DAUFUSKIE ISLAND FIRE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING January 16, 2013

PRESENT: CHUCK HENRY CHAIRMAN

TOM DICKINSON VICE CHAIRMAN
TOM BEAVOR COMMISSIONER
PAT BEICHLER COMMISSIONER
MIKE BRYANT COMMISSIONER
GEOF JENKINS COMMISSIONER

OTHERS: EDWARD BOYS CHIEF

GINNY TEERLINK ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

GUEST: JOSH GRUBER BEAUFORT COUNTY ATTORNEY

1. Discussion of Changes in the DIFD Charter: Henry opened the meeting at 1:30 PM and introduced Beaufort County Attorney Josh Gruber who was attending the meeting so as the commissioners could voice their concerns and gain clarification with regard to the changes in the DIFD charter that Beaufort County was requesting.

The commissioners expressed their concerns about the language of the new charter which stated that the firefighters were employees of the County and the financial implications if salaries were adjusted to the County pay scale and asked that the language relating to employees be changed. Gruber stated that the County does not have a department that provides fire service and that the firefighters would be employees of the district that falls under the Beaufort County government.

The commissioners stated concerns about the language of the new charter stating that the Board is responsible for providing emergency services which they understood to be EMS. Gruber stated that the services would be rescue, not medical.

The commissioners asked if Gruber would modify applicable elements to the new charter for the DIFD's unique geographic location. Gruber agreed to do so.

Boys asked Gruber to clarify that, in the new charter, the DIFD and other Beaufort County fire districts would be able to enforce fire codes to which Gruber answered affirmatively.

2. Minutes: Henry called for a review of the minutes of the December 19, 2012 and January 11, 2013 Commissioners' Meeting. The minutes were approved by Beichler and seconded by Dickinson.

The meeting concluded at 3:30 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 4:00 PM at the fire station.

Respectfully submitted by Ginny Teerlink on February 12, 2013.