

Gerald Dawson
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EcoDual, Inc.

Good Afternoon. I'm Councilman Gerald Dawson and I too am glad to be here today and be a part of this wonderful economic development that I believe will help Beaufort County. Being able to bring in new equipment to the Lowcountry that will bring 300 plus jobs is exciting. This is a goal that I've tried to make happen since first being elected to Council in 2005. I believe jobs are the backbone to every community. With 302 jobs with an average salary of \$21 an hour coming to Beaufort County means 302 people and their families will be directly impacted by this equipment. You then have those 302 families going out into the community and spending money in local grocery stores, local clothing stores and local restaurants. What's even more exciting, if EcoDual Inc. can bring in this many jobs with the help of this one piece of equipment, how many other businesses are going to want to move into the area and take advantage of the dynamometer. You think about it, if this is the only dynamometer with this function in all of South Carolina, it opens Beaufort County up to so many possibilities. In April, Beaufort County had the 5th lowest unemployment rate in the state. I want us to have the lowest unemployment rate in the state and I believe bringing in equipment like the dynamometer will create a domino effect. One business bringing hundreds of jobs will mean many more companies coming to the area with hundreds of jobs. In my book it's a win-win situation for everyone involved and I'm so excited to be a part of it.