

# Minutes

## Daufuskie Island Council

**DATE**July 15<sup>th</sup> 2025**TIME**

1736

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY**

Mike Hubbard

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mike Hubbard, John Schartner, Anthony Cappuccio, Jen Risey, Sallie Ann Robinson, Don Hunter

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES****REPORTS**

Chairman -has no items to report

Transportation - Discussions with LoCo Ferry in regard to weight limits for cargo. First agreed to increase, then LoCo was advised not to change, LoCo agreed to comply with the 50lb limit, DI Council requested funds in the amount of \$100,000 from BCC to subsidize cargo fees for residents and Beaufort County agreed to fund cargo fees for residents, at least in the interim. Island residents called BC representatives and ask that the county not use these funds to pay LoCo Ferry. The Daufuskie Island Council worked on this matter per resident requests to get some relief. Most likely The council will not be able to get this funding back.,

Infrastructure - no new reports

**OLD BUSINESS**

Beaufort County update from Hank Admunson ( Secretary will post that update separately)

Incorporation - DI Council is still looking at the pros and cons of incorporating. There are several small towns with less than 500 residents in SC that are incorporated. Currently if we incorporate there is a law in SC that prevents newly incorporated towns to have more than a 0 millage (tax) rate.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The drainage issues on HP road near the Distillery was repaired by Les Rivers Co. There are still stormwater issues on the island that need to be addressed. The issue of beach erosion was discussed and DI needs to start the process on the discussion for beach renourishment. Beaufort County has no active position so DI council and resident committees will need to start the process, A study will need to be done and then move through the process. Several comments were made about erosion, but a study will need to be done first to find the root cause, Tybee has a beach renourishment model that can be looked at. Opinions and suggestions on using dredge material from the Savannah River was also mentioned.

### **NEW MOTION -**

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO ASK BEAUFORT COUNTY FOR \$50,000 IN THE SEAREST BUDGET SESSION TO EXPEDITE A BEACH EROSION STUDY. MOTION MADE BY DION HUNTER AND SECONDED BY JOHN SCHARTNER. MOTION CARRIED PASSED 6-0**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT #2**

Comments about what can be done about automobiles on the beach. Council asked residents to come up with solutions for next meeting. DIFD to discuss with BC Sheriff.

County officials should not listen to a handful of residents that impact the political process that is in place.

Discussion on how residents can help inform tourists and build a better experience for them.

Residents sometimes run into tourists at CC Haig that are unaware of the ways on Daufuskie, such as needing a golf cart to get around. One example was that a set of tourists were coming on the 1:00 and stated they would just walk to historic places and still thinking they could return on the 5:30.

Young residents riding their bikes are also impacted by the County's lack of maintenance. A young resident gave several examples of how when the roads are dry, there is so much dust that he has to breathe in, and even with a mask make it difficult to breathe. The gravel not being maintained is also a major issue with our young residents, as cars and trucks fly by, gravel is kicked up at them and in several instances this young resident was hit by rocks and was forced off the road into a ditch. DI Council will again bring this to the County's attention that a constant preventative maintenance be done on our roads,

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Community Happenings -Friday 7/18/25 12pm-1pm DIFD KIDS DAY!!

BCSD starts Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup>.

DIID starts Monday August 18<sup>th</sup>

### **NEXT MEETING**

August 19<sup>th</sup> 2025 5:30pm Ministry Building

Meeting Adjourned 6:38 pm