

Bridge Replacement Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

August 8, 2023, 3:30 p.m.

In Person Sales Center Office and Via Teams

Attendees:

BMA: Mark Blochoz, Ross Sanford

Management: Ted Bartlett, Lori Murdaugh

Committee Members: John Miglarese, Ted Barber, Clay Fails

Agenda Items

- BMA status
- General discussion of bridge routing
- Update on Costing and Contractors Prelim review
- Update meeting to the Joint Boards and Committees on July 21

Status:

1. Survey has been completed and elevations of the three proposed routing of the bridge proposal can be completed
2. Permitting – Touch base with COE and permitting agencies and consensus remains that ‘bridging’ is the preferred alternative with no large causeway usage. Small causeway use may be possible. COE support direct permit for bridging without ‘fill’ of marsh.
3. Review of the options by Cape Romain a proposed bidder is for Option 3 which goes over Bobb Island bridging the entire route.
4. Presentation to the Board Planning session was presented on the study results to date. Presentation was the current bridge cannot be replaced in like kind due to current DHEC-OCRM permit requirements regarding the use of causeways.
5. Two options were presented to the Joint Boards on bridging the entire length from Polowana Rd to Dataw to meet current height requirements per code.
6. The suggested timeline was shared with BMA for review with refinement by BMA to accomplish the recommended goal of bridge replacement within 5 years based upon risk assessment and exponential rate of determination of the current bridge span.
7. Next meeting with BMA will be August 31 to finalize cost estimates of options including roadwork and guardhouse replacement.