

**MINUTES OF THE CITY-COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 27,2025, AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA**

Authority Members Present:

Marc Decker
Clay Browning (Chair)
Alisha Beck (Absent)
Bradley Smith
RaShonda Croskey
Jerry (Gator) Sapp
Tim Stanley
Hattie Taylor (Absent)
Jeff Patterson (Vice Chair)
Jeff Barnes

Others Present:

Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk
Brad Simmons, Public Works Superintendent
Steve Ramunni, City Attorney
Larry Tibbs, City Manager
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Al Brown, Operator

ROLL CALL ITEM 1: Given by Browning.

ITEM 2: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation given by Sapp and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Croskey.

ITEM 3: REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD:

Ramunni opens the floor for nominations.

Decker nominates Browning for Chairman.

MOTION: By Decker Browning for Chairman, seconded by Croskey motion carried.

Stanley nominates Patterson for Vice Chairman.

MOTION: By Stanley to nominate Patterson for Vice Chairman, seconded by Sapp motion carried.

ITEM 4: PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT RESOLUTION No. 2025-01 ESTABLISHING RATES:

Ramunni states several years back this Board adopted a procedure where you can amend rates by Resolution. Which is what we are purposing to do, we have published a public hearing in the Okeechobee News for the purposed resolution and the rate scheduled for this evenings Public Hearing.

Browning states are there any public comments.

NONE.

Ramunni reads Resolution No. 2025-01 establishing rates aloud.

MOTION: Decker to approve Resolution No. 2025-01 establishing rates, seconded by Croskey motion carried.

ITEM 5: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

AUGUST 25, 2025, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

MOTION: By Smith to approve August 25, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Decker motion carried.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2025, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

MOTION: By Croskey to approve September 22,2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, seconded by Smith motion carried.

ITEM 6: ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND CORRESTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

NONE.

ITEM 7: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE THE 2025-2026 BUDGET FOR CCPWA:

Tibbs states on September 30th meeting the Board adopted a Tentative 25-26 budget based on the rates provided in the rate study, having confirmed tonight we are asking for final approval on the 25-26 budget as it was approved previously on 09/30/2025.

MOTION: By Patterson to approve the 2025-26 budget for CCPWA, seconded by Stanley motion carried.

ITEM 8: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE CHANGES TO ADVANCES TO CCPWA FROM CaPFA:

Tibbs states previously the Board approved \$300k for emergency repairs for the Wastewater Treatment Plant to get it back to compliance. We have continued to make further improvements. Attached is a list, to date we have spent \$533k. So, we are requesting an additional advance from CaPFA for \$270,465.00. The Board also directed the engineers to go ahead and start doing the inspections at the Plant. the total for those inspections was over \$36k. This was considered at the CaPFA Board last week, the Board did give tangible approval to it. But it has to come back for final approval by this Board for it to be effective.

Patterson states we spent \$270k not knowing if we would receive it or not.

Tibbs states the comments at the meeting were “we were going to correct everything that was not in compliance and operation as it should be.”

Patterson states I figured it was a known thing that you should do with the \$300k that was allocated.

Browning states I am assuming everything is repaired that needs to be.

Simmons states it is an ongoing process with that Plant. As old as it is you will spend money on it until you build a new one.

Tibbs states everything that was addressed on the list was a major issue. We have submitted reports where we have hit \$300k. But as far as I was concerned the directions were to continue to get those critical items fixed.

Ramunni states the money has already been spent, the improvements have already been made and the crises is solved. Has DEP done any inspections?

Tibbs states I believe everything has been inspected. There is a team coming from Zenon to evaluate the Plant and calibrate everything to get it back to automatic operation.

Brown states a lot of the deficiencies have been improved, repairs have been done and lot of equipment has been replaced. It is an ongoing list of fixing things that are there but the Plant is working better than it did.

ITEM 9: PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT TO GIVE REPORT:

Simmons introduces the new Wastewater Plant Operator (Carrol). As Brown stated membranes have been pulled, the crane is fixed and Zenon will be coming.

Carrol states I will be taking over the Plant for now. I have been learning everything I can about the Plant, there is a lot to be done, I am going to do my best to maintain it and the membranes.

Broad welcome Carrol.

ITEM 10: CRAIG A. SMITH TO GIVE REPORT:

Craig A Smith states we are currently working with Denco on the Phase 6 Project. Permitting is delaying the start. But we anticipate to hopefully break ground within the next 30 days. We are wrapping up the Daniles Road lift station project the contractors have to calibrate the flow meter and once that is done we can close out that project. There were some funds left over from that project that I am currently working with Public Works on getting some spare pumps and a portable pump. We are looking forward to getting a report by the end of the week from Zenon, on exactly what is left to repair at the Sewer Plant.

ITEM 11: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES TO GIVE REPORT:

C.A.S Governmental Services states we have submitted all the DEP quarterly reports. We did submit for the Phase 6 north east septic to sewer. Bowden Estates is a new project that just got finalized and the project should be proceeding. The Wastewater Plant extension is also a new project we just got the draft agreement, and it has been reviewed and sent back to DEP for more comments. Vanassche has been in Tallahassee for two weeks now and we will be there again next week. We have drafted all the APR House and Senate forms.

ITEM 12: CITY MANAGER TO GIVE REPORT:

None.

ITEM 13: COUNTY MANAGER TO GIVE REPORT:

Carlisle states for Washington Park we had a \$9 million dollar request in Franklin's office for appropriations for the Plant expansion. Since we did receive that from the State Appropriations and DEP, I am going to be meeting with Franklin's office to discuss reappropriating those requests and the Federal Appropriations to Washington Park and possibly funding the feasibility study. We are not promised the funds yet, but if he is going to fight for those funds, I want him to fight for where we want it to go.

ITEM 14: STEVE RAMUNNI TO GIVE REPORT:

None.

ITEM 15: CITIZENS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

None.

ITEM 16: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS SUBMITTED LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$84,741.84:

MOTION: By Croskey to approve the bills submitted list in the amount of \$84,741.84, seconded by Barnes motion carried.

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ITEM 17: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: By Croskey to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Patterson motion carried.

Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Clay Browning, Chairman

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