

# BEAUFORT COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE (BCTC)

## MEETING MINUTES

FROM January 15, 2025

The regular meeting of the Beaufort County Transportation Committee (BCTC) was held on January 15, 2025 at the County chambers, hosted by Beaufort County's County Channel.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kraig Gordon (Chairman), Arthur Handman (Vice Chairman), Jim Backer (Treasurer), Craig Forrest, John Glover, Charles Perry, Clarence Daniel, Paul Manning, Tim Newman, and David Johnson

**MEMBERS ABSENT (EXCUSED):**

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**MEMBERS TARDY:** Virginia Kozak

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Bryan Bauer, Director  
Chris DiJulio-Cook, Business Manager  
Rusty Bratz, Transportation Construction Manager  
Tracy Brewton, Resident Construction Engineer, SCDOT  
Mike Healy, SCDOT  
Jason Ferrell, Blythe  
Libby Preble, Interested Citizen, Bluffton

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

1. **Call to Order & Members Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at approximately 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Gordon and an attendance roll call was taken.
2. **CALL TO ORDER – Roll Call**
  - A. **Introductions**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance.**
4. **Approval of Minutes.** *Motion to approve meeting minutes from the September 18, 2024, CTC Meeting was moved by David Johnson. and seconded by Paul Manning. The vote was unanimous.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT (TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)** *No public comment*

## 5. OLD BUSINESS

### A. SCDOT DISTRICT PROJECT UPDATE

*Mr. Tracy Brewton, SCDOT Resident Construction Engineer*

Mr. Brewton reviewed the project slides and provided updates.

### B. DIRT ROAD PROJECT UPDATE (#55)

*Rusty Bratz, Transportation Construction Manager*

Rusty Bratz provided updates on the Dirt Road projects.

### C. CTC RESURFACING PROJECT (Year 8)

*Rusty Bratz, Transportation Construction Manager*

Mr. Bratz gave updates on the Resurfacing projects. Mr. Bratz asked for approval for the proposal for Mead & Hunt to perform the CEI for SC 278 Resurfacing at \$120,000 over a 3-month period. Mr. Manning made the motion to approve. It was seconded by Mr. Handman. The motion passed unanimously.

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**D. CTC PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROJECT (Year 8)**

*Rusty Bratz, Transportation Construction Manager*

Rusty Bratz provided updates on the Preservation projects.

**E. CTC PAVEMENT REJUVENATOR UPDATE (Year 8)**

*Rusty Bratz, Transportation Construction Manager*

Mr. Bratz updated the Committee on the Pavement Rejuvenator projects. Chairman Gordon asked for a motion to approve the Year 8 Rejuvenator contract for \$440,000. Arthur Handman made the motion; Paul Manning seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**F. SC 170 & TRIANGLE UPDATE**

*Mr. Jared Fralix, P.E. Assistant County Administrator*

Mr. Jared Fralix provided updates on SC170, 278, and the Triangle projects.

**G. HILTON HEAD BRIDGES UPDATE**

*Mr. Jared Fralix, P.E. Assistant County Administrator*

Mr. Jared Fralix gave an update on the Hilton Head bridges.

**H. UPDATE STATUS 500-2000 ADT PROGRAM**

*Mr. Bryan Bauer, P.E. Director*

Mr. Bryan Bauer gave a brief update on the 500-2000 program.

**I. BLUFFTON PARKWAY RESURFACING AND 278**

*Mr. Bryan Bauer, P.E. Director*

Mr. Bauer stated he's hoping to have the bids back for the Retreat in February.

**J. STATUS OF BURKE'S BEACH AND GOETHE ROAD TO MUNICIPALITIES**

*Mr. Bryan Bauer, P.E. Director*

Mr. Bauer gave an update on both Goethe Road and Burke's Beach.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. CTC RETREAT FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

*Mr. Kraig Gordon, Chairman*

Stated he would put out an agenda for the February 5<sup>th</sup> CTC Retreat. Lunch would be served, have a couple of presentations, and a business meeting portion – to approve some contracts.

**B. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN**

*Mr. Kraig Gordon, Chairman*

Paul Manning nominated Kraig Gordon for Chairman, David Johnson seconded the nomination. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Gordon nominated Arthur Handman as Vice Chairman and Jim Backer seconded the nomination. The Committee unanimously voted Mr. Handman to the role of Vice Chairman.

**C. APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER**

*Mr. Kraig Gordon, Chairman*

Chairman Gordon named Jim Backer to the Treasurer's position of the Committee.

**7. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**A. CURRENT FUND STATUS**

*Mr. Jim Backer provided an update on the current fund status.*

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT (TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) No public comments**

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**9. CHAIRMAN COMMENTS**

*Mr. Kraig Gordon, Chairman*

Kraig Gordon thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity to serve another year as Chairman. He also checked with everyone that they had an atlas, and all the documentation needed. In addition, he asked Bryan to provide a running total of mileage touched by the CTC at future meetings.

**10. ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:58 p.m. The next regular meeting of the BCTC will be held on March 19, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. held in the County Council Chambers, County Administration Building, Robert Smalls Complex, Beaufort, SC. A BCTC Retreat will be held at the Buckwalter Recreation Center, 905 Buckwalter Pkwy, Bluffton, SC, on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.