

**ANDERSON ISLAND CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD
NOVEMBER 18, 2021, FERRY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES**

Call to Order and Verification of Quorum: Chair Jim Cook called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 pm. After roll call a quorum was confirmed.

Treasurer's Report: This is delayed to another meeting.

DISCUSSION:

Ferry Fares

At the last AICAB meeting on October 14th, Jen Stetson presented the new ferry budget proposal.

Since that time, we have had a special meeting (October 28) and much discussion and wrote to our Representative to the County Council, Jani Hitchen, regarding that proposal and the rate increases in it.

Based on that input, Jani is making a counter proposal to the council as follows: For non-peak season and commuter tickets in 2022 an 8.6% increase, and in 2023 a 4.9% increase. And for both years, a 10% increase for single use tickets.

It was noted that we effectively caused a change in plans by coming together and acting.

After the council votes on the proposed amendments, we will pursue changes to the ferry schedule.

CARES and ARPA Funds

A notice about the dispersal of CARES and ARPA funds was read to the group.

Other Topics

- Discussion about whether the data the county used was accurate. Heather Rankos will reach out to Trever Threde (the new Ferry Administrator) about the final plans.
- More and better communication is vital. We must know further in advance about any changes or cancellations.
- There are still many questions about ferry line overflows and issues with the roundabout.
- It was noted that it is unacceptable that no one from the county is attending these meetings.
- Linda Duggar mentioned that adjusting ferry times for school schedules should be an automatic thing every single year.
- It was announced that the ferry line will move to Commercial Street the week of the 29th while the ferry lines are being repaved.

Adjournment: It was moved, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 6:05.