*Jasper County Planning Commission*
*358 Third Avenue*
*Ridgeland, SC 29936*
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**Minutes of August 11, 2026**
**Regular Scheduled Meeting**

**Members Present:** Mr. Alex Pinckney, Chairman; Mr. Thomas Jenkins; Mr. Randy Waite; Ms. Sharon Ferguson; Dr. Earl Bostick; and Mr. Morgan Denny. Members Absent: Dr. Debora Butler.

**Staff Present:** Ms. Lisa Wagner, Mr. Hunter Smiley, Ms. Kenzie Stone, Planning Department; and Mr. Eric Larson, Development Services.

**Others Present:** See attached sign in sheet.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act the electronic and print media were notified. During periods of discussion and/or presentations minutes are typically condensed and paraphrased. The recorded version is available online at: https://www.youtube.com/@jcmedia6537/streams

**Call to Order:** Chairman Pinckney brought the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

**Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance:** Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was given by Dr. Bostick.

**Approval of Agenda:** Mr. Jenkins moved to approve the Agenda as published, seconded by Mr. Waite. The Commission Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**Approval of July 14, 2026 Agenda:** Mr. Waite moved to approve the Minutes of July 14, 2026, seconded by Ms. Ferguson. The Commission Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**New Business:**

**Zoning Map Amendment—General Commercial, TMS #063-32-05-026:** Mr. Smiley read the staff report, showed the aerial map, and shared that the applicant was advised to contact the Town of Ridgeland regarding annexation. There was discussion about the applicant's planned use, neighboring parcels' current uses, no access to Town water and sewer unless annexed, if the applicant reached out the Town, and the recently rezoned neighboring parcels. Graham Glaab, Planner with Town of Ridgeland, addressed the Commission regarding allowed uses on parcels located within the Town's jurisdiction and the Town's future land use map. **Mr. Waite moved to deny the Zoning Map Amendment request with the reason that it does not match the Comprehensive Pan. Ms. Ferguson seconded the motion. The Commission Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.**

**Road Name Petition—Cedar Way:** Mr. Smiley read the staff report and showed the aerial map. There was discussion about accessibility of properties by Crab Apple Rd and if the Town and City road names are checked for any conflicting road names. **Mr. Jenkins moved to approve the Road Name Petition—Cedar Way. Dr. Bostick seconded the motion. The Commission Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.**

**Road Name Petition—Henry Michael Road:** Mr. Smiley read the staff report and showed the aerial map. There was discussion about other existing unnamed roads within the County and Emergency Services access for other unnamed roads. **Dr. Bostick moved to approve the Road Name Petition—Henry Michael Road. Ms. Ferguson seconded the motion. The Commission Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.**

**Zoning Text Amendment—Moratorium on Data Centers, Cryptocurrency Mining Facilities, Data Storage and Processing, and Related Telecommunications Equipment and Infrastructure for Uses Associates with Digital Data Facilities:** Mr. Smiley read the staff report. Mr. Larson presented Commentary from Danny Black, president and CEO of Southern Carolina Alliance, on data centers. There was discussion about how the length of the proposed moratorium was decided, where the Town and City stand on data centers, water sources, purpose of the moratorium, and proposed timeline. Graham Glaab shared with the Commission that the Town has nothing in place at this time but is working on a moratorium or ban for data centers. **Mr. Jenkins moved to approve the Zoning Text Amendment—**

**Moratorium on Data Centers, Cryptocurrency Mining Facilities, Data Storage and Processing, and Related Telecommunications Equipment and Infrastructure for Uses Associates with Digital Date Facilities. Dr. Bostick seconded the motion. The Commission Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.**

**Discussion:**

**Open Discussion:** Mr. Jenkins discussed signs for cemeteries and requested a report at the next meeting. Mr. Pinckney discussed recent lengthy meetings and having access to up-to-date ordinances so that they can look up some information themselves. Mr. Waite inquired about family cemeteries from the previous meeting.

**Adjourn:** Mr. Jenkins moved to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Bostick. The Commission Members voted unanimously in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kenzie Stone*

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Sign In Sheet

| Name | Business/Address |
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| Graham Glaab | Town of Ridgeland |