

Town of Kiawah Island
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Via Zoom
February 16, 2021; 10:00 am

Minutes

I. **Call to Order:** *Ms. Tillerson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.*

Present: Stephanie Tillerson, *Town Administrator*
David DeStefano
Warren Stannard
Jim Gilliam

Absent: Brian Gottshalk, *Public Works Manager*
Will Connor, *KICA*

By Phone: Steve Sager

Also Present: John Moffitt, *Council Liaison*
Maryanne Connelly, *Public Safety Committee Chairman*
Bert Walling, *Berkeley Electric*

II. **Approval of Minutes:**

A. Minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting of January 25, 2021

Mr. Gilliam made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021 Public Works Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeStefano and was unanimously passed.

III. **Old Business:**

A. Update on the Kiawah Island Parkway Landscape Project

Ms. Tillerson stated that work on the landscape project is progressing with much activity taking place. Palm trees have been installed as well as work on the irrigation is being completed. The goal is to have the project completed by mid-March despite the rain that has caused some delays. She noted that the flowers have been growing since the contract was approved and should be considerably larger when they are installed.

IV. **New Business:**

A. Berkeley Electric Update

Ms. Tillerson stated that Mr. Walling, with Berkeley Electric Co-op. (BEC), would be providing an update and answering any questions. The goal is to have Mr. Walling attend the PSC meeting quarterly.

Mr. Walling, Manager of Key Account and Government Relations, stated that BEC is the largest co-op in the state, and his job was to ensure large accounts were taken care of and, if any issues arise, they are addressed. With the unexpected event that transpired in December, he gave an update on BEC's reliability, what is being done and what has changed. He stated the upgrade to the Legareville substation, to double its capacity, has

been completed and operating normally. Kiawah is no longer being served by alternate feeders and contained on its own substation. He gave an overview of the system, system maintenance, the consumer minute ranking of the feeders on Kiawah and provided a snapshot of equipment inspections and replacements.

Committee members asked questions on:

- cable design,
- the December 26th outage event,
- complaint of unsatisfactory power stability in an area on the island,
- the capacity of Legareville substation,
- the most likely cause of loss of power in the future,
- mobile (portable) transformers,
- availability of replacement equipment
- access to the SCADA system,
- the extra load capacity of Legareville substation,
- reliability ratings of electric utilities,
- vulnerabilities of the Legareville substation and Kiawah.

Mr. Walling stated that he would follow up on any questions that were not satisfactorily answered and forward the information to the members.

B. Discussion on Beachwalker Drive Pedestrian Tables

Ms. Tillerson provided background information on the requests from residents in Inlet Cover to have a pedestrian or speed table installed on Beachwalker Drive. As part of the Beachwalker Park turn lane project, Kimley-Horn, the consultants who did the design work, did a preliminary traffic study along Beachwalker Drive, concluding that the installation of a speed table was not warranted at that time. She stated that continued requests persuaded Council to consider the addition of a speed table, and funding was included in the budget. Still, after receiving two quotes, one for \$49,000.00 and one for \$29,000.00, the decision was made not to move forward.

At this time, another request has been made and has prompted the discussion on how to proceed. Members discussed the validity of the speeding issue, the option of reducing the speed limit, waiting until traffic from the Timbers is no longer traveling on Beachwalker Drive before conducting a traffic study, concerns expressed with the amount of traffic going to Beachwalker Park, and speed tables being used as a pedestrian crosswalk to address the safety issue.

After the discussion, Ms. Tillerson stated she would prepare a bid proposal to install pedestrian or speed tables and signage for the Committee to review.

V. Committee Member's Comments:

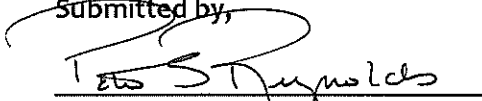
Mr. DeStefano asked for an update on the previously discussed issues with the bike path and turning lane on the Parkway. Ms. Tillerson indicated the project and county engineers have repeatedly verified that the design meets AASHTO (American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials) standards; therefore, no changes are planned.

Mr. DeStefano asked if any progress had been made with lighting the signs at the roundabout and the main gate. Ms. Tillerson stated she had approved the proposal for the lighting plan. Also discussed was replacing or refurbishing the sign at the maid gate.

VI. Adjournment:

Mr. DeStefano made a motion to adjourn the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 am. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stannard and unanimously passed.

Submitted by,



Petra S. Reynolds, Town Clerk

4.12.2021
Date