

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
December 14, 2023
11:00 a.m.

Present: Dallas Lovelace, Chair; Dave Blauch, Stanley Hergott, Paul Oakley, and Bob Ringer, Committee Members.

Absent: Marie Bost and Pat DeLoach

Staff Present: Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey, Municipal Clerk Donna Iskra, and Mayor Crawford Moore

Call to Order

Chairman Lovelace called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Approval of Minutes – October 5, 2023

Mr. Oakley made a motion to approve the minutes of October 5, 2023, which was seconded by Mr. Hergott. The motion passed unanimously.

Update from Town Administrator:

- As all are aware, the Town applied for and received \$7.5 million for beach nourishment. Upcoming legislation, if passed, would establish a line item in the budget for annual beach front renourishment funds.
- Information has been added to the Town's website pertaining to the USACE Project. The Q & A section has been helpful in educating residents.
- Notification has been posted on the Town's website informing residents of the survey work being conducted, which began on December 11, 2023.

Old Business

- **USACE Project Update**
Mr. Aakhus and Assistant Town Administrator Stalvey recently held a successful Real Estate Team meeting to update the progress of field work being coordinated as part of the project. Among those attending the meeting were USACE Project Manager Chrissa Waite, Real Estate specialist John Hinely, Town Attorney Maryann Blake, and the surveyor and easement attorney involved in this project.

New Business

- Mayor Moore suggested the Committee established a master list of beachfront residents who may have additional questions regarding the easement. Chair Lovelace and Mr. Aakhus agreed to do so.

Open Discussion

- Mr. Ringer asked how the surveyors are marking the boundary lines. Mr. Aakhus noted the stakes represent boundary and property lines.
- Mr. Lovelace suggested the committee members be available and prepared to answer questions from residents known to them.
- Mr. Aakhus agreed with committee members there is incorrect information being published in the Edisto News. The accurate and verified information is being shared by the Town.
- Mr. Ringer requested an update on downed sand-fencing from the last storm. Ms. Stalvey confirmed with the Building Department the permit for sand-fencing has been approved and we are waiting on the placard to begin repairs. Mr. Aakhus stated he will put a safety warning on the website.
- Mr. Blauch commended Ms. Waite on her explanation of the 15 feet renourishment level as some residents had concerns about property being buried or damaged.
- Mr. Lovelace asked if the Army Corps could give regular updates to the committee, and Mr. Aakhus said they would do so.

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



Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk

March 14, 2024