

**TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH  
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
February 1, 2024  
3:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

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

**Present:** Chair Leslie Varner Hurley, Vice Chair Mike Hobson, Judith Blancett, Rick Moore, and Brandon Jackson (*Quorum of Committee*)

**Absent:** Matthew Kizer, Tyler Von Neida (excused)

**Staff Present:** Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, and Municipal Clerk Donna Iskra

**Call to Order**

Chair Hurley called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

**Appoint Temporary Chair for Election**

Mr. Brandon Jackson made a motion to appoint Mr. Rick Moore as Temporary Chair. Ms. Varner seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

**Nomination and Vote for Chair**

Rick Moore made a motion to nominate Leslie Varner Hurley as Chair. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Nomination for Vice-Chair**

Ms. Hurley made a motion to appoint Mr. Hobson as Vice-Chair. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Hurley moved to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2023, ATAX Meeting. This motion was seconded by Mr. Moore and unanimously approved.

**New Business**

**ATAX Fund Balance Report**

Discussion was held on the balance on the Fund Balance Report of \$536,440 with an additional \$117,000 approved by the state but not yet received, for a final total of \$653,440. Mr. Hobbs made a motion to approve the fund balance information shared with the Board. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ATAX Project Balance Report**

Following discussion, Ms. Hurley made a motion to approve the ATAX Project Balance Report. Mr. Moore seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ATAX Applications

Edisto Art Guild (5<sup>th</sup> Annual Plein Air Paint Out, \$2,810)


- Christian Stemkowski was present to represent the Edisto Art Guild and the Edisto Plein Air Paint Out event, to be held on October 15-19, 2024. The Edisto Art Guild requested \$2,810 for the Edisto Plein Air Paint Out event. Ms. Stemkowski noted the event attendance has tripled since the first year, and 2023 was the fourth year of this event. The Edisto Art Guild requested these funds for marketing, promotion, and extra expenditures for the paint show and sale. With these funds, they will concentrate on expanding promotion to encourage nationally recognized artists from around the world to attend the event.
- Ms. Hurley made a motion to approve the Edisto Art Guild request for the Edisto Plein Air Paint Out in the amount of \$2,810. Mr. Hobson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Hobson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hurley seconded this motion, which was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

**APPROVED BY THE ATAX BOARD**

  
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Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk  
May 2, 2024