

**DARLINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
MINUTES – 18 June 2025**

4:00 p.m.

Darlington County EMS/Annex

Present: Chad White, Dist. 4 (Chair)
Bob Puechl, Dist. 7 (Vice Chair)
Kevin Brown, Dist. 2
William Hudson, Dist. 3
Frankie Jernigan, Dist. 8
Josh Ward, Dist. 1
Sylvester Wilson, Jr., Dist. 6
Wes Woodard, Dist. 5

Staff: Mary Tunstall, Assistant Director
Paula Newton, Planner III

Absent: Terri Cribb, Director

Press: None

In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was provided to the local news media and persons requesting information.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Chad White called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Darlington County Planning Commission to order on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 4:10 p.m.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – All stood and recited *The Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America*.
- III. **CITIZEN’S COMMENTS** – None
(Maximum of 2 minutes per citizen; 30 min. total)
- IV. **PERSONAL APPEARANCES** - None
(Maximum of 10 minutes per citizen; 30 min. total)
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – 16 April 2025

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kevin Brown and seconded by Commissioner Bob Puechl to **APPROVE** the minutes as written for the regularly scheduled meeting of the Darlington County Planning Commission on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – 18 June 2025

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Kevin Brown and seconded by Commissioner Josh Ward to **APPROVE** the agenda as written for the regularly scheduled meeting of the Darlington County Planning Commission on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

- **OLD BUSINESS** – None

- **NEW BUSINESS** –

- Judy Mason has requested street lighting along E Carolina Avenue, Hartsville to be the same for the county as the city has provided

Commissioner Bob Puechl made a recommendation for the resident to contact her state representative.

- **COMMUNICATION TOWER APPROVAL** - None

- **PRELIMINARY APPROVAL** - None

- **FINAL APPROVAL** - None

- **APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION ALONG PUBLIC ACCESS**- None

- **VARIANCE REQUESTS** –

- Hibiscus Site Private Subdivision

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bob Puechl and seconded by Commissioner Kevin Brown to **DENY** the variance for the current private subdivision layout for Hibiscus Site Subdivision on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

- Tax Map #(s) 145-00-03-029 & 145-00-03-034 combination request in an existing subdivision

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Sylvester Wilson and seconded by Commissioner Bob Puechl to **APPROVE** the combination request for tax map # (s) 145-00-03-029 and 145-00-03-034 in an existing subdivision on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

- Tax Map #(s) 202-07-02-046 & 202-11-01-026 combination request in an existing subdivision

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Frankie Jernigan and seconded by Commissioner Josh Ward to **APPROVE** the combination request for tax map # (s) 202-07-02-046 and 202-11-01-026 in an existing subdivision on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

- Pine Valley Subdivision requesting the proposed roads in this subdivision to be 22 feet wide (asphalt) with rolled curb & gutter (proposed right-of-way is 50 feet)

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bob Puechl and seconded by Commissioner Frankie Jernigan to **APPROVE** the variance request for the proposed roads in the subdivision to be 22 feet wide with rolling curb and gutter (proposed right-of-way is 50 feet) for the Pine Valley Subdivision on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

- Approval for a plat split in an existing subdivision
TM # 036-14-01-033 0.03 acres combined with TM # 036-00-01-034
TM # 036-00-01-034 0.05 acres combined with TM # 036-00-01-033

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bob Puechl and seconded by Commissioner Frankie Jernigan to **APPROVE** the plat split in an existing subdivision for TM # 036-14-01-033 0.03 acres combined with TM # 036-00-01-034; TM # 036-00-01-034 0.05 acres combined with TM # 036-00-01-033 on Wednesday, June 18, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

- **SITE DEVELOPMENT** - None

- **STAFF REPORTS** –

- Planner III, Paula Newton, reminded all the planning commissioners the upcoming training is to be held on Wednesday, June 25th at 2pm.

- **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS / REQUESTS** –

Commissioner William Hudson requested to get the solar energy systems contact information that has worked with the County. Several people had requested information on how to get started with solar. Commissioner Wes Woodard added that property owners typically receive mail by solar energy companies when they are interested in solar development.2

- **ADJOURNMENT**

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Sylvester Wilson and seconded by Commissioner William Hudson to **ADJOURN** the regularly scheduled meeting of the Darlington County Planning Commission on Wednesday, April 16, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.