

May 16, 2023  
5:30 PM  
DIFD, 400 Haig Point Road

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

**Call to order**

**Pledge**

**Remarks from the Chair**

7 day implemented for all agenda items Per BC. No new items will be put on the agenda at any Council Meeting.

**Announcements**

Gazebo

Matt Keller would like to engage the community in helping to rehab the current gazebo.

DI School

Friday June 2, 2023 is a half day and the last day of school. Stepping up Ceremony Thursday June 1, 2023 for the graduating 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

DI Middle School

The middle school project is continuing their path forward to establish a middle school on the island. There is a Live Auction scheduled for June 23 as a fund raiser. More details to follow Bingo Wednesday evening during June and July as a fund raiser for the middle school.

Container issue – Issues regarding shipping containers on the island were presented to Mark Davis, BC. He stated that if we were to make an amendment to the current code, it would need to be changed for the entire county.

**Committee Reports**

**Parks** – Erik Larsen, Beaufort County, has stepped in and is backfilling for the park at Frances Jones.

Bleachers will be coming over for the ballpark. Benches, for the dog park, and grills have been ordered. There is electricity for the gazebo and outlets and lights have also been installed. There is now water at the Pavilion.

Working on contracts for cleaning and maintenance for the park.

## **Ferry –**

As of April 27, 2023 the county has appealed a judge's order which would remove the ferry from Buckingham Landing. According to Hank Amundson, Special Projects Beaufort County, he has been instructed to proceed as if condemnation is going through.

Bridge Center will be closed as of the end of May 2023. The county has an alternative arrangement made which will include a visitor center and parking spots.

The new spot will be at Tanger 2 outlet mall. They have 24 hour security and at least 100 parking spots. An announcement will be made tomorrow.

After 30 years, Capt. Richard Inglis is no longer with Haig Point. This is a great loss to ferry leadership and service. I am requesting that everyone please make reservations as the summer season approaches. The amount of available staff has diminished and we cannot rely on a backup boat for overflow. The Captains have told me that we can no longer rely on preferential treatment for boarding. If you have no reservation you may not get across.

Daufuskie Island Ferry service reservations will now report to Adam Martin, vice president of sales and marketing as part of a broader, centralized, sales and reservation initiative.

John Donaldson will be acting as the interim Director of Marine operations.

## **Roads –**

Haig Point Rd.

Potholes that are in front of the firehouse have been patched.

Prospect Rd.

Mr. Dulany is trying to delay the proceedings until there is a political change at the County level to stop condemnation. There is new outside council for the Prospect Rd. situation.- Christopher Murphy Esq.

Beach Rd

They are currently surveying Beach Road for planned bathrooms.

Melrose Landing Rd.

There is no definitive answer yet regarding Melrose Landing Rd. easements. This is being handled by the county legal staff.

Bloody Point

The deed documents for Bloody Point, May 1989, specifically state that there will be access to the cemetery and the river as a public access. The Bloody Point POA owns the road access to the cemetery and the river. However, the new owner of the Bloody Point golf course, M. Minogue, wants to take possession of the roads and cut off access. As part of the development of Bloody Point Beach Rd was established as the public access for the beach.

Oakridge (Road & Avenue)

A group of neighbors patched some of the potholes that are on Oakridge. We should all thank them for taking on this task.

## **Codes**

**May 28, 2023 Meeting scheduled.**

### **Communication –**

Work has continued on the website with our current tech person on island. Matt Marzaile has graciously given freely of his time and talents to help with the website.

### **Tourism and Beach -**

Beach sweep has been scheduled.

The Beach sign needs to be reattached to the post at the beach.

**Election Process & Bylaws** – The election process was originally handled by the Council. However, several years ago there was an issue with the election and an election committee was established. This is an independent committee with one member acting as liaison from the Council.

### **Public Discussion – 3 minutes per person.**

**\*\*Personal Note by the Secretary – Beth McIntyre\*\***

What follows if my personal statement of the public discussion that took place.

This meeting and public comment section lasted for over an hour. I stopped taking notes as I noticed at least 2 community members taping this part on their phones. My skills as secretary and my ability to capture all the comments was called into question. The minutes as I record them cover the main information that is discussed and are not intended to be a fully complete recording of everything that is said. If a full accounting of every meeting is desired by the community, then another process should be put into place.

I can only characterize this part of the meeting as chaotic and contentious. There was much debate and a significant amount of comments regarding the Council's agreed to STR recommendation from December 2022.

The community was extremely agitated by social media posts giving the mistaken impression that the 2 council members, Taylor Moran and Kade Yarborough were going to be removed for their violating the Code of Ethics. Several members of the community voiced that their presence at the meeting was because they were concerned about this. There is no process in place for removing duly elected council persons on the DIC.

There was further discussion of the role of the DIC and how Robert's Rules of Order may or may not apply. The DIC acts as an Informal voice for the community. The DIC has no real power and is merely an advisory group to BC. Enacting those requirements for the DIC would then negate the informal way that the DIC is now run.

Kade Yarborough presented pre-printed new motions, not on the agenda, to overturn the December 2022 recommendation. These were passed out to the Council that was present (Kade Yarborough, John Schartner, Taylor Moran, Beth McIntyre, Cathie Moore and Leanne Coulter. These motions all ended in a tied vote, 3 for and 3 against, and therefore did not pass.

Adjourned