

Meeting Agenda
City of Helena-West Helena
Wednesday, August 26, 2026 @ 3:00 pm

1. Introductions

- a. Ken Weiland – Smith and Weiland Engineers
- b. Meredith Anderson – Smith and Weiland Engineers, project and grant management
- c. Mayor Joseph Whitfield – City of Helena, Mayor
- d. Saeed Rose – City of Helena, Water Superintendent
- e. Abigail Howell – DEQ, Investigator II
- f. Leslie Allen-Daniel – DEQ, Program Coordinator
- g. Joe Martin – DEQ, Associate Director
- h. Basil Hicks – ADEE, Attorney

2. CAO

- a. The CAO was signed in 2024 and addressed violations for Helena and West Helena. Most items required by the CAO have not been submitted.
- b. They have applied for ANRC funding.
- c. City is handling lots of projects at the moment but some items required by the CAO can be done quickly.

3. Collection system

- a. City is working towards replacing PVC pipe with steel.
- b. City has made efforts to get pump stations off of bypass pumps and fully repair the pump stations.
- c. City has had issue obtaining funding.
- d. Lagoon work has been done.
- e. They applied for \$14 million for wastewater through ANRC and didn't get it (only got water funding).
- f. They haven't reached out to Communities Unlimited.

4. Follow-up and time frames

- a. Engineers and City will have a meeting to go over the CAO and prioritize items.
 - i. Categories: things to do now, things needing funding, and things to talk to DEQ about.

- ii. By end of September: send us a plan/list in writing of how they plan to deal with missing CAO items.
 - iii. City and engineers will meet within the next week and a half.
 - iv. City is close to being able to submit a quarterly progress report.
 - v. City will send DEQ something in writing stating they are aware of the past due items but they are working on a plan to address them.
- b. The City of Helena has an incomplete permit renewal application in house. Incompleteness letters have been sent with lists of items the application needs.