

Commission of Public Works meeting, April 28, 2025  
Regular monthly business.

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

Employees present: Danny Lowe, Ken Phillips and Christy Lowe

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

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

Time: 7:00 PM

Vice Chairman Mr. Donnie Cooper presiding.

Mr. Donnie Cooper opens with the Pledge of Allegiance and Ken Phillips said the prayer.

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

Mr. Donnie Cooper opened the floor to guest comments and questions. (none)

Mr. Donnie Cooper states that approving the Financial Report for March 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 Gerald McMurray and carried.

Vice Chairman Donnie Cooper states that approving the minutes for March 24, 2025 is on the agenda and asks for a motion and a second. Commissioner Roy Shaw made a motion to accept the Minutes as written; it was seconded by Commissioner Gerald McMurray and carried.

Mr. Donnie Cooper asks for any questions or comments. (none)

### OLD BUSINESS

Director Danny Lowe presented the Commissioners with a copy of the Parity Agreement that our Attorney Theo DuBose has drawn up for the Revenue Bond and sent to USDA stating what the bond revenue will be used for.

Danny Lowe informed the Commissioners there is a copy of an email in their notebooks of the Long Shadow Dr. Amendment Request #1 withdrawal. Danny stated that after having a Zoom meeting with

RIA, they advised CPW should do this portion of the project as a change order due to the amount, therefore the Amendment has been withdrawn.

Danny Lowe stated he is running into a problem in Oak Hill with SCDOT. They are wanting CPW to bore 2 driveways instead of cutting through them which would be a significant cost increase if we had to bore under the driveways. Danny has been talking with a DOT associate in the Aiken office on this matter.

Mr. Lowe reported the Florida Ave. and Fern St. project has a few bores and tie ins to complete and it should be done in the next month or so. CPW has had minimal complaints about the work being done on Florida and Fern. Once the contractor is done there, they will start at Cedar Creek.

Danny stated that he has a Zoom conference call scheduled for the Pre-Construction meeting for the Dry Branch Well on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Lowe reported the well should be up and running in the next few months.

Vice Chairman Donnie Cooper asked if we have heard anything about the Rate Study. Danny stated it should be ready by the end of the month.

James Pate asked a question about the lines in Cedar Creek.

Danny Lowe presented the Commissioners with a proposed Annual Budget for FY 2025-26 along with Budgets for FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28 as requested by the attorney for a requirement for the revenue bond. Commissioners agreed to have a Budget Work Session on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Office Manager, Christy Lowe, presented a quote from Phillips CPA's & Advisors to do the audit for FY 2025-26 as our current auditor cannot do the single audit required for federal grants. After discussion of both quotes presented (one from the previous months meeting from Manley Garvin), Secretary-Treasurer Jackie Keenan made a motion to approve Phillips CPA's & Advisors to perform the audit for CPW for FY 2025-26 and going forward; it was seconded by Commissioner Gerald McMurray and carried.

Ken Phillips gave an update of field activities for March.

Mr. Donnie Cooper asked if there is any more old business. (none)

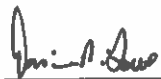
## NEW BUSINESS

Danny Lowe reported that the lab construction is complete and is set up for our new lab technician to start on Monday.

Danny reported there is a training class tomorrow at the New Ellenton Community Center on hydrants given by SCRWA and is open to any water technicians in SC to attend.

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

Attested by,



Director  
Danny Lowe



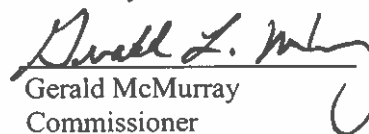
Trey Stephens  
Chairman



Donnie Cooper  
Vice Chairman



Jackie Keenan  
Secretary-Treasurer



Gerald McMurray  
Commissioner



Roy Shaw  
Commissioner