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Subject: Jasper Port Visit
Location: Jasper County Government Building, Jasper County Council Chambers, 3rd floor, 358 Third Avenue, Ridgeland S.C.
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EVENT: Jasper Port Visit (Update and open discussion on Jasper Ocean Terminal Project)

DATE: Monday, May 2, 2016

TIME: 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

LOCATION: Jasper County Government Building, Jasper County Council Chambers, 3rd floor, 358 Third Avenue, Ridgeland S.C.

LOCATION SET-UP: Jasper County Council Chambers/Conference meeting area. The room will be set up with tables forming a "U" shape with the governor.

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PURPOSE: To receive a progress report and update on the status of the Jasper Port Project from the project engineers (Moffit and Nichol) and the US Army Corp of Engineers, Charleston Division; and continue to emphasize to the Jasper community and region that the Governor and State of SC fully support this project. (This briefing is SC-focused; Gov Deal and GA members will not be in attendance).

Note: Initially, we had hoped to do an event highlighting the new Joint Venture Agreement between SC Ports Authority and GA Ports Authority signed in November 2015; but due to the flood a press release was issued which received very little coverage.

PRESS: Yes.

PUBLIC: Yes.

INVITED BY: n/a

ATTENDEES:

Members of the Jasper County Council –

Chairman Marty Saul

Vice Chairman D. Thomas Johnson

Barbara Clark

Henry Etheridge

Theodus L. Drayton

SCPA Board:

Pat McKinney

Kurt Grindstaff

Dave Posek

Willie Jeffries

Pam Lackey

Members of the JPO:

Legislators:

Sen. Tom Davis

Rep. Shannon Erickson

Rep. Weston Newton

Rep. Bill Bowers

David Werner, Chief Operating Officer in Governor Nathan Deal's office

INTRODUCED BY: Chairman Marty Saul

LENGTH OF SPEAKING: Opening remarks and Open Discussion/Q&A

SPEAKING ORDER/LINE-BY-LINE:

10:30 AM Chairman Marty Saul will open the meeting by welcoming everybody to Jasper County and thanking the group for their attention on the project.

10:35 AM Governor Haley will briefly thank everyone for their attendance and will introduce the presenters (Michael Reiger – Moffatt and Nichol) (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Representative)

10:40 AM Presenters will “tag team” the 30 minute presentation.

11:10 AM At the conclusion of the presentation, Governor Haley will open the forum up to an open discussion amongst attendees and Q & A session with the presenters.

11:40 AM After the meeting, Governor Haley will participate in a media availability outside of the Jasper County Government building to summarize the findings of the meeting and answer questions from the media. (attendees will include Chairman Saul and Chairman McKinney)

11:50 AM-12:00 PM Governor Haley Wraps Up and Departs

BACKGROUND:

1. Governor Haley visited Jasper County for a similar briefing back in October 2012. That briefing was not open to the public. This one will be and will include many more attendees.

1. Why is the Jasper Port project important?
 - a. Need will exist by 2025 to 2030 - the forecast for cargo throughput for the ports of Charleston and Savannah will result in those ports (even with deepening and expansion plans) to be unable to meet capacity.
 - b. Jasper location can accommodate deep-water containers – Post-Panamax ships require 50ft depth (up to 12,600 TEUs)
 - c. Growth for an underdeveloped region – major investment and job-creation impact
1. The Jasper Project is managed by the Joint Project Office, created in 2008, which includes the following SC board members:
 - a. Colden Battey – SC Governor's appointee
 - b. Pat McKinney (replaced Bill Stern)
 - c. Dave Posek
 - d. Executive Director of JPO – Doug Marchand
1. Note: Part of the delay on the Jasper Project has been SC's focus on the Charleston Deepening Project and GA's focus on Savannah Harbor Expansion Project. Both SC and GA ports authorities did not want USACE and other stakeholders to take away their time and attention from these projects (Both states in competition to deepen harbors quickly). However, as of September 2015, both states have achieved major milestones for each of their respective projects and, as a result, have been able to move more quickly with the Jasper Port project without fear of jeopardizing their own projects.
1. Major milestones on Phase 1 (due diligence) of the Jasper Port project since 2007 include:
 - a. 2007 – established the first cooperative Intergovernmental Agreement between GA and SC setting up the framework for construction and oversight of the port and ending years of litigation between the states over rights to the property.
 - b. 2008 – Deed of the property was transferred to the JPO (slowdown of project due to economic downturn)
 - c. 2009-2010 – Feasibility studies and Business case presented
 - d. 2011 – Easement Release Plan developed (current site contains a US Army Corp easement for dredge disposal; will need to release this easement in order to develop the site)
 - e. 2012-2013 – Market analysis and channel capacity scoping performed
 - f. 2014-2015 – Negotiation and execution of new joint venture agreement and initiation of the regulatory process.
1. Next Steps (2016 – 2028)
 - a. Phase 2 NEPA Permitting Process
 - b. Phase 3 Alteration Review Process
 - c. Phase 4 Channel modification, Engineering Design, Construction