

**MINUTES**  
**BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**APRIL 16, 2021**  
**10:00 A.M.**

Present: Present: Dave Blauch, Matthew Kizer, Dallas Lovelace, Pat Deloach, Bill Davies and Bob Ringer, Committee Members; Paul Oakley was absent with notice given.

Chairman Lovelace called the meeting to order.

Town Administrator Hill updated the Committee on the beachfront spot nourishment that occurred between the 100, 200, 300, and 2800 blocks on Palmetto Blvd. Administrator Hill addressed the concerns regarding sand quality and updated the committee on current plans.

David Blauch commented on the sand build up around the 100 block, specifically at the Pavilion.

Matthew Kizer mentioned the idea of recycling sand from the south end of the beach on a regular basis and having access to a sand pit on Edisto Island that could produce natural sand from the surrounding area. Mr. Kizer also voiced concerns about the discoloration of the new sand.

David Blauch commented that "having some sand is better than no sand" and applauded the Town for their efforts.

Chairperson Lovelace asked about recycling sand. Town Administrator Hill informed Mr. Lovelace that Coastal Science and Engineering did not think the Town would be able to receive a permit for sand scraping on the south end of the beach and did not suggest it.

Administrator Hill informed that Committee that instead of sand fencing, the Town plans to plant vegetation on the sand dunes and place signage.

Chairperson Lovelace presented picture slides of beach access 31 (3105, 3106, 3107) and commented on the washout effects during high tide. Mr. Lovelace voiced concerns about safety and liability issues, as well as trespassing issues. Matthew Kizer commented that the washout issues start at access 28 and goes all the way down to access 31. Mr. Kizer suggested that the groins and elevation needed to be elevated on the landward end of the groin.

Bill Davies moved to get a permit to increase the height of the groins on the beach. Dave Blauch seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

David Blauch mentioned that in addition to the hot spots already mentioned, the groin at beach access 5 needs to be addressed as well.

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Administrator Hill informed the Committee that the Army Corps of Engineers Project was still in progress and the monies appropriated were still available. Mrs. Hill mentioned that the Town of Edisto Beach asked the Army Corps of Engineers for a year extension in hopes that the Federal Government will include an allocation in the WRDA Act of 2022.

Administrator Hill informed the Committee that the ATAX funds will be going to beach preservation and the Town will be asking the ATAX Board for more than the initial \$200,000 that is supplied each year. Mrs. Hill also mentioned that the Town has been in contact with Colleton County and asked for \$5 million for beach preservation. Mrs. Hill mentioned that she had been in contact with SCPRT and asked that funding be continued in hopes that the Town would receive around 5-6 million dollars for funding from the state. Mrs. Hill indicated the beach renourishment project will be scheduled around 2027.

Bill Davies asked if the Town could ask Charleston County for funding. Administrator Hill mentioned that Mayor Jane Darby had been active in talking with adjacent Town Mayors, asking them for support for funding due to development and tourism at Edisto Beach.

Matthew Kizer suggested that Colleton County provide more support to funding due to Edisto Beach providing high tax revenue for Colleton County.

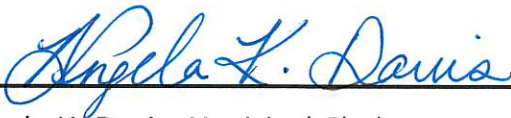
Dave Blauch moved to use additional funding from general funds for beach renourishment and that the monies allocated from the ATAX fund be increased providing \$250,000, minimum, per year. Bill Davies seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Chairperson Lovelace moved to apply for a permit to spot nourish. Bill Davies seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Dave Blauch moved to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2020 meeting as written. Bob Ringer seconded the motion which was approved 6 - 0.

Bill Davies moved to adjourn, Dave Blauch seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

APPROVED BY THE BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



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Angela K. Davis, Municipal Clerk