

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
June 13, 2024
10:00 a.m.

Present: Dallas Lovelace, Chair, 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, and Council Member Jay Watts

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2024

Ms. Bost made a motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2024, which was seconded by Mr. Hergott. The motion passed unanimously.

Update from Town Administrator

- The Real Estate portion of the Edisto Beach Storm Risk Management Project is underway, and the surveyor should be finishing up in the next few weeks. Once the survey is complete, the appraisers will move forward. The attorneys will review easement language with our in-house attorney condensing it with no change in context. The Army Corps will then take a final cursory look and approve. Ms. Bost asked if we could put an update on the Town's website with a timeline and a brief summary to keep residents updated on the project's progress. Mr. Aakhus stated this could be done, and he will also update the map showing the easement line, once it becomes available.
- Mr. Aakhus introduced Mr. Mark Messersmith, the new Project Manager for the Edisto Beach Storm Risk Management project.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss

New Business: Update from Army Corps of Engineers, Mark Messersmith

- A. We are still in the 65% phase of the project. The timeline is slightly behind schedule, but once the real estate portion of the project is completed, things will move quickly.
- B. Mr. Aakhus shared a map of the borrow area with the committee members. Prior to dredging, the geotechnical company will retest the borrow area to determine the sediment profile, but there is more than enough sand for our needs.
- C. A new survey will most likely be completed after 2024 hurricane season. Mr. Hergott asked what impact a severe hurricane could have, and Mr. Messersmith stated we could possibly lose up to 5.5 cubic yards of sand per foot. Mr. Aakhus noted we are still protected under FEMA until the Army Corps puts sand on the beach.

Open Discussion


- Mr. Aakhus noted that he, Mayor Moore, and Mr. Kizer met with Mr. Messersmith and USACE officials in Charleston to discuss the project. Mr. Aakhus and Mayor Moore also visited Folly Beach to observe the operation as they are in the midst of the renourishment project. Mr. Messersmith commented Edisto Beach is steeper but the project with Folly Beach is very similar.
- Mr. Aakhus stated it was presumed sand fencing was part of the original project, however, the Army Corps has communicated that the feasibility report excluded sand fencing based on the results of their cost benefit analysis.
- Mr. Aakhus confirmed an update will be added to the Town's website.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk
September 12, 2024