

DI Council Minutes

DATE 5/20/2025

September 30th

TIME

4:00pm

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY

Mike Hubbard

IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony Cappuccio; Jen Riese; John Shartner; Don Hunter; Mike Hubbard; Hank Amundson; Michael Moore

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from April were not read due to time restrictions

REPORTS

Michael Moore (BC Administrator) & Hank Amundson (Assistant Administrator) was present for the May 20th Daufuskie Island Council meeting. Both were in attendance to hear the severity of concerns from Daufuskie Island Residents. As time was limited. If there are any questions that were left unanswered, Hank Will report back to the DI council.

1. Beaufort county Administrator was not aware that the water truck was not on Daufuskie Island. Beaufort county approved equipment to maintain the rocky roads on DI. Roller and Water Truck are to be on DI and BCC approved a scarifier, a piece of equipment needed to properly maintain the rocky roads. Scarifier is to be delivered in August.
2. The BC public works department is looking into solutions to stabilize the road dust. There are products and processes that can be used in between maintenance for dust control
3. Asphalt repair is to start June 1st 2025 at the Fire Station on Haig Point Rd. Road crew will start in front of the Fire Station and move down to Oakridge Ln. They will continue down the road as far as they can. This process is not new asphalt or concrete; rather an interim resurfacing until roads can be completely replaced.
4. The next CTC for funding by BCC will be in FY '26 and will include more funding for road work
5. Public restrooms at D'fuskies need new septic. Project approved and is to start June 1st 2025
6. BC has a company under contract with the county to look at drainage on Haig Point rd.
7. Condemnation of the Melrose dock was in mediation. The next stage is settlement, in which the county will take possession. Once the County owns the dock, there will be emergency repairs made immediately. Emergency repairs in this case would be getting the dock to a safe condition until a full engineering assessment can be completed. For emergency repairs, there is funding and no formal RFP will need to be issued, repairs can be expedited. There are no plans presently for CC Haig dock or facilities.
8. There is no current plans for beach renourishment for Daufuskie. There will need to be an assessment and plan as part of the first steps.
9. Beach Bathrooms are still planned for beach road. The county had to get approvals to tie into the sewer system at Oakridge. Plans are being finalized, funding is through CIP, so the dollars are allocated for this project. With design planning and permitting a start date would be in 2027
10. The multi purpose community building that will be at Francis Jones Park is funded. The county will present plans to the community.

11. Beaufort County is actively working on barging solutions, they need to locate land on the mainland. There needs to be a comprehensive Islandwide solution for transportation; including a robust ferry system, barges and terminals on both sides. The DI Council and the DI community are working independently on several items. DI council asked for help with navigating these issues and when the time comes, the DI council will expect that Beaufort County expedites any type of permitting and give Daufuskie Island full support. The Daufuskie island council is optimistic, and this is now the time for BC to put more resources into the island.
12. DI Council has asked that Beaufort County have some type of relief from tactics and fees that are very inconsistent with LoCo Ferry. The DI Council specifically asked that cargo fees be waived, at least temporarily, and paid for by Beaufort County. Michael More and Hank Amundson stated that they would bring this to the BCC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING

June 17th 2025 5:30pm

Ministry Building