

**TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
May 4, 2017
4:00 p.m.**

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

Present: Judith Blancett, Leslie Varner Hurley, Matthew Kizer, Paul Oakley, Stephanie Jumper. Absent: Pieter Knot (prior notice) and Van Maxwell (prior notice)

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

Approval of Minutes: Leslie Varner Hurley moved to approve the minutes of February 2, 2017, seconded by Judy Blancett and approved 5 – 0.

New Business:

A. ATAX Fund Balance – The current available balance is \$133,787.17

B. Expiration of two terms on August 1, 2017 – The terms of Stephanie Jumper and Van Maxwell expire on August 1, 2017. Ms. Jumper, an at-large member, is willing to serve another term. Mr. Maxwell said he would serve if no other applications were received.

C. ATAX Applications:

1. Town of Edisto Beach, Bell Property Annual Bond Debt, \$50,000 - Paul Oakley moved to approve the application of the Town of Edisto Beach, seconded by Judy Blancett. The motion was approved 5 – 0.

2. Town of Edisto Beach, Beach Access Walkover Repair, \$22,761.25 – Administrator Hill told the Board that the Town had applied for and was awarded the grant prior to Hurricane Matthew. The Town had planned to use local accommodations funds, but these funds were redirected to the beach nourishment project. After Matthew, the Town applied to FEMA for funding to repair these structures and the Town's request was denied. The Town has appealed that decision. If successful, the Town will withdraw its request. Paul Oakley asked Administrator Hill who the grant for the other portion of the walkover repair was with. Administrator Hill stated it was with Coastal Access Improvement Grant, through OCRM. The beach walkovers to be repaired are at beach accesses 17, 19 and 32. Leslie Varner Hurley moved to approve the application from the Town, seconded by Stephanie Jumper and approved 5 – 0.

3. Town of Edisto Beach Police Department, Beach Patrol 2017, \$8,500 – Chairman Kizer stated that the ATAX Board has not approved any funding for the beach patrol since 2012, and wondered how the beach patrol was funded in the absence of ATAX funds. Chief George Brothers told the Board that the money had been taken out of General Funds. Now that the funds are available, since the beach renourishment project is nearing its completion, the Town is asking for ATAX funds once more. Paul Oakley moved to approve the application from the Town, seconded by Judy Blancett and approved 5 – 0.

4. Town of Edisto Beach Police Department, Additional License Plate Recognition Camera, \$6,000

– Chief Brothers reminded the Board that 4 years ago, cameras were installed for traffic coming on the beach at Highway 174 and Jungle Road. Chief Brothers has asked for ATAX funds to purchase a camera to check the plates of cars leaving the beach. Paul Oakley moved to approve the application from the Police Department for the license plate recognition camera, seconded by Stephanie Jumper and approved 5 – 0.

Adjournment – Leslie Varner Hurley moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Paul Oakley and approved 5 – 0.

APPROVED BY THE ATAX BOARD



August 3, 2017