

MEETING MINUTES

ADMIN MEETING

Date: February 20, 2024

Time: 5:30 pm

Meeting called to order by: Kade Yarborough @ 5:35 pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Kade Yarborough, Anthony Cappuccio, Mike Hubbard, Kimberly Church, Kimberly Parker, Sally Robinson (via Zoom)

The Minutes were read from the organizational council meeting and approved.

- Organizational review
- Items left on table
- council liaison explained
- goals going forward
- ferry survey explained
- officers announced
- thank you to John Shartner
- committees and members announced
 - **Tourism committee** Kimberly church and Sally Ann' Co chairs Kimberly Parker
 - **Infrastructure committee** Sally Ann chair, John Shartner
 - **Transportation and ferry committee** Anthony Cappuccio and Kimberly Parker, Mike Hubbard
 - **Access, Easements and Roads committee** Anthony Cappuccio and John Shartner Co Chairs
 - **Parks committee** John Shartner chair, Anthony Cappuccio
 - **Communications Committee** Kade Yarborough chair Kimberly Church John Shartner.

BUDGET

The Budget was not discussed at this time.

REPORTS

Committee reports will be published and available after each committee's initial meeting. The schedule is to be announced at the March meeting.

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- 5:41** - approve meeting minutes from January's meeting motion made, seconded, and passed unanimously. (Kade)
- 5:42** - ADA compliance ferry system and cargo Coast Guard letter anonymous letter read aloud copies made available for anyone interested.
- 5:45** -public announcements (ERYN)
- Saturday, March 2nd ultra marathon Freeport (36 hours)
 - 1:00 to 4:00 PM Captain Antonio's fundraiser
 - Friday March 8th kids' movie
- 5:46** Guest speaker **Sherry Hewitt**
- o ethical hunting practices
 - o gun safety.
 - o Legality of the hunt
 - o The 2018 amendment passed allowing 1000 acres or more fenced was never signed by the governor.
 - o Proper hunting and discussion of wildlife resources balance.
- 5:50** Kade Yarborough and John Scharnter discuss Island Recreation Center
- Location
 - projected timeline of October / November
 - Meeting discussed with Hank Amundson
 1. Ferry - very productive meeting with residents involved
 2. The community has grown, and public input is very valuable.
- 5:53** The floor turned over to Pat Allison
- FTR
 - An exploratory committee has been formed to include Pat Allison, John Shartner, and Eryn
 - This exploratory committee discussed such things as the impending Community Center, an ARFA grant to include a health care center.
 - There is \$1 million available to spend by the end of the 2024 year
 - The Community Center is projected to include a 400-square-foot Medical Center, a community hall, a substation for the Police Department, a library computer stations, and a possible helipad.
 - estimated project completion by 2026.

- Pickney Ireland is now considered the temporary long-term site for the embarkation of the ferry. Quote "living together but not married."
- Roads were discussed options were giving such as paving, rock, asphalt, or concrete. No location for such work could be given at this time and a formal request must be made to the county.
- Ferries and barges
 1. The county wants to own the land on both sides.
 2. special tax districts were discussed.
 3. Federal grant money.
 4. Hutchinson barge has reached the end of its term.
 5. Barge sites were discussed to include fenced and roofed in facilities and examples of funds available were given.
 6. Possible grants with matching funds
 7. special tax districts.

6:15 Pat Allison states

- "Our first objective is to have a voice at the table and be allowed to participate in the RFP."

15% of registered voters in the area live outside of Haig Point.

- South Carolina sales tax is 7%. We should consider a proposed 1% increase from 2025 through 2040 would result in a \$1.5 billion increase in revenue. It may be possible to fund our own ferry service.
- Examples of other ferry services were given.
- Palmetto Breeze pass refunds (will credits be given?)
- Missed fair charges were discussed with Mr. Turner and as long as you communicate with Mr. Turner this fee will be waived.

6:27 "Everyone has a right to make a profit," states Pat Allison.

Freddy Asks, "To verify contact info for Mr. Turner?"

6:30 Eryn and John respond to ferry questions.

- Definition of transportation changing
- what is available based on that definition.
- What is the future of our ferry system going forward?

6:38 Pat Allison explains the Commission of Committee and gives his e-mail address patallison@aol.com for any questions.

6:40 Kade responds with goals for the council for the 2024 year.

- liaise with the county.
- ferry services.
- barge services.
- website information will be updated this week.
- Meetings will now be recorded live and posted.

6:48 Kade motions meeting adjourned seconded and passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on March 19, 2024

A motion