Commission of Public Works meeting, April 24, 2023 Regular monthly business.

Commissioners present:

Trey Stephens, Donnie Cooper, Jackie Keenan, Gerald

McMurray and Roy Shaw

Employees present:

Danny Lowe and Christy Lowe

Visitors present:

Larry Halicki

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 Donnie Cooper said the prayer.

Mr. Trey Stephens welcomes everyone and asks that he or she state their name for the record.

***Chairman Trey Stephens is pleased to announce that New Ellenton Commission of Public works has been awarded the full \$3.4 million grant amount requested from RIA/SCIIP. ***

Mr. Trey Stephens opened the floor to guest comments and questions.

Mr. Larry Halicki asked about the roll out schedule for the grant money received. Director Danny Lowe stated that we have a workshop to attend in a few weeks that will go over all the requirements and the grant process. Larry asked if Bill Beazley is done with the PRV pit. Mr. Lowe stated they are not done. Bill Beazley has the easement and should be signing it but the materials have been ordered. Mr. Halicki asked if the fire hydrants is Cedar Creek are fixed. Mr. Lowe stated they are not fixed as we are still waiting for parts to come in and noted there are some lengthy delays on some of them. Mr. Halicki mistakenly thought there was a line break out in Cedar Creek last month but Danny informed him there was not.

Mr. Trey Stephens states that approving the Financial Report for March 2023 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 March 27, 2023 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 Secretary-Treasurer Jackie Keenan and carried.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Director Danny Lowe stated he has received the drawing for the new maintenance shed and has a general contractor for the project. The pad has been poured for the building and will be getting the permit this week. Armour Metal estimates the shed being built around July.

Mr. Lowe contacted SCDOT on our reimbursement for the engineering fees for the Whiskey/Eagle Rd. project. He was informed that no reimbursements will be issued until the project is complete.

Danny Lowe reported that the easement for the PRV pit at Cedar Creek is in the hands of Bill Beazley Development for review and signature.

Danny stated that the engineering work has started on our PER for tank site and other future projects.

Mr. Lowe reported water loss is at 8%.

Mr. Lowe reported that we are not going to serve water to the new assisted living facility on Whiskey Rd. as we would not be able to supply them with adequate fire protection inside the building per testing results. The City of Aiken had already given them a Willingness to Serve letter last year but had recently approached us about providing water and fire protection to them. They will now officially be the ones to provide them with water and fire protection. Trey Stephens asked Danny if he still intends to revisit the rates with the City of Aiken and Danny stated he is still going to meet with them at a later date.

Mr. Stephens asked if we received an estimated cost for switching the properties listed in CPW and the cities name. Danny has spoken with our attorney and he is looking into it and will get back with him.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Office Manager, Christy Lowe, presented a quote for having an outside company to review and reconcile the bank statements for CPW. After discussion, Vice Chairman Donnie Cooper made a motion to have Alliance Business Services reconcile the monthly bank statements; it was seconded by Secretary-Treasurer Jackie Keenan and carried.

Danny Lowe reported that he contacted HACH to send out their representative for our area to discuss pricing on lab equipment to eventually set up a certified lab for water sampling. Mr. Lowe has also spoken with SCDHEC and let them know our plans for a lab. Danny stated he will be getting the policies and procedures written up and sent to SCDHEC for approval.

Donnie Cooper made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters; Jackie Keenan seconded it and carried. Time in Executive Session: 7:28pm. Time out of Executive Session: 7:50pm

Jackie Keenan made a motion to adjourn; Gerald McMurray seconds, 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