

Commission of Public Works meeting, July 28, 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, Thomas Palm, Michael Jones, 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.

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

Chairman Trey Stephens states that approving the minutes for June 23, 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 Gerald McMurray and carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Danny Lowe reported we received the permit to operate from SCDES for Florida Ave. and Fern St. The contractor started the project in Cedar Creek last week. Danny stated he met with the contractor today on

some concerns that were brought to his attention in Cedar Creek. Mr. Lowe stated our engineer has completed the cost estimate for the Longshadow Dr. extension change order and it came in around \$485,000.

Danny Lowe informed the Commissioners that the bid opening for the Oak Hill Sustainability Project including the Dry Branch Well, will be held on August 12, 2025 at the CPW office. The project is estimated to be approximately \$837,000.

Mr. Lowe reported he has priced out the materials needed for the certified lab and was waiting for the new budget year to purchase the items needed. Danny stated once he has everything for the lab, he will get a date set for SCDES to come inspect the lab.

Danny Lowe reported water loss for the month of June was 4.4%

Ken Phillips gave an update of field activities for June.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Danny Lowe reported that the PFAS UCMR5 sampling is complete.

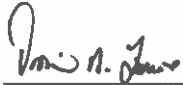
Christy Lowe stated that she had the annual conference call with Nick at Intellisystems to go over items that needed to be addressed. Nick informed Christy that the server we would be replacing this year has increased in price from \$20,000 to \$25,000. Also discussed was an alternative way for Commissioners to receive and do their quarterly cyber security training other than by email. Nick stated he could have his team work on a flyer to be placed in the Commission meeting packets and Christy could go over them in the meeting.

Danny Lowe reported that the Revenue Bond closing was held on July 23rd and provided copies for Commissioners to look at. Mr. Lowe stated the new bank account was set up with Ameris and the attorney has been paid from that account.

Chairman Trey Stephens stated after much thought, discussion and many studies done for a rate increase, New Ellenton CPW Commissioners have decided that a water and service rate increase was necessary. A copy of the proposed rate increase was provided to all Commissioners and all customers present at the meeting. Mr. Stephens performed the 1st reading of the Proposed Rate & Service Increase. Customers were given the opportunity to participate and ask questions concerning the proposed rate increase. After discussion, Vice Chairman Donnie Cooper made a motion to accept the first reading of the Proposed Rate & Service Rate Increase; it was seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Jackie Keenan (unanimous) and carried.

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

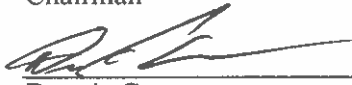
Attested by,



Director
Danny Lowe



Trey Stephens
Chairman



Donnie Cooper
Vice Chairman



Jackie Keenan
Secretary-Treasurer



Gerald McMurray
Commissioner



Roy Shaw
Commissioner