

**Dukes County Commission (DCC)**

**Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, July 17, 2024  
4:00 PM  
Remote participation only**

Dukes County Commissioners present: Christine Todd, Doug Ruskin, Randy Milch, Don Leopold, Peter Wharton, \*Tristan Israel joined at 4:06

Staff: Martina Thornton, Juliet Mulinare, Lenore Maniaci, Paulo DeOliveira

Others: Kara Shemeth, Kate Warner, Jess McGroarty, Jane Varkonda, Ethan Genter, Ruth McGorty, Glen, Steve Whalen, ByGolly

Christine called the meeting to order at 4:00PM

Minutes 6-5-2024

**Randy /Don moved to approve the minutes of June 5, 2024. So voted. Randy – yes, Doug – yes, Don-yes, Peter-yes, Christine – yes. Motion carries.**

Appointing Juliet Mulinare as an alternate to the OPEB Trust

**Doug/Peter moved to Appoint Juliet Mulinare as an alternate to the OPEB Trust**

**So voted. Peter – yes, Randy – yes, Doug – yes, Don- yes, Christine – yes. Motion carries.**

Regional Contracts

- with Harbor Homes for homelessness prevention
- with MV Community Services for CORE (Counseling, Outreach and Referrals for Elderly)
- with MV Community Services for Substance Use Disorder coalition coordination

Doug is not comfortable with approving the new contracts without further information added.

**Tabled until next meeting**

Fuel Contract FY2025

The county put the fuel bid out for #2 heating oil. There was only one bidder, Packer.

**Doug/Tristan moved to award the #2 fuel bid to Packer**

**So voted. Tristan – yes, Randy – yes, Doug – yes, Don- yes, Peter- yes Christine – yes. Motion carries.**

Norton Point Beach – new dog policy

New policy to allow dogs on the beach away from bird nesting areas.

Andy Kelly EDG Parks Department

Norton has been at 60% of capacity so far this season

There have been 600 more passes sold over this time last year

Jane Varkonda

Working with Audubon every morning to watch the bird situation on the beach.

No bird activity currently except the very western end of the beach.

**Doug/Tristan moved to accept the new Norton Point dog policy**

**So voted. Tristan – yes, Randy – yes, Doug – yes, Don- yes, Juli- yes Christine – yes. Motion carries.**

Energy Presentation - Kate Wariner

Presentation on file

Committee Updates:

Finance Committee- Peter- The auditors are done with the FY24 audit.

FY25 numbers are being loaded into IV.

Land Use Committee – Tristan –

In the last meeting they worked on the RFP for a consultant to look at the county's needs

They are still reviewing lease procedure with the airport

Christine will push to make the meeting happen between MVY & DCC

Communication Committee – Doug- none

Improvements Committee- Don- will report after Labor Day

Manager's Report – Martina (document on file)

Doug questioned the total of returned money to the towns. \$28,000

New business- none

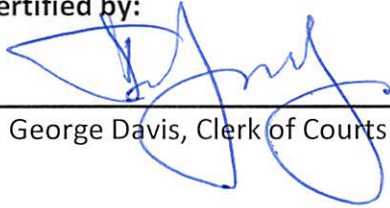
Public Comment & Announcements- None

**Next DCC Meeting is on August 7, 2024 at 4pm**

Doug/Randy moved to adjourned at 5:32 pm. So voted. Randy – yes, Doug – yes, Don – yes, Christine – yes. Motion carries.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32pm.

Certified by:



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T. George Davis, Clerk of Courts

