

MINUTES
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
September 12, 2024
10:00 a.m.

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

Staff Present: Mayor Crawford Moore, Council Member Jerome Kizer, Town Administrator Mark Aakhus, Assistant Town Administrator Dee Stalvey, Municipal Clerk Donna Iskra,

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes – June 13, 2024

Mr. Hergott made a motion to approve the minutes of June 13, 2024, which was seconded by Ms. Bost. The motion passed unanimously.

Update from Town Administrator

Real Estate Update

- The real estate portion of the Edisto Beach Storm Risk Management Project is nearing completion. The surveys have been approved by the Army Corps and have been sent to the appraisers. The projection is for the attorney to have easement packets completed by the end of October, and then immediately be forwarded to the Army Corps. The final easement language is being reviewed by our in-house attorney. Ms. Bost asked if the committee could review the easement language, and Mr. Aakhus provided a draft copy to the Committee members. Ms. Bost asked if it would be beneficial to provide information on other towns where renourishment projects were completed successfully. Mr. Aakhus stated this could be done, and additionally may send a brief description along with map and plat information with the easement.
- Mr. Aakhus stated there will be a meeting held for beachfront owners. The style and timing of the meeting is still undetermined. Ms. Bost suggested holding a meeting prior to forwarding the easement agreement letter including the invitation with the time, date and location. Ms. Bost also recommended including a sample of the easement agreement.

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

- We are between the 65% and 95% phase of the project. The timeline has been amended to encompass recent delays. Once the real estate portion of the project is completed, things will begin to move quickly. Providing all easements are back by April 2025, we should stay on track. RFB's should go out in May with an award of contract in June or July. All easements must be signed by April 2025 in order to move forward.
- Geotech has completed all 24 cores. They have been logged and sent to the lab who refines what the borrow area looks like. 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.

- A new beach and borrow area survey will be completed after the 2024 hurricane season. Recent severe weather has caused additional erosion resulting in additional sand needed for the project.
- A revised cost estimate is being prepared for the entire project, and it is anticipated the cost will be higher due to the need for additional quantities of sand. Mr. Messersmith made this a priority and is urging the Army Corps to get the information out expeditiously. They have a deadline of October 1, 2024. Mr. Aakhus stated the Town is planning for an increase.

Open Discussion


- Mayor Moore requested maps with more concise pictures from Google earth. Mr. Aakhus and Mr. Messersmith stated the maps will be redone with clearer images, and the online maps will be updated to give viewers the ability to zoom in to their particular properties.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

APPROVED BY THE BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Donna Iskra, Municipal Clerk
December 12, 2024