time for customer notification prior to a possible January 1, 2026 effective date.