

Commission of Public Works meeting, June 23, 2025
Regular monthly business.

Commissioners present: Trey Stephens, Donnie Cooper, Jackie Keenan, Roy Shaw and
 Gerald McMurray

Employees present: Danny Lowe, Ken Phillips and Christy Lowe

Visitors present: Judy Graham-Dowd, Geri Carrieri, Carter Rhine, Joan Pate and
 James Pate

Place: New Ellenton Commission of Public Works
 100 South Main Street
 New Ellenton, SC 29809

Time: 7:00 PM

Chairman Mr. Trey Stephens presiding.

Mr. Trey Stephens opens with the Pledge of Allegiance and Ken Phillips said the prayer.

Mr. Trey Stephens welcomes everyone and asks he or she to state their name for the record.

Mr. Trey Stephens opened the floor to guest comments and questions.

Geri Carrieri inquired about the tagging of the fire hydrants in Cedar Creek. Ken Phillips stated that it has been started but not completed.

Mr. Trey Stephens states that approving the Financial Report for May 2025 is on the agenda and asks for a motion and a second. Vice Chairman Donnie Cooper made a motion to accept the Financial Report; it was seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Jackie Keenan and carried.

Chairman Trey Stephens states that approving the minutes for May 27, 2025 is on the agenda and asks for a motion and a second. Secretary-Treasurer Jackie Keenan made a motion to accept the Minutes as written; it was seconded by Commissioner Roy Shaw and carried.

Chairman Trey Stephens states that a Special Meeting was called on June 16, 2025 for the purpose of discussing and approving a Resolution for a Revenue Bond with Ameris Bank. CPW's attorney, Theodore DuBose was present. Trey Stephens stated that approval of the Special Meeting Minutes is on the agenda for approval and asks for a motion and a second. Vice Chairman Donnie Cooper made a motion to accept the Minutes as written; it was seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Jackie Keenan and carried.

Mr. Trey Stephens asks for any questions or comments. (none)

OLD BUSINESS

Director Danny Lowe stated the Dry Branch Well has been air burst and cleaned. The test pump could possibly be installed next week.

Danny Lowe reported Florida Ave. and Fern St. new lines have been pressure tested and chlorinated. Danny stated he is just waiting on approval from SCDES. Once we receive approval, the taps will be tied in.

Danny Lowe informed the Commissioners that CPW/Hybrid Engineering has sent a letter to Tri-Star Contractor putting him on notice and stating our concern on the timeframe of the SCIIP project since the Cedar Creek project hasn't broken ground yet with 54% of the time frame passed. Danny stated there is a change order in the process for the second part of Long Shadow Drive which should help with the time of the Cedar Creek project but we're waiting to hear back on the estimator with Tri-Star Contractors.

Danny Lowe reported the PER for Oak Hill has been approved and we've also received a notice stating the full environmental study does not need to be done per SCDES.

Mr. Lowe stated the lab procedures have been completed, priced out and the equipment will be purchased soon.

Danny reported that the Whiskey Run subdivision is about ready to start building houses.

Danny stated the new insurance policies for property, workers compensation and bond insurance will take effect on July 1, 2025.

Customer James Pate inquired about the Rate Study being done by the engineer. Chairman Trey Stephens stated that we are still waiting on it to be completed. Mr. Stephens stated that the Commissioners met at 6pm prior to this meeting to discuss the rate increase and have a pretty good idea of what it will look like but are still waiting for the results of the Rate Study. Trey stated it will be discussed at next month's meeting and a final decision should be made at that time. The goal is to simplify the structure from what it currently is. Once the new rates have been approved, voted on and had 2 public readings, a rate & service fee letter will be sent out to customers with the bills prior to the new rates going into effect.

Danny Lowe reported water loss for the month of May was 3.3%

Ken Phillips gave an update of field activities for May.

Jackie Keenan asked if there was any new information on trading vehicles with the city. CPW would need to pay a little bit of difference in the value of the truck versus the car. Trey Stephens stated we need to wait and see what the city offers for the truck and go from there.

Mr. Trey Stephens asked if there is any more old business. (none)

NEW BUSINESS

Danny Lowe requested from the Commissioners to be able to make a donation to SCWARN (which is affiliated with SCRWA). SCWARN is seeking donations from organizations who utilize their services during emergencies for example when Hurricane Helene came through New Ellenton, they assisted CPW. Danny stated it's a great organization that is beneficial when you need it the most and is also set up that if needed, we can assist other water departments in the state in an emergency. Commissioner Roy Shaw made a motion to donate \$250.00 to SCWARN; it was seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Jackie Keenan and carried.

Danny Lowe stated that the Commissioners need to sign the deed to own and operate the water line in Whiskey Run subdivision. Danny explained that it's a deed for an easement for CPW to work on the water lines. Commissioners signed the document.

Danny Lowe reported that SCDES will be performing the Sanitary Survey tomorrow for Oak Hill.

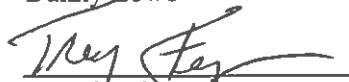
Chairman Trey Stephens performed the 2nd reading of the proposed FY 2025-2026 Budget. Commissioner Roy Shaw made a motion to accept the 2nd reading of the FY 2025-2026 Budget; it was seconded by Commissioner Gerald McMurray and carried

Jackie Keenan made a motion to adjourn; Gerald McMurray seconded, all vote, so moved.

Attested by,



Director
Danny Lowe



Trey Stephens
Chairman



Donnie Cooper
Vice Chairman



Jackie Keenan
Secretary-Treasurer



Gerald McMurray
Commissioner



Roy Shaw
Commissioner