

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
March 14, 2024
10:00 a.m.

Present: Dallas Lovelace, Chair (via conference call); Dave Blauch, Stanley Hergott, Paul Oakley, Marie Bost, and Bob Ringer, Committee Members.

Absent: Pat DeLoach

Staff Present: Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey, Municipal Clerk Donna Iskra, Mayor Crawford Moore and Council Members Jerome Kizer, Bob Renner, Jay Watts, and Joey Bagwell

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Ringer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes – December 14, 2023

Mr. Blauch made a motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2023, which was seconded by Mr. Hergott. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on Edisto Beach Storm Risk Management Project/65% Design with Chrissa Waite

- Project Manager Chrissa Waite and Civil Engineer Molly Holt from USACE presented the Edisto Beach Storm Risk Management 65% Design Project. They provided visual aids showing updated lines including the borrow area. The geotechnical company will retest the borrow area to ensure the sand is acceptable and determine the depth at which it will be optimal to dig. They confirmed the area can be anywhere from one to five miles offshore. Mayor Moore noted it will be similar to where we pulled from previously.
- Mr. Aakhus, Ms. Holt, and the survey team recently walked the entire beach included in the project, which begins at the State Park and ends on the last groin. Mayor Moore noted we will obtain an easement from the State Park which will allow the dune to taper more gradually into the natural berm. A construction berm is built at a steeper slope in anticipation of settlement and natural erosion which will create a more natural merge.
- Ms. Bost requested before and after photos of other similar projects and suggested an onsite visit to visualize the project. Mr. Watts suggested we post something for the residents to access in MapViewer, which Ms. Waite confirmed will be done.
- Ms. Waite stated fencing and vegetation will be the last component of the project and are designed to guide turtles to the water. Fencing will only be removed if it is in the construction path but will be replaced. Ms. Holt noted DHEC guidelines will be followed for type and number of plants. USACE engineers also make recommendations on species

of plants for our area and the contractor will provide an operational and instructional manual, fertilizer, and monitoring of the plants after planting.

- Ms. Waite provided an anticipated timeline for the project. The design should be completed by late summer 2024, and the real estate acquisition is expected to be completed by April 2025. Advertising for contractors should begin in the Fall 2025, and the construction should begin in the winter months. The length of construction is approximately 3.5 miles and should take several months to complete. Care has been taken to preserve any structure in the path of the dune, and Ms. Waite states the primary focus of the project is to preserve the beach.

Nomination and Appointment of Chair; and Nomination and Appointment of Vice Chair

- A. Appoint Temporary Chair: Mr. Blauch made a motion to appoint Bob Ringer as Temporary Chair. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bost, which was approved unanimously.
- B. Nominations from the floor for Chair: Mr. Blauch made a motion to appoint Dr. Lovelace as Chair. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bost, which was approved unanimously.
- C. Nominations from the floor for Vice Chair: Mr. Blauch made a motion to appoint Mr. Ringer as Vice Chair. Ms. Bost seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Update from Town Administrator

- Property surveying is 90% complete and once completed the CAD drawings will be sent to Ms. Holt, USACE Civil Engineer, and the online map will be updated in MapViewer. Easements are currently being drafted, and Mayor Moore has requested the attorney make them more simple and concise. Once completed they will be sent to the Army Corps for final approval. Ms. Bost asked if they are standard easements, and Ms. Waite responded they are but with required verbiage.
- Sand scraping has been completed from the 100 block of Palmetto Blvd to the 400 block and a few properties at the 2800 block. There were several properties that did not qualify for the sand scraping, but appeals were made to DHEC and those homeowners were able to get theirs scraped as well.

New Business

- There was no new business to discuss.

Open Discussion

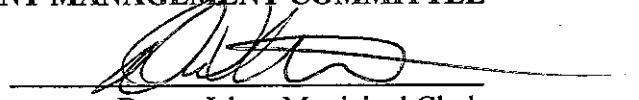
- Mr. Ringer and the committee thanked Ms. Waite and Ms. Holt for providing the presentation and were appreciative of all the information shared.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Iskra', is written over a horizontal line.

Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk

June 13, 2024