

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH**  
**BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**January 12, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Present:** Chairman Dallas Lovelace, Dave Blauch, Bob Ringer (via conference call), Paul Oakley, Pat Deloach

**Absent:** Matthew Kizer (excused), Stanley Hergott (excused)

**Present Ex-Officio:** Town Administrator Iris Hill

**Staff Present:** Assistant Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Municipal Clerk Dee Stalvey

**Call to Order**

Chairman Lovelace called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes – September 8, 2022**

Mr. Blauch made a motion to approve the minutes of September 8, 2022. Ms. Deloach seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**Old Business**

**CSE Groin Project – Update on Groin 2**

Town Administrator Hill noted the CSE Groin 2 Project matter is before Town Council tonight. Council was asked to consider and approve a \$22,000 emergency work order to repair Groin 2.

**New Business**

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**

Chrissa Waite from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was present at this meeting to provide information and answer questions regarding the Edisto Beach Coastal Storm Risk Management Project (see attached information and draft schedule provided).

- We are currently working on the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) with construction. This needs to be signed by the Town and the Army Corps of Engineers before the project progresses forward. The agreement is being reviewed by USACE legal and will then be reviewed by the South Atlantic Division (SAD) headquarters. This is anticipated to be completed by early February 2023.
- It is up to the Town to decide what the PPA signing will look like; we can have a signing event or keep it local.
- Ms. Waite noted “work in kind” is not an issue, but we need to wait for guidance from headquarters. They will issue guidance and most likely will have some sort of integral determination document. This will note how much credit the town is to receive for this work. Then, the PPA will need to be amended.
- Iris noted we received \$7.5m from the State. No local money should need to be used on this initial phase, due to the “work in kind” credit we will receive for the groin work done in 2017. We can continue saving for the next nourishment project and maintenance.
- Once the PPA is signed, we will get funding to do the “initial” work which includes the preliminary and final engineering design, real estate acquisition, and preparation of

requests for proposals. Real estate acquisitions normally take 12-18 months, and RFPs for nourishment cannot be issued until all the real estate acquisition is completed.

- Administrator Hill wants to ensure that the Town and USACE are in agreement where the easement line will be located before the final design. We need to ensure the engineers get it right the first time. Ms. Waite said we will do an early site visit to ensure we are all on the same page.

#### Hurricane Ian Impacts

- Town Administrator Hill noted there was some erosion, but nothing substantial according to our coastal engineer. Mr. Aakhus noted Hurricane Ian was a declared event, so we were able to seek funds for any emergency protective measures that were needed. We reported \$8,000 in emergency protective measures.
- Homeowners should not be repairing sand fencing because it is not being done correctly. The installation of sand fences need to adhere to a certain design and be permitted. All sand fences installed incorrectly will be removed.

#### 2023 Meeting Dates

- Committee members noted there were no issues with the 2023 meeting dates as presented.

#### Other Problems/Issues

- Mr. Aakhus noted we are working on delineating parking spaces to make it less confusing for people parking in beach accesses.
- Mr. Aakhus noted we hired a new landscaper to maintain beach accesses, so the accesses should be well maintained.
- Mr. Blauch will prepare bird nesting season information for a future meeting. Administrator Hill stated that any new signage, etc. needs Council approval especially if it deals with restricting the public or pets. The TIDE Committee may have some comments about this as well. Mr. Blauch will prepare materials for the March TIDE meeting.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Blauch moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Oakley seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**APPROVED BY THE BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**



Dominica Stalvey, Municipal Clerk

February 9, 2023