

MINUTES
BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 17, 2021
10:00 A.M.

Present: Dallas Lovelace, Chair, Bob Ringer, Matthew Kizer, and David Blauch, Committee Members

Present Ex Officio: Town Administrator Iris Hill and Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus

Absent: Pat DeLoach (no notice given), Paul Oakley (notice given)

Call to Order

Chairman Lovelace called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Matthew Kizer moved to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2021, Beachfront Management Committee meeting with the appropriate changes made to section "H" under "New Business" to reflect that Bill Davies moved to replace the walkover at beach access 37 with a beach mat and not a boardwalk. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bob Ringer and was unanimously approved.

Old Business

- A. Hurricane Dorian Spot Nourishment** – Chairman Lovelace asked for an update on the spot nourishment and smoothing escarpments. Town Administrator Hill and the Committee discussed the Emergency Purchase Order with Westbank Construction to perform sand scraping between blocks 100-300 per SCDHEC.
- B. Beach Access 37 Walkover** – Chairman Lovelace asked for an update on the beach access 37 walkover. Town Administrator Hill informed the Committee that the Town has the beach mat, and the Utilities department would be scheduling a time to start the project.
- C. Erosion at Groins 31/32** – Chairman Lovelace asked for an update on putting a dune between groin 31 and 32 and to go back and raise the landward end of the groins between groins 28-31. Town Administrator Hill informed the Committee that she had spoken with Coastal Science and Engineering and that Mr. Steven Traynum did not recommend placing a dune between groins 31 and 32. Ms. Hill discussed future SCDHEC permits and emergency orders with the Committee.

Comments from Town Administrator

Town Administrator Iris Hill proposed to have scheduled monthly meetings during 2022. The Committee agreed that the Beachfront Management Committee would meet every second Thursday of each month at 10:00 AM, unless cancelled.

New Business

- A. 2021 Monitoring Report** – Town Administrator Iris Hill and the Committee reviewed and discussed the 2021 Monitoring Report. Mr. Matthew Kizer recommended Town Council look for an experienced engineer that specializes in beach groins. Town Administrator Hill and the Committee discussed maintaining and modifying groin elevations. Ms. Hill informed the Committee that she would send Groin Reports to review for the next meeting. Mr. Matthew Kizer voiced concerns that all the groins were not at the same elevation. Chairman Lovelace pointed out that Coastal Science and Engineering made a mistake in the report on page 50 regarding

groin numbers 29 and 31. Mr. Matthew Kizer also stated that the same mistake was made on page 42 regarding groin 24 and 25.

- B. 3100 Block Erosion** – Town Administrator Hill stated that erosion at the 3100 block will continue. Ms. Hill asked the Committee to think of suggestions for a solution to the erosion. Mr. Matthew Kizer passed around photos of the eroded area and discussed sand scraping with Ms. Hill. Ms. Hill stated that she would reach out to SCDHEC about getting an emergency order for sand scraping.
- C. Beach Nourishment Funding** – Town Administrator Hill informed the Committee that Coastal Science and Engineering stated the Town of Edisto Beach will need beach renourishment in the next 5 years. Ms. Hill informed the Committee that Town Council has hired a lobbyist to seek state funding to match the federal funding from the Army Corps of Engineers. Ms. Hill stated that the Town would not know about funding until June 2022. Mr. Matthew Kizer suggested that Town Council ask Colleton County for funding towards future beach renourishment. Ms. Hill and the Committee discussed reaching out to influential lobbyists and senators to discuss funding. Mr. Matthew Kizer suggested reaching out for proposals from different engineering companies.

Comments

Mr. David Blauch asked that a copy of the draft meeting minutes be sent to the Committee once completed.

Adjournment

Mr. Bob Ringer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. David Blauch, and unanimously approved.

APPROVED BY THE BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Angela K. Davis, Municipal Clerk