MEETING OF THE COMMISSION
ISLE OF PALMS WATER & SEWER COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the Agenda was posted on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at City Hall, the Commission Office, and provided to *The Post and Courier*. The meeting was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at the Commission Office, 1300 Palm Boulevard on the Isle of Palms, SC.

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

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

As there were no corrections offered to the minutes of the regular meeting from August 19, 2026, the minutes were approved as presented.

As there were no citizens present, Vice Chairman Forslund dispensed with the reading of the Chairman's Statement.

Special Projects Administrator Jenkins began the Manager's Report. He stated that the projects at Fairway Dunes Villas and Beach Club Villas are now complete, and Coastal Utilities has submitted its final payment requests.

Bids for the Duneridge Lane Water Main Replacement project were opened on August 25, 2026. The lowest responsible bidder was Anson Construction, with a bid of $1,197,570.00. Staff recommends that the Commission accept this bid. The budgeted amount for the project is $2.3 million.

Thomas & Hutton is working with staff on the plans and permitting for the Marsh Island Water Main Replacement project. This project is anticipated for 2028. Thomas & Hutton is also working on permitting and plans for the Racquet Club Villas Water Main Replacement project. This project will be done when funding becomes available.

Commissioner Leigh made a motion to accept the bid of $1,197,570.00 from Anson Construction for the Duneridge Lane Water Main Replacement project. Secretary Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Comptroller Stickles delivered the Financial Report. She reported that the Commission earned $17,093.00 in interest last month at a rate of 3.9%. Revenues for August 2026 were $338,300.00 over budget, and expenditures were $65,219.00 under budget, resulting in a positive net revenue of $403,519.00. Revenues are underperforming at this point in the year, but she said that it was still a good month for the Commission.

Comptroller Stickles also reported that the Commission received a check from the Rural Infrastructure Authority in the amount of $747,009.00 on August 10, 2026.

Due to his absence, Chairman Hooper requested that discussions about recommendations related to the Gravity Sewer Extension and the Pool Fill Adjustment Policy be postponed until the October meeting.

General Manager Jordan reminded the Commissioners that Thorn Run Partners advised the Commission to expect a couple of years to elapse before it realizes any results from Thorn Run's federal lobbying efforts. He suggested monitoring their progress related to WARDA authorization and deciding about their contract in the spring of 2027.

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Leigh made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Helfrich seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

Jeffery A. Forslund, Vice Chairman

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