

## Cordesville Community Meeting

October 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 by President Melanie Lott who opened in prayer and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Old business**

The minutes were reviewed and accepted on a motion from Frank McKnight with a second from Anna Gibbs.

The treasurer's report was presented and accepted on a motion from Tracey Manuel with Frank McKnight providing the second.

Melanie presented the annual update.

### **New business**

**Community Action Team report**—Sgt. Stacy Harris reported that the community was fairly quiet with one incident on Hard Pinch Rd. Traffic concerns continue to be an issue but there is increased patrolling, and the motorcycle speed team is making an impact. A citizen voiced concerns about traffic/speeding on Jelly Roll. Sgt Harris said he'd pass the word along for additional patrol in the area. He also reported that the Sheriff's Office is currently fully staffed which helps with visibility in the communities.

**Guest speaker**—Johnny Cribb, Berkeley County Supervisor responded to community concerns that had been filed earlier both by bringing a printed handout (see attached) and explaining how funding and allocations were being handled. He also responded to questions from community members.

He stated that Roads are the number one issue for the county with 11-1200 DOT roads who tend to focus on the interstates. He stated that 20% of the penny tax was earmarked for resurfacing of roads and had brought in \$500 million in the last cycle but it costs \$ 500K/mile. They are fixing county roads first prioritizing by worst first.

On the issue of public safety, he explained the North Berkeley Public Safety facility. He stated that our community center project received \$200K from Steve Davis (county councilman's available funds). He informed us that the old Bonneau Vocational Center was being remodeled into the Public Safety facility to Cat 4 hurricane standards and will have a backup 911 center as well as major sheriff and EMS facilities. It is expected to be finished in May 2026. They are also working with the town of St Stephen on a new town hall, library, and magistrate court.

Addressing developmental concerns, he stated that both Sportsman's Retreat and Pine Hope were being re-zoned into a conservation district which limits housing to 1/acre. The county is also looking at re-zoning to increase buffer requirements and conservation. Currently 40% of Berkeley County is under conservation easements.

The community park is being funded primarily by Parks/Recreation. He stated that Mr. Powell was often in his office. They are workassing to run water down Cane Gully so bathrooms can be built in the "storage building" which will also contain a concession stand as well as storage.

The Prince Center also received some funding.

He explained and was enthusiastic about the Greenbelt program which gets 10% of local sales tax receipts. He cited the park on Daniel Island, the passive park being developed between the bypass and Hwy 52/17A in town as a historic Revolutionary war park serving to educate users as well as save to grand oaks on the property. He further stated that Blessing Plantation in Huger off Charity Church Rd was donated to the county as a park and can never be developed according to the will of the owner/family, The county is seeking property in northern Berkeley County for an active recreational program park.

In answering questions posed by community members he gave the following answers:

1. The old fairgrounds property is being offered for a full-service hospital. Prospective proposals from MUSC, Roper and Trident are due shortly.
2. Lion's Beach Park will be improved to 6 boat ramps with lighting but will still be Atkins Landing as it has historically been.
3. Speed limits of 55 on Umbria and Hard Pinch that DOT have refused to lower due to resident complaints since there are no sidewalks or much shoulders, he suggested contacting Larry Grooms (our State Senator) who is head of the Transportation Committee and Sylleste Davis (our Representative).
4. When questioned about our County Councilman, he stated he would encourage Steve Davis to be available to address community concerns.
5. At a request from the community, he will look at having the walkway across Wadboo Creek replaced (it was washed away in the last flood) and residents are unable to fish since it is illegal to fish from the boat ramps. The need for repairing the boat ramps was brought up as only one ramp is functional. Lighting was also requested.
6. He stated that Chief Wadford was the contact person for access/permission to use various fire station spaces that are currently not in use.

## **Committee updates**

**Cordesville Cares**—it was reported that we earned \$1400 from BBQ. There will be a fish fry fundraiser on Nov. 10.

**Fundraiser**—The order form for the tee shirt fundraiser was made available with orders placed by 11/21 will have the shirts available at the Christmas party.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Turner, Secretary