

**Northern Beaufort County Regional Plan Implementation Committee**  
**Executive Conference Room, Beaufort County Administration Building**  
**Beaufort County Government Robert Smalls Complex**  
**100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC 29902**  
**Friday, November 22, 2019**  
**9:30 a.m.**

Members:

Mike Tomy, Metropolitan Planning Commission (Chairman)  
Jerry Ashmore, Town of Port Royal Council  
Earl Campbell, Beaufort County School Board Chair  
Colin Moore, Town of Yemassee Mayor  
Gerald Dawson, Beaufort County Council  
Brian Flewelling, Beaufort County Council  
York Glover, Lowcountry Council of Governments  
Alice Howard, Beaufort County Council  
Billy Keyserling, City of Beaufort Mayor  
Mike McFee, City of Beaufort Council  
Samuel Murray, Town of Port Royal Mayor  
Ed Pappas, Beaufort County Planning Commission Chair

**AGENDA**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. REVIEW OF OCTOBER 25, 2019, MEETING MINUTES ([backup](#))
4. ATTENDEE INTRODUCTIONS
5. CITIZEN COMMENTS
6. AGENDA REVIEW
7. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE ([backup](#))
8. LADY'S ISLAND PLAN IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE (Robert Merchant)
9. STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION – 2020 PROJECTS
10. ROUND THE TABLE COMMENTS
11. OTHER BUSINESS: NEXT MEETING – Friday, January 24, 2020, 9:30 a.m., Executive Conference Room, Beaufort County Administration Building, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC
12. ADJOURNMENT



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**Meeting**

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**ATTENDANCE**

**Members Present:** Mike Tomy, MPC Chairman (Chairman); Billy Keyserling, City of Beaufort Mayor; Samuel Murray, Town of Port Royal Mayor; Jerry Ashmore, Town of Port Royal Council; Alice Howard, Beaufort County Council; and York Glover, Lowcountry Council of Governments; and Mr. Ed Pappas, Beaufort County Planning Commission

**Members Absent:** Gerald Dawson, Beaufort County Council; Colin Moore, Town of Yemassee Mayor; Brian Flewelling, Beaufort County Council; Earl Campbell, Beaufort County School Board Chair; and Mike McFee, City of Beaufort Mayor Pro Tem.

**Staff Present:** Robert Merchant, Beaufort County Community Development Dept Deputy Director; Noah Krepps, Beaufort County Long Range Planner; and Diane McMaster, Beaufort County Community Development Senior Admin Specialist.

**Other Attendees:** Sarah Watson, SC Sea Grant Consortium; Stephen Murray III, City of Beaufort Council; Dave Prichard, City of Beaufort Community and Economic Development Director; Caroline Fermin, Beaufort County Planning Commission; Ginnie Kozak, Lowcountry Council of Governments Planning and Transportation Director; Rikki Parker, Coastal Conservation League; Chuck Newton, Sea Island Coalition; and Allen Patterson, Lady's Island Plan Implementation Committee.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dr. Caroline Fermin called the Northern Regional Plan Implementation Committee (NRPIC) meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Dr. Caroline Fermin led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:** The March 22, 2019, April 26, 2019, and July 26, 2019, meeting minutes were reviewed. Mayor Samuel Murray made a motion, seconded by Ms. Alice Howard, to approve the three (3) sets of minutes as submitted. The motion passed.

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:** Mayor Billy Keyserling nominated Mr. Mike Tomy, MPC Chair, as Chairman of the Northern Regional Plan Implementation Committee. Ms. Alice Howard concurred, and there was unanimous support for the nomination.

Mr. Ed Pappas, Beaufort County Planning Commission Chair, was asked to join the Committee as Bft Cnty Planning Commission Chair. It was decided the nomination for Vice Chairman be placed on hold until a designation by the Beaufort County Planning Commission occurs.

**LADY’S ISLAND PLAN IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE:**

**A. Plan Implementation Status**

Mr. Robert Merchant recapped the first three (3) prioritized action items from the Lady’s Island Plan: 1. Ordinance Amendment – limit residential density/not on public sewer (LICP and LIEHB); 2. Ordinance – restrictions on fill; and 3. Sea Level Rise – overlay district.

**B. Report from Sea Level Rise Task Force**

Members of the Task Force have been meeting on a regular basis since June 2019. Experts from local municipalities are part of the task force. The South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium and College of Charleston have provided applicable data and their professional input as well.

Ms. Sarah Watson, representing the South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium and Carolinas Integrated Sciences and Assessments, gave a presentation on the science behind coastal flooding, projected flood events in our area, tidal flooding, tidal variations, erosion, compounded flooding, and marsh issues.

Mr. Rob Merchant discussed “How to Respond?” and noted policies to include: river buffers, open space preservation, stormwater volume controls, wetland preservation, limits on dirt fill in low-lying areas, required disclosure of low-lying properties, additional restrictions on low-lying properties, policies governing the location of critical facilities/infrastructure, modification of building codes to add height requirements, and policies for marsh preservation/migration.

**C. Appointment of LI Plan Implementation Committee**

The following individuals make up the Committee:

Stephen Murray III, Beaufort City Council  
Paul Sommerville, Beaufort County Council  
Caroline Fermin, Beaufort County Planning Commission  
Paul Butare, Lady’s Island Resident  
Allen Patterson, Lady’s Island Resident  
Jan Malinowski, Lady’s Island Resident  
Rikki Parker, SC Coastal Conservation League  
Chuck Newton, Sea Island Corridor Coalition  
Robert Merchant, Beaufort County Staff – non-voting member  
David Prichard, Beaufort City Staff – non-voting member  
Linda Bridges, Town of Port Royal Staff – non-voting member  
Carol Crutchfield, Beaufort County School District – non-voting member

There was discussion regarding the need for representation from the Lady’s Island Business Professionals Association. Chairman Mike Tomy entertained a motion regarding a Lady’s Island Business Professionals Association appointee. Mayor Billy Keyserling made the motion, and after further discussion, an amendment to the original motion was suggested and made, to also include an appointee from the City of Beaufort-Town of Port Royal Metropolitan Planning Commission. Beaufort County Council member Alice Howard seconded the amended motion. There was unanimous support for the amended motion.

There was discussion regarding the intent to represent the LI Plan Implementation Committee as a public body, publish meeting agendas and minutes, and provide delayed broadcast of all meetings through the Beaufort County Broadcast Services Department. Meetings will be held at 3:00 p.m., the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month.

Chairman Tomy entertained a motion to approve the Lady's Island Plan Implementation Committee's meeting schedule. Motion was made and seconded regarding approval, and there was unanimous support for the motion.

**APPROVAL OF 2020 NORTHERN REGIONAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE:**

After discussion, Mayor Billy Keyserling made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Alice Howard, to hold formal approval of the 2020 Meeting Schedule until the Committee's next meeting in November 2019.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 22, 2019, at 9:30 a.m., Executive Conference Room, Beaufort County Administration Building, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairman Mike Tomy adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m. There were no objections from Committee members.

## 2020 Meeting Schedule

### Northern BC Regional Plan Implementation Committee

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location *</u>
January 24, 2020	Friday	9:30 a.m.	Executive Conference Room, Administration Building, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC
March 27, 2020	Friday	9:30 a.m.	Executive Conference Room, Administration Building, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC
May 22, 2020	Friday	9:30 a.m.	Executive Conference Room, Administration Building, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC
July 24, 2020	Friday	9:30 a.m.	Executive Conference Room, Administration Building, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC
September 25, 2020	Friday	9:30 a.m.	Executive Conference Room, Administration Building, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC
*November 20, 2020	Friday	9:30 a.m.	Executive Conference Room, Administration Building, 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC
*November 20 is the 3rd Friday of the month.			