

Commission of Public Works meeting, September 22, 2025
Regular monthly business.

Commissioners present: Trey Stephens, Donnie Cooper, Roy Shaw and
 Gerald McMurray

Employees present: Danny Lowe, Ken Phillips and Christy Lowe

Visitors present: Judy Graham-Dowd, Geri Carrieri, Faith Wright & 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.

Mr. Trey Stephens states that approving the Financial Report for August 2025 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 Roy Shaw and carried.

Chairman Trey Stephens states that approving the minutes for August 25, 2025 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 Vice Chairman Donnie Cooper and carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Danny Lowe reported that Florida Ave. and Fern Dr. paving has been completed with just a few dead ends to be capped off and it will be done. Mr. Lowe stated that the project at Cedar Creek is moving along, and they are doing some tie ins. CPW has received the Construction Permit from SCDES for the Long Shadow Dr. extension. Danny reported that WRM Construction has been awarded the Oak Hill project and they should be starting on it any day. Danny informed the Commissioners the Dry Branch Well will start up for a test run tomorrow around 11am.

Danny Lowe reported that the certified lab is moving forward as well. Mr. Lowe stated we have all the PH, chlorine and thermometers. Danny stated he will be ordering the bacteriological items needed soon and then applying to SCDES for an inspection.

Danny Lowe reported water loss for the month of August was 6.5%

Ken Phillips gave an update of field activities for August.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Trey Stephens stated a reporter from the Aiken Standard contacted the office about doing an interview on our rate increase. Director Danny Lowe and Trey Stephens met with her and answered all her questions and explained the reason for the rate increase and the grants CPW has received in the last year or so. Mr. Stephens stated she did not give an exact date when the article would be published.

Danny Lowe stated we have received some preliminary figures on the Long Shadow Dr. extension project and may not comply with specifications, so we are working with RIA to get these finalized and submitted for approval. Danny replied to a question from Ms. Carrieri about paving on Club Dr. and stated that they will not be paving it until a pressure test has been done.

Danny Lowe stated there is some property on Chime Bell Church Rd. where CPW had a water tower at one time. Mr. Lowe stated it's in the middle of someone else's property and they have inquired about purchasing it back from CPW. After discussion, Commissioner Roy Shaw made a motion to sell the land back to Gary Miller for \$5,000 plus closing costs; it was seconded by Vice Chairman Donnie Cooper and carried.

Donnie Cooper made a motion to go into Executive Session; it was seconded by Roy Shaw and carried. Time in Executive Session: 7:26pm. Donnie Cooper made a motion to come out of executive session at 7:45pm; it was seconded by Roy Shaw and carried.

Donnie Cooper made a motion to adjourn; Gerald McMurray seconded, all vote, so moved.

Attested by,



Director
Danny Lowe

Jackie Keenan
Secretary-Treasurer


Trey Stephens
Chairman


Donnie Cooper
Vice Chairman


Gerald McMurray
Commissioner


Roy Shaw
Commissioner