

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION
ISLE OF PALMS WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
OCTOBER 15, 2025

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the Agenda was posted on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at City Hall, the Commission Office, and provided to *The Post and Courier*. The meeting was held on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at the Commission Office, 1300 Palm Boulevard on the Isle of Palms, SC.

Attending were Chairman Bob Hooper, Vice Chairman Jeff Forslund, Secretary Donald Smith (via phone), Commissioner Curtis Helfrich, PE (via phone), Commissioner Jay Leigh, General Manager Chris Jordan, Special Projects Administrator Bill Jenkins, Operations Manager Shorty Meade, Comptroller Helena Stickles, CPA, Engineer Mark Yodice, and Attorney Jennifer Blumenthal.

Chairman Hooper called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

As there were no corrections offered to the minutes of the regular meeting of September 17, 2025, the minutes were approved as presented.

As there was a citizen present, the Chairman's Statement was read.

Mr. Bob Biebel, of 56 Beach Club Villas and President of the HOA there, complimented IOPWSC staff on working with the HOA on the upcoming water main replacement project. He said that the HOA will continue to collaborate with staff to make sure all drainage and paving projects go smoothly. He encouraged the Commissioners to vote in favor of the Beach Club Villas water main replacement project.

Special Projects Administrator Jenkins began the Manager's Report. He said that reimbursement for the Effluent Discharge Upgrade project has been received. Bids for the Fairway Dunes water main replacement project were opened on September 23, 2025. The lower of the two bids was from Coastal Utilities, LLC, in the amount of \$1,067,500.00.

A bid for the Beach Club Villas Phase II water main replacement project was also opened on September 23. This bid, in the amount of \$807,850.00, was submitted by Coastal Utilities, LLC.

Thomas & Hutton will meet with staff next week to review the plans for the Duneridge Lane water main replacement project.

Sound dampening panels have been installed at the Forest Trails Wastewater Treatment Plant, which have been very helpful.

General Manager Jordan reported that numerous irrigation meters have been installed recently. He also noted a "semi-emergency" repair done by B & C Utilities on a failing pipe at Pump Station 20. Forty feet of 8" gravity main was slip lined for approximately \$60,000.00.

A new Systems Operator began working with the IOPWSC on September 29, and another Systems Operator is expected to start soon.

Comptroller Stickles delivered the Financial Report. She reported that a check for \$756,471.35 was received on September 15 from the SCIIP grant. There are still \$2.7 million in SCIIP funds outstanding. On September

29, the final payment of \$27.15 was received for the FEMA grant. The annual payment of \$40,227.00 for tower rental from T-Mobile was received on September 30.

The Commission earned \$13,353.00 in interest last month at a rate of 4.4%. Revenues in September were \$215,540.00 over budget and expenses were \$962.00 over budget, resulting in a positive net revenue of \$216,502.00. Despite \$61,976.00 in unbudgeted expense for the pipe repair, September 2025 outperformed September 2024 by over \$200,000.00.

Under Old Business, General Manager Jordan reminded the Commissioners of the dedication of the Forest Trails Wastewater Treatment Plant on Saturday, October 25 at 11:00 a.m. Evites have been sent, and the event is open to the public.

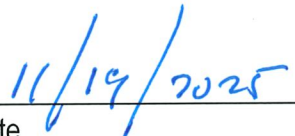
General Manager Jordan said that the budgeted amount for the Fairway Dunes project is \$2.4 million and \$1.3 million for the Beach Club Villas project. Both projects received bids under the budgeted amounts as reported earlier in the meeting. The Beach Club Villas project was originally slated for FY28. Staff recommend that both bids be accepted to be completed in this fiscal year, which will help catch up on those water line projects delayed by the building of the new plant. Both projects can be done for less than the cost of the budgeted amount of the Fairway Dunes project. The Fairway Dunes project will be partially funded by a SCIP grant. Special Projects Administrator Jenkins confirmed that Coastal Utilities, LLC has been vetted.

Vice Chairman Forslund made a motion to accept both bids and move forward with both projects. Commissioner Leigh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Leigh made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Forslund seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 a.m.



Robert W. Hooper, Jr., Chairman



Date