

**TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
August 1, 2019
10:00 a.m.**

Town of Edisto Beach
Town Hall
2414 Murray Street
Edisto Beach SC 29438

Present: Judith Blancett, Matthew Kizer, Paul Oakley and Tyler Von Neida. Absent: Van Maxwell, Robert Pratt and Leslie Varner Hurley

Call to Order: Chairman Oakley called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes – Matthew Kizer moved to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2019 ATAX Board meeting, seconded by Tyler Von Neida and approved 4 – 0.

ATAX Application – Town of Edisto Beach, Grant Match for 2019-202 South Carolina Recreational Trails Program (SCRTP), \$25,000 – Edisto Beach Town Administrator Iris Hill presented the application on behalf of Mark Aakhus, who was unable to attend the meeting. The grant is for the repair and maintenance of our bike path, which is considered a linear park. Mr. Aakhus has researched and prioritized which sections of the bike path are in most dire need of repair, and the SCRTP would address those areas. The grant requires proof of match funding prior to award of the grant. Matthew Kizer moved to approve the application request of \$25,000 in ATAX funds to act as a match for funds awarded by the South Carolina Recreational Trails Program. The motion was seconded by Judith Blancett and approved 4 – 0.

ATAX Fund Balance – Tyler Von Neida moved to approve the ATAX available fund balance of \$313,914.38, seconded by Matthew Kizer and approved 4 – 0.

Information from Edisto Chamber of Commerce – Chairman Oakley mentioned the letter submitted by Lisa Harrell, Chamber Director, on behalf of the Edisto Chamber indicating her anticipated request for \$50,000 to fund offseason marketing in the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Town Administrator Hill asked the Board if they had any suggestions or requests for ATAX-funded projects. Changes in legislation effecting the ATAX distribution may be imminent, and ATAX funds may soon be able to be used to address flooding issues within the Town. Administrator Hill told the Board the Town would begin the convenience station remodeling after Labor Day.

Adjournment – Matthew Kizer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Judy Blancett and approved 4 – 0.

The media/public were informed of the date, time and location of the meeting on Wednesday, July 31, 2019.

APPROVED BY THE ATAX BOARD

November 7, 2019