

Commission of Public Works meeting, May 27, 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 and Geri Carrieri

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.

Judy Graham-Dowd requested that Danny meet with her to show her where the new tank will be going in Oak Hill. Ms. Graham-Dowd also wanted to clarify that residents of Oak Hill are still using water from Oak Hill Water System. Danny informed her that they are still on the Oak Hill well until the new water tank is installed.

Geri Carrieri inquired when the contractor would begin work installing water lines in Cedar Creek. Danny Lowe stated they should begin in the next month or so.

Mr. Trey Stephens states that approving the Financial Report for April 2025 is on the agenda and asks for a motion and a second. Secretary-Treasurer Jackie Keenan made a motion to accept the Financial Report; it was seconded by Commissioner Roy Shaw and carried.

Chairman Trey Stephens states that approving the minutes for April 28, 2025 is on the agenda 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 reported the Florida Ave. and Fern St. project is about 90% complete. The only thing left is 3 tie-ins, chlorinate and pressure test the lines. Once that is complete, they will move to Cedar Creek.

Danny Lowe stated that on May 29th there will be some testing done on the Dry Branch well so hopefully within the next month we will have it back online.

Danny Lowe informed the Commissioners that we had to install a separate computer for the lab downstairs. It was not working for the employee to use the SCADA computer. Mr. Lowe reported that the new lab technician has converted all procedures for New Ellenton CPW. Danny stated he will soon be submitting an application for the lab, purchasing equipment & supplies needed and perform some required sampling. SCDES will have to come out and inspect the lab.

Mr. Lowe reported the Rate Study being performed by our engineering group should be ready by next months meeting.

Danny Lowe stated the Parity Agreement with USDA has been signed off on and a copy has been provided to Commissioners in their notebooks. In the Parity Agreement, it states the CPW will still be able to borrow money from USDA in the future if needed and they are okay with CPW borrowing money from Ameris Bank for upcoming projects. Mr. Lowe informed the Commissioners that there is a meeting with our attorney on June 16th at 6pm to discuss, vote and approve a resolution for the Revenue Bond with Ameris Bank. Then attorney, Theo DuBose, Trey Stephens, Danny Lowe and Christy Lowe will go to the City of New Ellenton's City Council meeting held on the same day at 7pm. Theo DuBose will present to City Council and allow for them to discuss and ask any questions they may have before they vote on a City Ordinance to approve the Revenue Bond for New Ellenton CPW to borrow money.

Chairman Trey Stephens asked about Long Shadow Dr. and how it will work since it will be an extension on the current project. Danny Lowe stated that at the advice from RIA, it will be done as a change order. Hybrid is working on the survey and Tri-Star will provide a quote.

Danny Lowe reported water loss for the month of April was 2.4%

Ken Phillips gave an update of field activities for April.

Christy Lowe stated she has the agreement for the new auditor that was voted on and approved at last months meeting that needs to be signed by Commissioners.

Christy Lowe asked if the Commissioners would consider switching to Invoice Cloud (as presented in previous meetings) as our online bill payment vendor. Chairman Trey Stephens stated that they would like it to remain tabled at this time.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Christy Lowe reported that CCR (Consumer Confidence Report/Water Quality Report) for 2024 is now posted to the website, a notification was in the classified section of the Aiken Standard from May 22 – 24, 2025 stating the CCR is available and the link will be on the June bills sent out to customers. The Oak Hill Water System CCR will be mailed directly to Oak Hill customers by Friday, May 30th.

Danny Lowe informed the Commissioners that he and Christy met with an insurance agent who went over a proposed policy for New Ellenton CPW for property, workers compensation and bond insurance. After discussion, Vice Chairman Donnie Cooper made a motion to switch all insurance policies to Cincinnati; it was seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Jackie Keenan and carried.

Chairman Trey Stephens performed the 1st reading of the proposed FY 2025-2026 Budget. Vice Chairman Donnie Cooper made a motion to accept the 1st reading of the FY 2025-2026 Budget; it was seconded by Commissioner Gerald McMurray and carried

Donnie Cooper made a motion to adjourn; Jackie Keenan seconded, all vote, so moved.

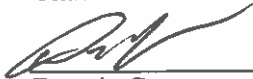
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Director
Danny Lowe



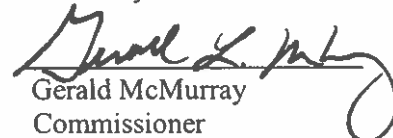
Trey Stephens
Chairman



Donnie Cooper
Vice Chairman



Jackie Keenan
Secretary-Treasurer



Gerald McMurray
Commissioner



Roy Shaw
Commissioner