

Commission of Public Works meeting, October 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, Joan Pate, Jim Pate & Carter Rhine

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.

Carter Rhine reminded everyone that elections for the City of New Ellenton will be held on November 4, 2025.

Mr. Trey Stephens states that approving the Financial Report for September 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 September 22, 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 Commissioner Gerald McMurray and carried.

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

#### OLD BUSINESS

Danny Lowe reported that all the pipe work for Oak Hill has been installed from Mull St. to the pumphouse. Danny stated the preliminary work for the tank is currently being done. Mr. Lowe said once the plans have been approved by SCDES, it will go out for bid hopefully in February 2026.

Danny Lowe stated that it was discussed last month concerning the depth of 400 ft. of pipe being installed in a section on Club Dr. in Cedar Creek by Tri-Star Contractors. The contractor has been made aware of this and will have to re-install it per the dimensions on the plans. Mr. Lowe stated that a change order has also been signed by the contractor for \$390,000 less than originally bid for the Long Shadow Dr. extension so it will be within the budget.

Mr. Lowe reported that Dry Branch Well is almost ready. We're just waiting on a main disconnect switch that has been ordered, which could be anywhere from 6 weeks to 6 months from now. Danny stated as long as we have the switch before next summer, we should be good, although we do have access to a used one if it becomes a problem.

Danny Lowe stated he spoke with our attorney concerning property that is on CPW's name located at 107 Milestone Circle (where the old water tank off of Chime Bell Church Rd. was located) about whether the CPW Board has the authority to sell it as it is in both CPW and the City of New Ellenton's name. Danny informed the Commissioners that he also spoke with the City Administrator, Lynn McEwen, in case she wanted to verify with the City's attorney as well. According to the CPW BYLAWS, it states that the CPW Board has the authority to sell any property owned by the New Ellenton CPW. Danny stated the buyer, Gary Miller, will be paying for all attorneys' fees and any closing costs.

Danny Lowe reported water loss for the month of September was 5.14%

Ken Phillips gave an update of field activities for September.

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

## NEW BUSINESS

Christy Lowe informed the Commissioners that the new bank account for the Oak Hill projects is open and presented signer authorization documents for all the Commissioners to sign and return to Ameris Bank.

Danny stated that we will have approximately \$200,000 left over from the Dry Branch Well project and he has discussed with our engineer about looking into adding the purchase of a generator. A letter has been sent to RIA asking for approval.

Donnie Cooper asked about fixing the asphalt in the areas on Fern St. and Florida Ave. where we have made repairs to leaks in the past. Danny stated he has gotten a few quotes on fixing those areas and it will cost between \$20,000 to \$25,000 but he feels like we should repair the roads there since it was caused by many water leaks over the years. Those old lines are dead now so we can look into getting them repaved. Danny stated he would get one more quote.

Danny Lowe reminded the Commissioners that the New Ellenton CPW Employee Christmas Dinner will be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Mr. Lowe also stated that CPW will be participating in the community Trunk or Treat behind City Hall this Friday.

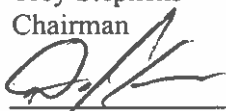
Jackie Keenan made a motion to adjourn; Roy Shaw seconded, all vote, so moved.

Attested by,




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Director  
Danny Lowe

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Trey Stephens  
Chairman



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Donnie Cooper  
Vice Chairman

  
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Jackie Keenan  
Secretary-Treasurer  
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Gerald McMurray  
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Roy Shaw  
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