

**MINUTES  
TOWN OF EDISTO BEACH  
May 12, 2022  
BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
10:00 A.M.**

**Present:** Chairman Dallas Lovelace, and Bob Ringer, Paul Oakley, Pat Deloach, and Matthew Kizer (*entered the meeting at 10:26 a.m.*), Council Members

**Present Ex-Officio:** Town Administrator Iris Hill

**Absent:** Dave Blauch (*notice given*)

**Call to Order**

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

**Approval of Minutes – February 10, 2022**

Mr. Oakley moved to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022, Beachfront Management Committee meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Deloach and was unanimously approved.

**Comments from Town Administrator**

Town Administrator Hill had no comments.

**Old Business**

**A. CSE Groin Project**

Ms. Hill shared an email from Steve Traynum regarding an update on the groins. He had a work authorization to evaluate the groin situation, and his email contained the preliminary results as follows for Groin 2, 28, and 29:

- Groin 2: Recommendation to add up to 40 tons of additional stone to replace what has migrated off the mattresses; potentially add grout to keep these stones in place during future storms. There is a possibility some of the displaced rock from the groin could be potentially recovered, but Mr. Traynum believes we will need to import some rock. Two truckloads of rock are an estimated cost of \$6,000. Ms. Hill noted that we have these funds in the local accommodations fund, and a permit will not be required for this work.
- Groin 28: Recommendation to add stone along landward end to increase evaluation to match dry sand beach level (1-2 feet of increase); the rock would be sourced from Groin 29.
- Groin 29: Recommendation to remove approximately 50 feet from the seaward end of the structure. This groin is longer than the rest and shortening it would allow for more transport from east to west, while still providing beach width to the east of Groin 29. As noted, the rock would be placed at Groin 29, and potentially to fill in lower areas at Groin 30.
- Groin 30: Groin is mostly buried and has an even offset and low reveal; beach width is very healthy on both sides.
- Town Administrator Hill recommended we do the work as noted for Groins 2, 28, and 29.

Chairman Lovelace noted the photograph he forwarded this morning to the Committee regarding the shifting of sand. Ms. Hill noted that unfortunately the cost of obtaining the permit is more than the cost of shifting the sand, so the idea is not feasible.

Mr. Oakley made a motion to accept the recommendations as noted for Groins 2, 28, 29, and leave 30 as is. Ms. Deloach seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

**B. Nourishment Funding Update**

- Town Administrator Hill noted the South Carolina House of Representatives included funding for beach nourishment, and we are still on track to get \$7.5 million as a local match for the Army Corps of Engineers storm reduction project. We have \$3 million in our beach nourishment fund currently, and so we keep building on this fund.
- Mr. Ringer asked about possible funds from Colleton County. Town Administrator Hill reported the suggested joint meeting was changed to a meeting including many, and she hasn't heard anything since that time. She noted that the Mayor would follow-up on this meeting with Colleton County, so we will wait and see how that works out.

**C. Update on USACE Project**

- Town Administrator Hill noted that the Army Corps of Engineers is waiting to see if we get funding from the state. There is no formal agreement with the Corps, but we have a verbal agreement they will not pull the money or take other action until we hear back from the state.
- Town Administrator Hill noted that according to our lobbyist, we have a good chance to get this money, and we have people working on our behalf. Also, Senator Graham's office has been involved with the 2022 water resource development act consideration for the funding when we nourished in 2018; this would allow us to get credit for the money we spent, which would be great for us.
- Mr. Kizer noted and shared articles regarding sand replenishment.

**New Business**

**A. Comprehensive Local Beachfront Management Plan Update**

- Town Administrator Hill reported she is still working on the Comprehensive Local Beachfront Management Plan Update, and she shared a copy of the draft update with the Committee. We must submit this to SCDHEC every five years, and she asked the Committee to review the draft for any suggested changes or modifications.

**B. Dune protection-Discuss how to mitigate or stop walkers from entering the dunes at high tide in some areas**

- Town Administrator Hill looked into the issue around Chairman Lovelace's house where people are cutting through the dunes. She suggested perhaps signage of some sort, or another solution may be possible. Discussion ensued about high tide, approaching homeowners about putting up a wall, bulkhead issues, permits needed to do some of this work, sand-building on the Sound, etc. Chairman

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Lovelace asked the Committee to continue to brainstorm regarding signage and other issues and email the Town Administrator with any suggestions.

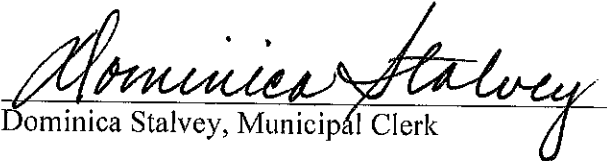
**C. Other problem areas or issues**

- The Committee had no other issues to discuss.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Oakley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ringer seconded the motion and was unanimously approved.

**APPROVED BY THE BEACHFRONT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

  
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Dominica Stalvey, Municipal Clerk