

# BEAUFORT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (BCTC)

## MEETING MINUTES

FROM May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The regular meeting of the Beaufort County Transportation Committee (BCTC) was held on May 17, 2023, at the County chambers, hosted by Beaufort County's County Channel.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kraig Gordon (Chairman), Jim Backer (Treasurer), Craig Forrest, Arthur Handman, John Glover (Vice Chairman), Paul Manning, Virginia Kozak, Clarence Daniel Sr., Brian Winslow, and Charles Perry

**MEMBERS ABSENT (EXCUSED):**

**MEMBERS ABSENT (UNEXCUSED):**

**MEMBERS TARDY:** Virginia Kozak

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ciara Hall, Sr. Administrative Specialist, Engineering  
Eric Claussen, Director of Engineering  
Bryan Bauer, Transportation Construction Manager  
Rusty Bratz, Transportation Construction Manager  
Jared Fralix, Assistant County Administrator, Engineering Division  
Stephanie Rossi, Planning Director, LCOG  
Carrie Gorsuch, Engineering & Infrastructure Coordinator, City of Beaufort  
Suzanne Larson, Lowcountry Inside Track  
Elizabeth Penn Sanders, R.M.E, SCDOT  
Jeff Buckalew, Town of Hilton Head  
Anna Tabernik, County Council District 6

**Notification.** A recording of this meeting is available from the Beaufort County's County Channel. Power Point presentations provided to the BCTC are also available from the Beaufort County Capital Projects Department.

1. **Call to Order & Members Roll Call.** Meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Gordon and an attendance roll call was taken.
  - A. **Introduction** – New Member Charles Perry
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
3. **Introductions and Public Comment.** No public comment.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** *Motion to approve meeting minutes from the January 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 and March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, CTC Meeting was moved by Brian Winslow. and seconded by Jim Backer* **VOTE: YAYS: (8) Craig Forrest, Arthur Handman, Paul Manning, Charles Perry, Clarence Daniel Sr., and Virginia Kozak/NAYS: (0)**
5. **Old Business.**
  - A. **SCDOT DISTRICT PROJECT UPDATE**  
*Neva Newman, SCDOT Resident Construction Engineer*  
Neva Newman provided updates on SCDOT projects in Beaufort County area.
  - B. **DIRT ROAD PROJECT UPDATE (#53 In-Design)**  
*Mr. Bryan Bauer, P.E., Transportation Construction Manager*  
Bryan Bauer reported Dirt Road Paving Contract #53 includes Twickenham, Northview, and Rainbow are currently waiting on permitting from DHEC to start construction. Will start in a couple of months with

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construction starting next Spring and Summer with completion by the end of the year. Dirt Road Paving Contract #54 including Rocking and other roads on Daufuskie Island. Will start in a couple of months with construction starting next Fall.

### **C. CTC RESURFACING PROJECT (Year 6 Bid Report & Status)**

*Mr. Bryan Bauer, P.E., Transportation Construction Manager*

Bryan reported that the resurfacing plan is complete except for the punch list. The walk through was complete and punch list should be completed by the end of the month.

### **D. CTC PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROJECT (REJUVENATOR UPDATE)**

*Mr. Bryan Bauer, P.E., Transportation Construction Manager*

Bryan reported that the preservation plan contractor started working on patching the roads in Beaufort County today and expects to have all roads completed by June 2023. Bryan is currently working on getting together the 3 bid packets for Year 7 preservation projects.

### **E. CTC STATE SECONDARY PROJECT UPDATE < 500 ADT. UPDATE**

*Mr. Bryan Bauer, Transportation Construction Manager*

Bryan Bauer reported that Year 6 projects including Resurfacing, Rejuvenator, and Preservation were and are currently working on contracts for the three projects with the Purchasing Department. Mr. John Gloved (Vice Chair) asked about Fredricka Taylor status. It is currently not on Year 5 projects, but it's on Year 1 of the next program for the next fiscal year. Mr. Clarence Daniel Sr asked about River Hill Road which was already completed. Mr. Arthur Handman asked about Benton Field Road status. It is currently on Year 6 projects, and they are working on special coordination for this project.

### **F. SR 170 & TRIANGE UPDATE**

*Mr. Eric Claussen, P.E., Director of Engineering*

Eric Claussen reported the department is currently working with AECOM on the plans along the SC 170 corridor from US 278 to SC 462. The updated plans have been approved by SCDOT and the final bid package for this project is ready and bid advertisement next week for the project. In addition, AECOM is working on an access management analysis for US 278, which is the next step in the Triangle project. The Triangle project includes US 278 from Argent to SC 170, SC 170 from US 278 to Argent, and Argent Boulevard. County is working with AECOM for the study and waiting on final comments for the overall project. Eric Claussen reported a brief update summary on the Bridge project. The department is currently working with KCI, the designer on the Bridge project. The County and the Town of Hilton Head discussed getting another independent review completed for recommendations for the Bridge project. The Country issued an RFQ and CBB was selected for the consultant. CBB is currently working on processing data collection for the independent review and recommendations on US 278. In addition, the Town of Hilton Head has a separate independent review in progress currently. The Country is looking to start the Bridge project in fiscal year 2028.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. REPORT ON CTC ANNUAL MEETING**

*Kraig Gordon, Chairman*

Chairman Gordon provided a summary of the CTC Annual Meeting.

### **B. CTC STATE SECONDARY DISUSSION 500 < 2000**

*Kraig Gordon, Chairman*

Chairman Gordon provided information about the history on State Secondary roads and advised the Committee Members to have a list of roads that need work in each district.

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**C. FY 2023-2024 APPORTIONMENT**

*Kraig Gordon, Chairman*

Chairman Gordon provided an update for the new 2023-2024 Apportionment.

**D. ST. HELENA DRAINAGE STUDY**

*John Glover, Vice Chair*

Vice Chairman Glover provided an update about the community meeting for the St. Helena Drainage Study.

**E. CTC DOCUMENTS**

*Kraig Gordon, Chairman*

Chairman Gordon went over CTC documents each member should have.

**F. CTC WEBSITE**

*Kraig Gordon, Chairman*

Chairman Gordon provided information on new CTC website.

**G. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Year To Date Status & Preparation

*Mr. Jim Backer, Treasurer*

**H. PUBLIC COMMENT (TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

**I. CHAIRMAN COMMENTS**

The Chairman said he would appoint the Committee Secretary and Treasurer. Arthur Handman was appointed Secretary and Jim Backer appointed Treasurer.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next regular meeting of the BCTC will held on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. held in the County Council Chambers, County Administration Building, Robert Smalls Complex, Beaufort, SC.