

Commission of Public Works meeting, March 23, 2026
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, Carter Rhine and Quince Allen

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.

Customer Quince Allen had a question about his bill and said the leak is on our side of the meter. Danny Lowe stated he would meet him at 9am tomorrow morning to look at it.

Mr. Trey Stephens states that approving the Financial Report for February 2026 is on the agenda and asks for a motion and a second. After discussion, 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 February 17, 2026 is on the agenda and asks for a motion and a second. Commissioner Gerald McMurray made a motion to accept the Minutes as written; it was seconded by Commissioner Roy Shaw and carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Danny Lowe reported that he and Christy had a conference call with Hope Mizzell and Jennifer Simmons from SCDNR in the State Climatology Office concerning the Drought Management Plan. CPW had

previously voted on the Drought Management Plan but a few revisions were made per Hope and Jennifer's recommendations. After discussion, Vice Chairman Donnie Cooper made a motion to accept the revised Drought Management Plan and the Drought Response; it was seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Jackie Keenan and carried.

Danny Lowe stated we received the Encroachment Permit from SCDOT. The bid advertisement will go out on March 2, 2026. Mr. Lowe reported that we have received 5 requests for plans so far. The sealed bid opening is planned for April 2, 2026 at 2pm. Ken stated that WRM Construction will be paving the driveways on Mull Street this week.

Mr. Lowe reported that we are waiting for the Construction Permit from SCDES for Cedar Creek to do 5 tie ins. Mr. Lowe stated that he is going to speak with Hugh Ray to schedule these tie in about a week in advance as the water will need to be turned off while these are installed. Danny stated we are waiting on a Change Order approval for Long Shadow Dr. from RIA.

Danny reported that the electrical will be installed at the Dry Branch Well on Wednesday.

Danny Lowe informed the Commissioners of a grant received through SCDES for a system called Delta Bravo that CPW has been part of a trial for SCDES. They are testing the Delta Bravo system to forecast water usage and has AI built in to ask questions and can also be used as a study guide for acquiring licenses.

Ken Phillips gave an update of field activities for February.

Trey Stephens asked about the Change Order for the Dry Branch Well and the generator. Danny Lowe stated he does not think the change order will be approved due to it not being a part of the original scope of work.

Donnie Cooper asked if we have heard from the developer on Old Whiskey Rd. by JDubbz & Hibbits Drug. Danny stated that he has talked to them and they are having an issue getting an easement for the sewer line and still have some engineering work to do but it sounds like they are still planning to build there. Mr. Cooper also inquired about the developer for the property behind the funeral home. Danny stated that he has not heard from them in a while so he is unsure what their plans are.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Danny Lowe stated he has worked on a Proposed Budget FY 2026 – 27 for Commissioners to discuss and review. After discussion, Vice Chairman Donnie Cooper made a motion to have a Budget Work Session prior to the Regular Meeting on April 27th at 6pm; it was seconded by Commissioner Roy Shaw and carried.

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

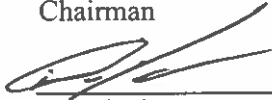
Attested by,



Director
Danny Lowe



Trey Stephens
Chairman



Donnie Cooper
Vice Chairman



Jackie Keenan
Secretary-Treasurer



Gerald McMurray
Commissioner



Roy Shaw
Commissioner