

**TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 3, 2022
10:00 a.m.**

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

Present: Chairwoman Leslie Varner Hurley, Mike Hobson, Judith Blancett, Rick Moore. Tyler VonNeida was present via telephone.

Present Ex Officio: Edisto Beach Police Chief Steve Miano and Edisto Beach Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Chelsea Harrison. Town of Edisto Beach Special Event Coordinator Kelly Moore was present via conference call.

Call to Order: Chairwoman Leslie Varner Hurley called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Mike Hobson stated that the date on the minutes was incorrect and asked that it be changed. Mr. Hobson moved to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2021, ATAX meeting, seconded by Ms. Judy Blancett which was unanimously approved.

Old Business

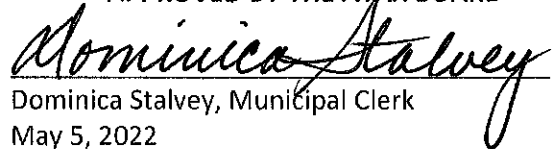
There was no discussion.

New Business

- A. **ATAX Fund Balance** – Mr. Mike Hobson discussed the depreciation of a Police Department ATV and stated that depreciation funds should not be paid with ATAX funds. Mr. Hobson moved to approve the ATAX fund balance. Mr. Rick Moore seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- B. **ATAX Project Balance** – Mr. Mike Hobson moved to approve the ATAX project balance. Mr. Rick Moore seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- C. **Edisto Beach Police Department, Beach Patrol 2021-2022, \$8,199.00** – Edisto Beach Police Chief Steve Miano presented the Beach Patrol 2021-2022 application to the ATAX Board. Chief Miano stated that the requested \$8,199.00 would be used as replacement funds. Mr. Mike Hobson and Chief Miano discussed funding requested for the Beach Patrol at the November 2021 meeting verses new funding requested for depreciation/replacement cost. Mr. Hobson stated that he did not believe ATAX funding could be provided because ATAX funds must be spent within two years. Chairwoman Leslie Varner Hurley agreed with Mr. Hobson and discussed payment of interest on funds not spent. Mike Hobson moved to deny the application from the Edisto Beach Police Department for Beach Patrol 2021-2022 in the amount of \$8,199.00. Chairwoman Leslie Varner Hurley seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

- D. Town of Edisto Beach Special Events Coordinator Kelly Moore, Cookin' on the Creek BBQ Festival, \$15,000** – Special Event Coordinator Kelly Moore presented the Cookin' on the Creek BBQ Festival application to the Board via conference call. Ms. Moore discussed the 2022 dates with the Board and dates for future events. Ms. Moore stated that she hoped to have a permanent date on the calendar for this event by 2023 and discussed date options with the Board. Mr. Tyler VonNeida and Ms. Moore discussed advertisement and funding for the event. Ms. Judy Blancett moved to approve the application from the Town of Edisto Beach Special Events Coordinator Kelly Moore for Cookin' on the Creek BBQ Festival in the amount of \$15,000. Mr. Rick Moore seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.
- E. Edisto Chamber of Commerce, 2022 Turtle Tide Art Project, \$5,000.00** – Edisto Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Chelsea Harrison presented the Turtle Tide Art Project to the Board. Ms. Harrison stated that she hoped to reveal the turtles around the Turtle Festival that is hosted by the Edisto Beach State Park in May and auction off the turtles during the Fall Festival event that is hosted by the Edisto Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Harrison stated that people have already started expressing their interest in becoming sponsors of the project. Mr. Mike Hobson moved to approve the application from the Edisto Chamber of Commerce for the 2022 Turtle Tide Art Project in the amount of \$5,000. Ms. Judy Blancett seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Adjournment – Chairwoman Leslie Varner Hurley moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Rick Moore seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

APPROVED BY THE ATAX BOARD

Dominica Stalvey, Municipal Clerk
May 5, 2022