March 21, 2023 5:30 PM DIFD, 400 Haig Point Road

Roll Call – Leanne Coulter, Beth McIntyre, Cathie Moore, Taylor Moran, Roger Pinckney, John Schartner, Kade Yarborough,

Call to order

Pledge

Remarks from the Chair

Containers:

BC Code Enforcement has been busy writing citations to property owners who have containers in their yards as accessory structures. Using containers as an accessory building has been illegal for 15 years within the county. The council wanted to determine the number of containers and their locations before attempting to solve the problem.

A survey of the island was done and there are currently 42 visible containers which does not include any containers in commercial areas or on building sites. After surveying the island there are also a number of abandoned RV's as well as illegal sewer systems that are running out onto the road. These should also be addressed.

The County will not grandfather in any shipping containers based on our previous attempts to grandfather in STR's. This was soundly rejected by the County and they have said we will not exempt DI from any County regulations. We will make every effort to come up with some ideas for how to deal with it. Our small population of only 2.5% of the county makes it difficult to enact any changes.

Announcements

The DIFD has a Ford F150 2010 pick-up truck available for sale under closed bid. This is an asset for the fire department and they no longer need it. So they are letting the DI taxpayers the first opportunity at possibly purchasing the truck.



Committee Reports

<u>Parks</u> —A letter was sent to Eric Greenway that we have yet to hear any information regarding the promised improvements at the park. We should begin to see things later this month about the parks.

Ferry -

FedEx – The process for Fed Ex deliveries is convoluted at best. Outside the gates, we all know we have to have packages held at a Fed Ex affiliate location. That works great when you know that a package is coming via Fed Ex. However, it is the packages that get rerouted during the last part of the journey that have become a problem. HP was charging \$20 for the handling of these packages and after a very vocal outcry has now relented and is charging \$10 per package. However, this is not solving the problem. Henry Criss is committed to trying to find an equitable solution and is looking for a task force to see if we can come up with a solution that benefits the whole island.

<u>Roads</u> – The road grader, which has been sitting on the side of Oakridge since January 3, 2023 is defunct and there is a new grader on island that Greg Hutton has been using.

Environmental

Deer kill – DHEC issued a permit to shoot 75 deer at night with silencers and spot lights. The contract called for the cull and the meat to be distributed back to the island. The processing facility wanted to charge \$100 per deer to have the meat returned to the island. DI deer yield about 20lbs of meat and this seemed excessive and also illegal. Offering venison for sale is a gross misdemeanor.

Codes –

The Codes Committee met last month for the first time since last year. Since most of last year was taken up with the STR issue, it was decided to pass the container issue to the DIC. They can provide a more direct avenue for getting the situation resolved.

The Code Committee is going to review the Code on March 28th. For those wishing to have your containers removed, Casey Scott is willing to remove them to the other side at cost.

Wick Scurry would like to get some of the extra containers, set them up on his property and rent them out to contractors to store supplies on island.

Tourism and Beach

Community Building and Bathrooms at the Beach

From the County:

- We have engaged an architect to finalize bathroom and Beach Road improvements.
 - (There need to be another option during the building for a bathroom like a porta potty)
- Our Infrastructure Department has awarded and engaged the contractor and engineer in order to begin final plans to re-rock School, Church, and Frances Jones Roads. The addition of Beach Road to the list has slightly extended the planning phase. We will update you in the near future on when construction will begin. We want to make sure to maximize funds and make these improvements the best they can be.
- Frances Jones Park improvements should begin within the next month. Some items may take more time due to material lead times.
- Bathroom renovations at D'Fuskies/Public Landing are in design/permitting phase. Construction should be underway early this summer.
- *I wish I had definitive good news on the Ferry Embarkations. We continue to work through the condemnation process.*

<u>Election Process & Bylaws</u> – A number of suggestions have been put forth by the Election Committee for changes before the next election.

<u>Public Discussion</u> – 3 minutes per person.

Martha Hutton- In 2009 the county had 9 people sit through and put down the codes for DI. The original intent was for the Council to act as the ARB for the areas outside the gates.

Adjourned