

**TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH
ACCOMMODATIONS TAX ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
November 5, 2020
10:00 a.m.**

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

Present via Zoom: Paul Oakley, Chairperson, Mike Hobson, Leslie Varner Hurley, Matthew Kizer, Robert Pratt, and Tyler Von Neida. **Absent:** Judith Blancett. Also in attendance, Iris Hill, Town Administrator.

Call to Order: Chairman Oakley called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes: Leslie Varner Hurley moved to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2020 meeting, seconded by Robert Pratt and approved 6 - -0.

Old Business:

Edisto Art Guild, Bay Creek Park, Outdoor Stage Rigging for Backdrops, \$3,454.36 – Robert Pratt moved to accept the request from the Edisto Art Guild to rescind its application for outdoor stage rigging for backdrops, approved in May 2019. Mike Hobson seconded the motion, which was approved 6 – 0.

Edisto Art Guild, Art in Public Spaces: A Seaside Mural, \$9,605 – Mike Hobson moved to approve the request from the Edisto Art Guild to rescind its application for the Art in Public Places mural, approved in August 2020. Leslie Varner Hurley seconded the motion, which was approved 6 – 0.

New Business:

2021 Accommodations Tax Advisory Board Meeting Schedule – Paul Oakley moved to approve the meeting schedule for the 2021 calendar year (February 4, May 6, August 5 and November 4, pending Council approval). Robert Pratt seconded the motion, which was approved 6 – 0.

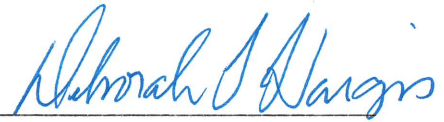
ATAX Fund Balance – Chairman Oakley asked about the Edisto Art Guild funds for the outdoor stage rigging for backdrops. Administrator Hill told Mr. Oakley that since the request was approved in May of 2019, it has dropped off. Chairman Oakley asked why there was so much left to be spent on the Beach Patrol (\$17,500). Administrator Hill explained those funds would be used to start the 2021 season. Chairman Oakley asked what was to be done with the Cookin' on the Creek funds (\$15,500) that were approved prior to the event being postponed due to COVID-19. Administrator Hill stated that Kelly Moore, coordinator of the event, was planning on holding the event in 2021 and using the funds that were already approved. Administrator Hill also suggested that Mrs. Moore come back to the ATAX Board to update plans for the funds when the date for the new Cookin' on the Creek BBQ festival was announced. Chairman Oakley asked if the remainder of the funds approved for the purchase of Fire Department furniture (\$636.65) were to be spent. Administrator Hill said she would check with the Fire Department and notify the ATAX Board. Mike Hobson moved to approve the ATAX Fund Balance, seconded by Paul Oakley and approved 6 – 0.

ATAX Applications: Town of Edisto Beach, Spot Nourishment Project 2020 – Hurricane Dorian – \$320,000 - Town Administrator Iris Hill submitted the application on behalf of the Town of Edisto Beach. Administrator

Hill explained that the Town is in the process of working with FEMA and we anticipate FEMA obligating funds for the project. The actual project cost is over \$600,000. If FEMA does obligate funds to the project, they will reimburse the Town for 75% of the money spent. The Town's intent is to replace the ATAX funds if FEMA does indeed obligate the funds to this project. The Town has requested from TERC (Tourism Expenditure Review Committee) that ATAX funds be used for this project outside of the two-year period required. Robert Pratt moved to approve the application from the Town to use \$320,000 in ATAX funds for spot renourishment due to damage from Hurricane Dorian. Mike Hobson seconded the motion, which was approved 6 – 0.

Adjournment – Leslie Varner Hurley moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Robert Pratt and approved 6 – 0.

APPROVED BY THE ATAX BOARD



Deborah Hargis, Municipal Clerk
February 4, 2021