

**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH**  
**BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**March 9, 2023**  
**11:15 a.m.**

**Present:** Dallas Lovelace, Chair; Dave Blauch, Pat Deloach, Stanley Hergott, Matthew Kizer, Paul Oakley, and Bob Ringer, Committee Members.

**Present Ex-Officio:** Town Administrator Mark Aakhus

**Staff Present:** Municipal Clerk Dee Stalvey

**Call to Order**

Chairman Lovelace called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2023**

Mr. Oakley made a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2023, which was seconded by Ms. Deloach. The motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

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

Town Administrator Aakhus updated the Committee on the Groin 2 repair work, which was completed the week of February 6<sup>th</sup> by Coastal Science and Engineering. Town Council approved an emergency purchase order at their January 2023 meeting to have this groin repaired. Mr. Aakhus also noted signs have been ordered to keep people off the rocks, as per the Town’s ordinance.

**USACE Project Update**

Mr. Aakhus noted Town officials signed the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) with the United States Army Corps of Engineers on February 27, 2023. The next step in this project is for the USACE to have their engineers draw the lines for the easement so we can share with homeowners where the proposed line will be.

Mr. Aakhus noted we will work on a presentation for an open house to be held for homeowners. Mr. Hergott asked about residents’ reactions the last time we tried to go down this road, and it was explained that USACE engineers abruptly did their presentation, which scared off residents. Mr. Kizer noted that the residents don’t know anything about this project yet, but we should probably wait until we get the lines from USACE, and then a survey will be done by the Town on each affected beachfront.

Mr. Aakhus noted we have received our share of \$7.5 million for this project, and over \$3 million has been noted for work-in-kind.

Mr. Kizer asked what happens if we need nourishment in September due to a hurricane, etc. Mr. Aakhus will find out what level of responsibility USACE will have if a named storm occurs.

Mr. Kizer asked about Senate Bill 282; Mr. Aakhus noted this bill has not yet been passed by the South Carolina Legislature.

Mr. Kizer asked if there has been any discussion about tightening the groins. Mr. Aakhus noted this was not part of the USACE project, and Mr. Kizer thought it should have been part of the project. Mr. Aakhus noted the Corps validated the work we did years ago and the extensions we did met or exceeded their levels of approval. Mr. Aakhus will ask if the USACE has anything in store for the groins; he is sure the groins are not included in the project, but he will double-check. Mr. Blauch noted this Committee hasn't made any recommendations yet about the groins. We will include this topic of USACE/Groins on the next meeting agenda. Mr. Aakhus will also work on a recommended groin plan between USACE and CSE.

Mr. Kizer asked about the groins at the 3100 block. Mr. Aakhus noted the situation is better with trapping sand, but whatever we do to this groin impacts other groins.

**Adjournment**

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

**APPROVED BY THE BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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Dominica Stalvey, Municipal Clerk